# Comprehensive Catalog of 2,200 Project Blue Book UFO Unknowns: Database Catalog (Not a Best Evidence List) –

## NEW: List of Projects & Blue Book Chiefs

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The main purpose of this catalog *at present* is to help identify and fill in where possible missing or difficult-to-obtain U.S. Air Force documentation on better quality Unexplained UFO cases, not to present any so-called "proof" of UFO reality nor to discuss and argue possible IFO identifications (usually too voluminous to include in a mere catalog). These are subjects reserved for later analysis once full files can be examined (with a few exceptions on IFO's noted below). This is *not* a list of official USAF designations of "Unexplained" or "Unknown" cases as it has proven to be almost impossible to establish *when* such evaluations were considered final or definitive and many more cases misdesignated IFO's have turned out to be Unexplained UFO's based on recent analyses.

Here the goal is preliminary and to compile more complete documentation, not the perfection of the analysis or categorizations. Many cases here are merely *placeholders* for later work to fill in more info from the BB files or other sources. This catalog will be used eventually to produce *another* catalog of UFO Best Evidence, after a screening process based on Hynek's and on other criteria. For that reason columns for data on Duration, No. of Witnesses, Angular Size and "Instrumentation/Scientists etc." have been separately presented from the available case data and/or calculated where possible.

**Proper Definition of "UFO" = "Unknown" or "Unidentified"**

Proper scientific investigation and its standard protocols require defined terms. Hynek defined "UFO" to mean cases found to be "Unidentified" or "Unknown" (interchangeable terms*) after scientific screening where there ***is sufficient data*** for the scientific screening to eliminate IFO's and conventional explanations, and thus by definition it is ***not In***sufficient Data**.

(*Interchangeable terms: Hynek's *UFO Experience* 1972 p. 294; *Hynek UFO Report* 1977 pp. 58, 258.)
(**Sufficiency of data: Hynek 1972 pp. 12, 42; Hynek 1977 p. 286.)

Hynek explained that the mixing of Insufficient Data cases with other categories was an improper and invalid statistical and scientific procedure, since Insufficient Data should be "excluded" from the outset as bad data or inadequate data (Hynek 1977 pp. 259, 292).

This Catalog cannot possibly present all of the essential data of a UFO case, which would require many thousands of pages for all of the cases cataloged here – this is, after all, just a *catalog*, a guide to the larger BB database, paper and digital, as well as to missing BB data available from other sources or which need to be searched for.

Some would like to hairsplit a difference between "unknown" and "unidentified" in order to confuse the situation and make "unknown" to imply alien spacecraft (it does not mean that and does not imply it). They further wish to adulterate the term "unidentified" – which means the same thing as “unknown” in the BB UFO context and properly means a case with sufficient data that has undergone scientific review for IFO’s and has passed through the review. Instead they wish to weaken it into a nearly worthless meaning of “non-identified for whatever accidental reason, regardless of sufficiency of data, regardless of IFO screening, but temporarily unidentified not inherently unidentifi*able*.” Their intent is to suggest that ***no case has ever had sufficient data (unless an IFO, of course, in their view) and no case has ever been scientifically screened***. This is frankly a dishonest debunking tactic and is categorically rejected here. Thus, here in the BB UFO context Unknown = Unidentified = Unidentifiable.

The standard BB term for many years was "Unknown" and it does not mean ET. Battelle Memorial Institute / BB Special Report No. 14 is entirely based on the term "Unknown" throughout its 300+ pages, not "Unidentified." The term "Unidentified" was regarded as something of a synonym but was confusingly redundant since "UFO" already has the word "Unidentified" as the "U" in "UFO." Debunkers today embrace this redundancy as a trick to cause confusion as to whether there are any puzzling UFO Unknowns at all – their use of "Unidentified" intends to suggest that these are no different from IFO's but by accident or happenstance just happen to not have enough "data" to identify or explain them (again note the dishonest resort to an insufficient data argument when there is no insufficiency).

> **Readers are responsible for doing their own research into BB and non-BB sources on a case listed in this Catalog (a short not exhaustive list of non-BB sources are usually given in parentheses at the end of the narrative entry). Readers cannot just assume the data cited here from these other sources are correct without double-checking, if one is doing in-depth analysis. In complicated cases with conflicting sources not all conflicts may be recorded here let alone resolved. Errors in the original sources may also occur, since original sources are not automatically error-free, and these may not be resolvable without investigation.**

When IFO/conventional explanations are tentatively found or suggested on occasion, the *cases are not removed from the catalog,* so that researchers will be able to keep track of changes in case status from revision to revision of this Catalog. Whether to indicate such merely *possible* IFO suggestions is at my sole discretion to be used sparingly as I do not intend to get onto a slippery slope of deciding where to put a given case on a sliding-scale spectrum of possible-probable-certain IFO status. There is no point in segregating such relatively few cases (at present 28 including 10 merely “possibles”) from the main catalog into some separate catalog-listing because (a) many such IFO suggestions are only tentative anyway, thus requiring, again, some difficult and pointless* BB-style ranking of certitude into Possible, Probable, Certain, etc., and (b) multiple lists make it more difficult to locate cases. Keeping all cases in one chronological master list is easier for reference.

> (*When I say “pointless,” I do not mean that BB was justified in covering up its Possible-Probable doubts in identifying an IFO or conventional explanation, since BB had an obligation to either (a) disclose those evaluations even if we today see how unreliable they were, or (b) to eliminate the Possible-Probable-Was [Was=Certain] categories from its standard case Record Card, which it never did until July 1964 (belatedly using a Sept 1963 form), and to use Insufficient Data instead of Possible-Probable. If there is insufficient data to positively and certainly identify an IFO / conventional explanation then it should be evaluated as Insufficient Data. My point is that distinguishing Possible, Probable and Certain can get so involved that it can bog down the whole investigation

process in many cases, and only in some cases may Possible-Probable-Certain be distinguishable, but arguments about *which* cases can be so distinguished are what are "pointless.")

## BB Case Statistics and Problems

When Project Blue Book (BB) closed down on Jan. 30, 1970 (it was *not* on Dec. 17, 1969, which was merely the announcement date by the Secretary of the Air Force) the total number of Unidentified sightings was thought to be 701 and this is the number given on all subsequent press releases and so-called "fact sheets." However, based on the review by Hynek and the CUFOS staff of the released sanitized BB microfilm and Hynek's personal records which included many missing (and unsanitized) BB documents, the final number in the BB files was determined to have been approximately 587. The difference is about 114 Unknowns that have been lost somehow. (Don Berliner counted 585 BB Unknowns in his 1974 review, in very close agreement when one considers that some BB cases are multiple cases and can be counted in different ways.)

> This lower number of Unknowns is evidently due to nearly 500 reports from civilians made direct to ATIC in 1952, of which nearly 100 were Unknowns, but all of which are lost. Battelle included these additional reports in its BB Special Report 14 study but these civilian reports apparently were not entered into or returned to BB files. Ruppelt's BB Briefing for ADC in Jan 1953 recaps the statistics for 1952, as of Dec. 22, 1952, as totaling 1,021 reports for the year, of which 20.10% were Unknowns or 205 (the BB Monthly Index shows about 12 additional sighting reports to the end of the year, or about 1,033 altogether, with 1 additional Unknown, or a year-end total of 206 Unknowns). Ruppelt's ADC Briefing stated that the 1,021 reports "**do not include several hundred reports from civilians direct to ATIC."**
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> The Hynek-CUFOS recount is in fair agreement, showing about 1,080 total including 208 Unknowns (I say "about" because these figures have had to be crudely measured, using a ruler, on Hynek's graphs and checked against a table of annual percentages of Unknowns, because the numerical figures were strangely not given). The slight difference with Ruppelt/BB's approx. 1,033 and 206 is probably due to the difference between ***dates-reports-received*** and ***dates-sightings-occurred.*** The 1,033 apparently represents the number of ***reports with dates-received in 1952*** whereas various Late 1952 sightings were still being received in Early 1953, so that 1,080 represents the total nunber of sightings that ***occurred in 1952*** (a similar date-received effect in Late 1951/Early 1952 does not cancel out this effect in 1952-53 because of the much fewer numbers in 1951 compared to 1952). This may also explain the slightly inconsistent 214 instead of 208 Unknowns figure for 1952 in *The Hynek UFO Report* (p. 263, which is not explained by Hynek).
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> The BB monthly statistics are given in the Condon Report for 1950-1968. (Condon Report, p. 514, Bantam ed.) The monthly totals do not quite add up to the year-end total of 1,501 given in the table, but the discrepancy is small. More importantly, the figure for the peak flap month of July 1952 seems to include about 100 of the civilian letter reports, as it is given as 536 whereas BB Status Report 8 and other files give 440 as the number.

The Battelle report lists 1,501 "object sightings" in 1952 of which 303 were Unknowns and these Battelle stats were incorporated into late 1950's BB press releases in a hodge-podge of inconsistent and conflicting statistics, instead of the approximately 208 actually on file (the later BB press releases actually state that the 1949 and 1952 stats were taken for some reason from p. 108 of the Battelle report unlike the rest that came direct from BB files). Apparently the direct civilian reports to ATIC in 1952 account for 303 – 208 = 95 Unknowns lost from the BB files, which accounts for most of the discrepancy between the final BB stats of a total of 701 Unknowns against the 587 counted by Hynek-CUFOS (the rest of the 19 or so can be accounted for by various miscellaneous, obscure discrepancies in BB counting uncovered by Hynek-CUFOS).

However, in reverse, Hynek re-evaluated 53 Blue Book IFO cases as Unexplained UFO cases, bringing the total partially back up, to 640. Unfortunately a complete list identifying these 53 cases is not available, though some of the worksheets have been copied by Jan Aldrich from CUFOS-Hynek files. A number of the re-evaluated cases have been included in *The Hynek UFO Report* book published in 1977.

## Missing BB Cases

This is a huge subject which can't be adequately covered here. Already mentioned is the nearly 500 civilian letters to ATIC reporting sightings in 1952, which are missing. Because of the disorganization of the BB files it is impossible to know whether a case isn't tucked into some other case file or misdated by a year, a decade, a month, etc. The Fold3 website of BB file scans (see more below) increases the disorder. The search function in Fold3 is poor and misses a lot of search terms because it can't "read" text very well against the gray background of all the scan pages.

Take for example the Malmstrom AFB missile-shutdown case of March 16, 1967, which appears to be missing. BB had catchall files when UFO flaps occurred where various case materials were dumped. March 1967 was the peak flap month of 1967, with 165 cases, second highest of the entire 1965-67 flap and 5th highest month in BB's history (monthly stats table in the Condon Report, p. 514, Bantam ed.). Yet Fold3 only has 116 cases for March 1967. Apparently, because of Fold3's alphabetizing of cases each month, they combined all cases for a single location into one file for that location. So, for example, all of several Dayton cases in March 1967 are combined into one Dayton case, all of several Tucson cases combined into one Tucson case, etc.

> Neither Malmstrom AFB or Montana is listed in the BB Monthly Index, an important source for double-checking for missing BB cases (sometimes a missing case file is listed on the Index boldly as "MISSING CASE" so that at least then one knows there had been a case file at one time). Beware that there are multiple Monthly Indexes prepared at different times by Sign-Grudge-BB, so do not assume there is just one Index or that the one you happen to find is the only Index for that month or date range.

Yet we know from the Condon files (Roy Craig papers) they investigated Malmstrom, thus there must have been a BB file. Every AF case the Condon project learned about was checked with BB. This case must have been suppressed by BB.

## Vallee & McDonald Estimated Roughly 3,000 to 5,000 Unknowns in BB Files – Hynek Estimated 1,000 to 3,000 Unknowns – NOT 701 Unknowns

Much more disturbing are the indications from my incomplete review of BB cases that there may be as many as possibly 4,000 Unexplained UFO cases miscategorized as IFO's in the BB files. In March 1968, McDonald similarly stated at his CASI lecture that from his review of BB cases he estimated that 30-40% of 12,000 cases were Unexplained, or about 3,600 to 4,800 (rounding to the nearest thousand, to 4,000-5,000). These are mostly military cases and many involve radar. McDonald argued with Hynek on a number of occasions from 1966 onward that the number of Unknowns in the BB files was in reality “about an order of magnitude” greater than what the AF claimed (so instead of 500-600 Unidentifieds possibly as many as 5,000-6,000). McDonald, Vallee and Hynek (below) are talking about numbers if objective studies were made, ***not*** the numbers of Unknowns claimed by BB staff.

Although Hynek publicly stuck to the BB-level of tiny 5% percentages (or less) of Unknowns in the BB files, privately he told a different story to the AF. On March 3, 1969, Hynek submitted a UFO research proposal to Col. George Weinbrenner, FTD Commander, in which he revealed that out of the approximately 10,000 reports in the BB files he estimated that about 1,000 to 3,000 – or about 10% to 30% – were “interesting” unexplained cases, or Unknowns. These stats were well in line with McDonald’s (and Vallee’s) estimates, but Hynek seems to have never revealed this fact. See:

> http://www.project1947.com/hynek/jah_af_prop69.htm

Earlier, in 1966, Jacques Vallee had come up with a similar estimated number of BB Unknowns of about 2,500 to 3,000 cases, in his Nov. 1966 briefing of the Condon project, conducted with Hynek. (Saunders, *UFOs? Yes!*, p. 60.) This constituted about 25-30% of the total 10,000 cases then on file at BB in its official numbers (9,970 to Oct. 31, 1966), ignoring BB’s “info only” and other statistical dodges. Applying Vallee’s estimated percentage to the final BB figures would bring the grand total to about 3,000 to 4,000 BB Unknowns (rounding to the nearest thousand).

## BB Cases Total Roughly 15,000 – Not 12,618

The BB files total some 13,134 cases altogether, UFO and IFO and indeterminate, according to the Hynek-CUFOS revised statistics, or about 14,613 when 1,558 "info only" cases are included, per the Saunders/FUFOR Index. Many cases are actually multiple incidents, perhaps totaling 420 or more, filed under one date/location.

> For example, the Aug. 11-31, 1965, Houston, Texas, case file is not some 21-day-long incident but contains what is stated to be “59 reports” in Aug 1965 and stated in the BB Index that it is “Carried as ONE file” in the statistics, of which about 53 appear to be separate incidents. But a handwritten note on the same Aug. 1-3, 1965, BB Index says “See separate folder dtd Aug-Dec 65.” So this Aug 1965 “case” also contains “72 reports” from the Houston area from Sept. 1-30, 1965, plus 16 from Oct 1965, 6 from Nov 1965, and 8 in Dec 1965, thus altogether about 155 cases cataloged as 1 case.
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> To add even more appalling confusion, the Houston case file is serial numbered as BB Case No. 9665. But sightings from letters and newsclippings, occurring all over the world from Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, to Australia, to NY, Kentucky, and Wisconsin, etc., are included in this one same catchall “Houston” File No. 9665 !!

The “final” AF figures of 12,618 total cases including 701 Unknowns are clearly unreliable, invalid statistics. Even the Gen. Carroll Bolender memo of Oct. 20, 1969, recommending closure of BB, rejected the PR stats and asserted the number was “over 13,000 sighting cases” (not 12,600 or so). The CUFOS UFOCAT database, which includes the BB entries cataloged by former Condon project scientist David Saunders, has approximately 15,472 entries but include an unknown number of duplicate entries for the same cases, which are extremely time-consuming to weed out. For simplicity I am therefore rounding to 15,000 as the approximate total number of UFO incidents in the BB files.

The AF's 12,618 total figure is inconsistent with its serial numbering of 12,750 case files, many of which consist of multiple cases, some with A and B subnumbering, etc. The "last" case listed is Case No. 12750, at Round Lake, Illinois, Dec. (no day) 1969. See:

http://bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=NARA-PBB1-476

## Berliner and Randle-Cornett BB Unknowns Catalogs, 1974-75

This catalog is based on the outstanding catalog prepared by Don Berliner of the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) from his exhaustive review of the then unreleased Project Blue Book (BB) files at Maxwell AFB (Air Force Base), Alabama, in Jan. 1974, which included many witness names that were later sanitized out ("blacked out" or "redacted") for the public release of the BB files by the Air Force in late 1975.

Kevin Randle and Robert C. Cornett prepared an Unknowns catalog exactly like Berliner's, some time early in 1975 before the files were withdrawn from public access in April 1975 for release review and processing. (Randle, *Project Blue Book Exposed,* 1997, pp. 208-265.) The Randle-Cornett catalog has been used in those rare cases, numbering about 40, where it supplements what is in the Berliner catalog.

## Unredacted AF BB Microfilm Found & Secured by FUFOR in 1998

Berliner's effort is now supplemented with the tremendous intelligence coup by William Weitzel and FUFOR in early March 1998 in discovering and later securing copies of the unsanitized pre-redaction record copy 16 mm Maxwell AFB microfilm of the BB files, filmed at Maxwell circa Feb. 10-28, 1975, that the National Archives inadvertently made available (at the College Park, Maryland, NARA II facility in Record Group 341 / 190 / 68 / 08 / 03, boxes 1-6, with 70 films numbered 30,362 through 30,431; NOTE: due to inexplicable renumbering of many military files at NARA over the years some of these archival reference numbers may have changed). All of UFOlogy owes an enormous debt of gratitude to FUFOR for this lasting contribution to the preservation and disclosure of this vast treasure of priceless military UFO records.

## AF Security Review & Redaction of BB Files in 1975

The AF security classification and privacy review panel began reviewing the BB files by April 1975 (when the BB files were withdrawn from access by AF Archives at Maxwell) and began sanitizing witness names (also destroying or removing certain documents evidently thought embarrassing or incriminating to the AF such as famed Lockheed aircraft designer Clarence "Kelly" Johnson's signature page with his conclusion that the UFO he saw was an actual "device"). The AF finished the review and turned over sanitized files to NARS (now called NARA) in Dec 1975, apparently without yet physically moving the files to NARS facilities (they evidently remained at Maxwell AFB until a 2nd microfilming, post-redaction, done by NARS apparently, in early 1976). These BB files now included an added set of AF Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) files of UFO investigations from 1948 to 1968 released by AFOSI in Dec 1975 (some of which were already in BB files and some not). It seems that the

AF made the defacements on the original BB paper files which were then turned over to the National Archives (excepting for the completely removed or destroyed materials, of course).

## National Archives Release of Redacted BB Files in 1976

NARS started microfilming BB files by Reproduction Service Order NNMM 76-57, approved by NARS Modern Military Branch Chief William H. Cunliffe, Jr., which was placed with commercial firm Fuller & Dees Marketing Group, Montgomery, Ala., on Feb. 19, 1976 (see Order on BB Microfilm Roll 89). This indicates the BB files had not yet been moved out of Maxwell AFB and/or Montgomery, and were now being microfilmed a 2nd time in Montgomery, this time after redaction. NARS publicly released the BB paper files at NARS, College Park Branch, Md., in mid-May 1976 and the 94 reels of 35 mm microfilm were released on July 12, 1976 (see CUFOS-NARS correspondence 1976). Historically it has been extremely difficult to gain access to the BB paper files at NARA because archivists constantly misdirect requesters to the microfilm in order to evade handling the paper files.

## BlueBookArchive Website – Unredacted BB Files (Partial Set only)

The Blue Book Archive project, founded in 2004 and headed by software developer Rebecca Wise, was ambitiously determined to put the entire BB file collection, both NARA and unsanitized Maxwell AFB versions online on the Internet/Web including searchable OCR text (plus several rare Project SIGN and BLUE BOOK microfilms rescued from oblivion by Herbert Strentz in 1968, as well as other government UFO document collections). This project has been stalled for the last few years and is on hiatus at present. It had been hoped to add the McDonald and Hynek BB collections, including their case investigation reports and notes.

The current BB Archive collection of about 55,000 pages consists of mostly unredacted AF UFO files, roughly 45,000 pages of BB files (a partial set, of just over 1/3 of approximately 124,000 pages total of BB files *excluding* AFOSI), several sets of additional AF files (possibly 10,000 pages, many duplicating BB files but often in much more legible copies, possibly 3,000 to 5,000 pages of duplicates) and redacted AFOSI UFO files (about 6,000 pages; a better, corrected number revised from my previous estimates). This online collection is organized exactly the way the AF organized the files for record-copy microfilming ca. Feb. 10-28, 1975 (done so that the AF would have an official record of what was turned over to the National Archives in Dec 1975, then called NARS now NARA). Sometime later the AF decided to give up to NARS/NARA even its record microfilm and this is where they were discovered in 1998.

## Fold3 Website BB Collection (NARA's Redacted BB Files only)

In 2007, the National Archives allowed the entire collection of sanitized BB documents to be put on the Web through a private company (originally called Footnote.com, now called Fold3.com, renamed in 2011), totaling nearly 130,000 pages (129,658 pages, a figure that is much higher than my previous rough estimate of about 115,000 pages for combined BB + AFOSI). The Fold3 collection of BB documents does include the AFOSI collection of roughly 6,000 pages, it's just hidden (contrary to what I had previously thought, that the AFOSI files were not in Fold3; and I am now able to update my prior estimate of about 5,000 pages to about 6,000 pages).

Footnote.com (now Fold3) reorganized the BB case files. The original BB UFO case files, followed by the Administrative files, were organized chronologically but often in a rather confused often non-chronological order the BB staff left them in when they quit in 1970. The BB Archive follows this pattern strictly in order to maintain page-for-page traceability to the

Maxwell and NARA (and other AF) microfilm rolls. But the original BB files were sometimes out of order chronologically for various inexplicable reasons (e.g., much of the Jan. 7, 1948, Mantell file was put in a "special file" not placed in Jan 1948 but between March and April 1948; the July 19-27, 1952, Washington National cases were strewn over an eclectic mix of largely undated files placed between July 9 and 10, 1952, and including unrelated Washington area cases from Aug-Sept 1952).

Much of the BB file on the famous Tremonton, Utah, movie film case of July 2, 1952, is not in the designated July 1952 Tremonton file in July 1952 but scattered elsewhere on Fold3. The bulk of the file is misplaced in a "[BLANK] [BLANK] [BLANK]" catch-all file on Fold3 listed in the Year pulldown menu after 1969 ([BLANK]) then the next pulldown menu for Month in the [BLANK] after November (if you see December then you are in the wrong menu), then select the [BLANK] (with 8,198 pages!) at the end of the Location menu (but not the "[Blank}" [*sic*] a few entries above it). The Tremonton file is at pages 505 to 592 (beginning at http://www.fold3.com/image/1/7474370/); use the thumbnail Page scroller next to Location and drag the blue dot in the vertical, do not use the laborious "Filmstrip" horizontal bar for something this large. This is not the complete file, it is only 88 pages. But the BB Archive file is 142 pages (138 pgs from MAXW-PBB11-347 to 484 and 4 pgs from MAXW-PBB11-911 to 914). Some 41 pages may be found on Fold3 at 1960 BLANK BLANK beginning at http://www.fold3.com/image/11884307/ This still leaves 13 pages unaccounted for, even assuming the BB Archive file is complete (it is not).

Most of the Lubbock case of Aug 1951, some 110 pages, has been shoved into the back of an obscure "Orange, Va." case by Fold3. (The Lubbock case is not listed in this catalog because it was never listed by the AF as an Unknown.)

The Footnote/Fold3 file organization uses the sighting-file Month as its basic unit, with individual cases ***alphabetically*** arranged ***within that month***. (Sometimes when cases do not have a month date there are seasons or quarters used for dates instead, such as Spring or Summer, and cases with only a year are apparently put into a January grouping of some sort.) But if the Footnote/Fold3 organizers didn't find a BB Record Card to separate cases then multiple unrelated cases ended up being mindlessly merged together without end until another BB Record Card is spotted to begin a new case partition. Also, Footnote people decided to shove various BB Admin memos and documents at the end of the Month of the document's date (not always done correctly), sometimes tacked onto the end of a completely unrelated UFO sighting file that happened to be at the end of the Month alphabetically in Footnote's reorganized scheme, or in some mammoth catch-all [BLANK] file heading or [BLANK] [BLANK] or [ILLEGIBLE], etc., sometimes hundreds of pages long! They decided to shove all the 6,000+ pages of AFOSI files at the very end of the BB files, after Dec 1969, in some immense [BLANK] [BLANK] [BLANK] heading.

**Black Vault Website BB Collection 2015 (NARA Redacted BB Files only) – Gone**
On Jan. 10, 2015, John Greenewald put the Fold3 BB files online into his Black Vault website, and made many of the case files, about 10,000 of the approximately 15,000, into easily downloadable PDF's (Fold3 requires that each page JPG be downloaded, which is very tedious). The work had been done by a contributor to the ATS website since 2012 and BV hosted the result; unfortunately the JPG conversion to PDF's was done incorrectly so that pages of long 10+ page documents are out of correct order (e.g., a 13-page document has pages 1, 11, 12, 13, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, etc.). The case files had been reorganized into a better, chronological order

instead of alphabetical order within each month. But many of the pages within case files were still disordered due to Fold3's unwillingness and/or inability to carefully separate pages of different cases or to put out-of-order pages into their proper places.

Unfortunately, on about Jan. 27, 2015, the owner of Fold3, Ancestry.com, illegally demanded that Greenewald remove all of his BB Collection from his BV website, threatening legal action and falsely claiming "copyright" to public domain US Government records (the BB files) paid for by taxpayers, which cannot be copyrighted, and which have been long available within the public domain (some 40 years since the 1976 public release of the BB files by the National Archives). Greenewald cannot afford the expensive attorneys and legal action required to prove his legal rights. It is unknown when, if ever, the BB Collection can be returned to the BV website.

### Sources and Catalogs of BB Cases Designated as Unidentifieds

The Berliner and Randle-Cornett catalogs have been heavily augmented here with:

(a) Listing of BB Unknowns selected from the National Archives index of BB cases (published by Steiger in Nov 1976 and available on the World Wide Web at various websites) but lacking descriptive sighting details.

(b) Partial case listings of re-evaluations by Hynek and CUFOS staff (primarily in *The Hynek UFO Report,* Dell, Dec. 1977), who personally retained many hundreds of unsanitized BB case files in his personal papers which are now with CUFOS (partially made available thanks to the tremendous efforts of Mary Castner and Jan Aldrich; location and existence of some Hynek files still uncertain).

(c) The 1969 Magonia catalog of landing/close encounter cases by Jacques Vallée who as Hynek's assistant in the 60's examined the BB files and Hynek's copies of BB cases, when many reports had not yet "disappeared."

(d) Battelle Memorial Institute list of 12 Best Unknowns which also caught a few cases before records vanished (May 5, 1955, report issued as Blue Book Special Report No. 14).

(e) Lists by James McDonald who saw and copied BB files on five research trips from June 1966 to Aug. 1970 and conducted his own exhaustive and independent investigations, especially see his prepared statement in the 1968 House Committee on Science and Astronautics hearing (McDonald 1968; see the National Capital Area Skeptics website) and his 1969 AAAS paper as revised and published posthumously by Sagan & Page (McDonald 1972).

(f) Records obtained by Jan Aldrich of Project 1947 directly from unsanitized BB files on the Maxwell AFB microfilm, from McDonald, CUFOS, Robert G. Todd, Willy Smith, and Keyhoe/Richard Hall/FUFOR files, from FOIA requests to declassify AF HQ records at National Archives, and from SHG oral history and file recovery efforts.

(g) Condon project (Univ. of Colorado Project) investigations of BB cases published in the Condon Report (Bantam Books edition, New York, Jan. 1969; especially see the convenient "Sightings, Unexplained" listing in the index, p. 961).

(h) FUFOR's *Index to the Case Files of Project Blue Book* (1997) which consists of a computer printout reportedly prepared by David R. Saunders of the Condon project, completed circa 1970, but which inexplicably includes cases up to Dec. 1969 near the end of BLUE BOOK and over a year after the AF contract with the Condon project had ended in Oct. 1968. Don Johnson has incorporated these BB listings into his digital UFOCAT database.

(i) National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP).

(j) Willy Smith's case evaluations (*On Pilots and UFOs,* UNICAT 1997).
(k) NICAP website compiled by Francis Ridge.
(l) Dominique Weinstein's *Aircraft/UFO Encounters* (Nov. 1997; and rev. 5th ed. June 2001, *Aircraft UAP Encounters*).
(m) H. B. Darrach and Robert Ginna, *LIFE* magazine article, April 7, 1952.
(n) Various USAF records obtained by Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, especially a collection of long-missing Project SIGN/GRUDGE records found at the St. Louis records center, however please note that it is uncertain whether all of these cases are in the BB/predecessor files or had ever been and got lost or were removed.
(o) U.S. Air Force Intelligence TOP SECRET analysis of flying disc incidents, April 28, 1949, Report No. 100-203-79 or "AIR 203."
(p) Martin Shough catalog of radar UFO incidents (RADCAT), 1987, revised 2002, and augmented by Jan Aldrich and Brad Sparks.
(q) My personal investigations and research (especially all bracketed [ ] material and most parenthetical ( ) material).

There are other resources that could be consulted and will be eventually. An outstanding example is the voluminous collection of Loren Gross histories only made available to this researcher thanks to the untiring efforts of Mary Castner of CUFOS. But this is a first pass at an ongoing, continually revised and supplemented work.

Another outstanding effort by the new NICAP website team headed by Francis Ridge has gathered together a group of UFOlogist specialists to download and review BB and other UFO file materials for open Web access. The new materials, including some contributions by Sparks, Shough, Aldrich, Ridge, Paul Dean and others, has not yet been fully digested for this BB Unknowns Catalog, but will be assimilated in due course.

The Berliner, Randle-Cornett and the National Archives lists represent most of the cases that BB itself categorized as Unknowns when it closed down in 1970. Only after all of the unsanitized records have been examined will it be possible to complete and double check this list. I hope to eventually include all cases that have ever been categorized as Unknowns by BB or its predecessor projects. Later, this full list will then be fully re-screened for IFO's.

### Date When BB Evaluated a Case as Unknown is Itself Unknown

At present it is unclear at what stage or stages the various lists of Blue Book Unknowns represent initial, intermediate or final evaluations by Blue Book staff and/or by Blue Book consultants such as Hynek and Battelle Memorial Institute (which carried out the March 31, 1952 – March 17, 1954, statistical study known as BB Special Report 14, and known internally as Project STORK Subproject PPS-100). Hynek with graduate assistant Jennie Gluck (Zeidman) set up a subproject of STORK/Battelle (PPS-161) for Blue Book, called Project HENRY from Jan to Dec 1953/Jan 1954, to channel Hynek's astronomical consulting services to BB and to act as an administrative and investigative supplement to the downsized Blue Book project. HENRY reviewed about ½ of the 1953 UFO cases that came into Blue Book but apparently never saw the other ½ of much better quality in 1953, with one known possible exception, the extraordinarily important Kelly Johnson Lockheed case of Dec. 16, 1953, that Hynek knew about and obtained copies of, at some unknown date but is not cataloged in the Project HENRY case lists (see CUFOS files for index tabulations and partial case file copies).

A comprehensive examination of the sanitized and unsanitized BB microfilm files and Hynek's enormous BB record collection at CUFOS would be needed to possibly answer the question about what stage of evaluation did "Unknown" or "Unidentified" or "Unexplained" appear in most cases but at present there are no resources to undertake such a time-consuming project. Even so, because of lost and incomplete files this may not be possible in all cases even if the available records could be studied. The goal here is to aid in promoting completeness of documentation and to try to fill in gaps where records have been lost.

Whenever a case has been evaluated as an "Unknown" or "Unidentified" by BB staff (***after BB completed its investigation***) and/or by competent non-BB investigators it is included here. Eventually such cases will be weeded out from future, narrower best-evidence-type lists (at the screening stage mentioned above).

Cases that were evaluated by the AF as Unknowns at some point but have turned out to be IFO's are excluded from ongoing tabulations and only included if in accordance with the above definition (e.g., Fred Johnson and Chiles-Whitted are included here but with IFO notations), and some famous cases may never have been officially considered unexplained by the military or perhaps only briefly (e.g., Kenneth Arnold's June 24, 1947, sighting).

However, please note that in general when there is some doubt as to whether a case was ever actually on file at BB or its predecessors I will err on the side of ***inclusiveness*** and will include it rather than omit it.

> IMPORTANT: Please note that the AF did ***not*** simply start by calling all 15,000 cases "Unknowns" and then whittle them down to 700. Rather, the AF started with 15,000 ***unevaluated cases*** and after a process of elimination and some investigation came up with only some 700 "Unknowns." That is the total at the end in 1970, but if cases that were classed as Unknowns at any time from 1947 to 1969 are included, the total may be closer to the 1,700 or so cataloged here. Also please note that ***information on each BB case in this catalog is presented from all sources*** not just the information from the BB case file, so that the sighting event is as reasonably complete as possible within space limitations.

## BB and Predecessor UFO Projects

For convenience of reference "BB files" will be considered inclusive of predecessor projects at Wright-Patterson AFB (Wright Field), but not projects or investigations elsewhere, such as at Air Force Intelligence or AFOSI.

Note that operational dates are not necessarily the dates of the orders unless the orders were implemented immediately or made effective immediately or both. For example, Project SIGN was ordered by the AF Director of R&D (Craigie) on Dec. 30, 1947, to be set up but was not initiated until Jan. 22/23, 1948, and not formally "operational" as Project HT-304 until Jan. 26, 1948, later designated Project XS-304. SIGN's name was ordered changed by the new AF Director of R&D (Putt) on Dec. 16, 1948, but the name change was not implemented until the day after SIGN's Final Report was issued on Feb. 11, 1949:

## Operational Dates of UFO Projects at Wright-Patterson AFB (Wright Field)

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| Initial unnamed AMC project | June 30, 1947 - | Jan. 26, 1948 |
| Project SIGN | Jan. 26, 1948 - | Feb. 11, 1949 |
| Project GRUDGE | Feb. 12, 1949 - | Aug. 10, 1949 |
| GRUDGE dormancy period | Aug. 10, 1949 - | July 7, 1950 |
| GRUDGE reactivation (Project 10073) | July 7, 1950 - | Oct. 22, 1951 |
| "New Project" GRUDGE | Oct. 22, 1951 - | Mar. 25, 1952 |
| Project BLUE BOOK | Mar. 25, 1952 - | Jan. 30, 1970 |

## Overall Command of UFO Projects at Wright-Patterson AFB (Wright Field)

| UFO Projects | Supv Org | Air Staff (Pentagon) Control | Dates |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sign | AMC | AF R&D | June 30, 1947 - May 21, 1951 |
| Grudge + BB | ATIC | AF Intelligence | May 21, 1951 - July 1, 1961 |
| BB | FTD / AF Systems Command | AF R&D | July 1, 1961 - Jan. 30, 1970 |

AMC = Air Materiel Command
ATIC = Air Technical Intelligence Center (later Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, 1959-61) 1961)
BB = Blue Book (Project)
FTD = Foreign Technology Division
R&D = Research & Development (within Army Air Forces, later Air Force)

## UFO Projects and Activities at AF Intelligence (Pentagon), 1946-1966

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| Collection Branch (AFBIR-CO, later AFOIR-CO), Air Intelligence Requirements Division (AIRD became Collection Division, see below, Apr. 1, 1950), AC/AS-2 (=Asst Chief of Air Staff-2, Intelligence) | 1946-49 |
| Air Estimates Branch (AEB), Air Intelligence Division (AID), D/I (AFOIN) | 1948-49 |
| Defensive Air Branch / Defense Air Branch (DAB became TCB, see below, Mar. 24, 1950), AID, D/I (AFOIN) | 1948-49 |
| Collection Control Branch, Collection Division, D/I (AFOIN-C/CC) | 1950-52 |
| Technical Capabilities Branch (TCB), Evaluation Division, D/I (AFOIN-V/TC, later AFOIN-2B3) | 1949-52 |
| Special Studies Group (SSG), Office of the Director of Intelligence (AFOIN-SSG) | 1952-?? |
| Current Intelligence Branch, Topical Intelligence | |

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| Division, Deputy Director for Estimates, D/I (AFOIN-2A2) | 1952-54 |
| Policy & Mgt Group, Executive Office, D/I (AFOIN-1XA then later AFCIN-1XA), (later became Policy & Programs Div) | 1954-57 |
| Policy & Programs Div (AFOIN-P1A), Asst. Chief of Staff/Intelligence (ACS/I = AFOIN then later AFCIN) | 1957-61 |

(On July 1, 1961, ATIC was removed from AF Intelligence and placed within the AF Systems Command within AF R&D, where it was renamed Foreign Technology Division, FTD, and took BB with it. This reduces the visibility of AF Intelligence UFO activities as seen in the documents in BB files.)

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| ACS/I Programs Division, Policy Branch (ABA) (AFCIN later AFNIN-ABA or AFNIABA) | 1961-66 |
| AF DCS/R&D, Directorate of Science & Technology (AFRST), Science Division (AFRSTA) | 1966-70 |

Work in Progress—Dates and details may be constantly adjusted as additional documents are reviewed.

A list of chiefs of Blue Book and its predecessors is difficult to compile – the sheet in the BB files with names and dates is riddled with gross errors. Sometimes it is difficult to distinguish the actual project director from a superior officer very active in project activities. Also, it seems the title "Project Officer" was very loose and could mean whomever was on hand who had worked the UFO desk before and was not necessarily the formal project chief on the org charts. Sometimes a future BB Chief was groomed by his predecessor for several months and it is unclear whether the successor was already Acting Chief while the Chief stayed on to facilitate the transition. Hence several names ***overlap in time*** and this is ***not a mistake*** in the listing below. An "Acting Chief" might be the de facto Chief in reality, as for example Lt Carmon Marano in 1969 even though letters were still written with Lt Col Hector Quintanilla's name still shown as "Chief." Some of the dates are impressions from reading which names appear in memos and correspondence in the files in certain time periods. A very tentative outline of BB chiefs and predecessors would be as follows, based in large part on actual BB files with signed and dated documents:

## Names and Dates of Chiefs of UFO Projects at WPAFB (Wright Field)

| **Name** | **Project Name** | **Office Symbol** | **Dates (approx.)** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lt. Col. Edward G. Nabell, Jr. | Unnamed (pre-Sign) | TSNAD (later MCIAXD) | July 1947 |
| Alfred C. Loedding | Unnamed (pre-Sign) | TSNAD-2B (later MCIAXD) | Aug? – Dec? 1947 |
| Lt. Col. James C. Beam | Sign | MCIAXD later MCIAXO-3 | Jan? – July? 1948 |
| Maj. R. A. Llewellyn | Sign | MICAXO-3 | July? – Aug? 1948 |
| Capt. Robert R. Sneider | Sign | MCIAXO-3 later MCIAXS | Sept? – Dec? 1948 |

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| Lt. Howard W. Smith | Sign / Grudge | MCIAXD later MCIAXO-3 / MCIAXS / MCIAXA-1 | Aug 1948 ? - Nov ? 1949 |
| George W. Towles | Grudge | MCIAXS | Feb?-Sept ? 1949 |
| James J. Rodgers | Grudge | MCIAXA-1a | March? 1950- May 1951 ? |
| J. L. Rohn | Grudge | MCIAXA-1a | Oct 1950 ? – May 1951 ?? |
| Lt. Jerry W. Cummings | Grudge | ATIAA-2a | ca. June? – Oct 22?, 1951 |
| 2nd Lt. Henry Metscher | Grudge | ATIAA-2 | Oct ? – Oct 22, 1951 |
| Lt (later Capt)<br>Edward J. Ruppelt | Grudge / Blue Book (BB) | ATIAA-2c later ATIAE-5 | Oct. 22, 1951 – March? 1953, July 20 – ca. Aug 31, 1953 |
| Lt Robert M. Olsson | BB | ATIAE-5 | March – July 31?, 1953 |
| Airman 1C Max G. Futch | BB | ATIAE-5 | Aug 1? – Dec 30, 1953 |
| Capt. Charles A. Hardin | BB | ATIAE-5 later AFOIN-4E4 | Nov 1953 – ca April 1956 |
| Capt George T. Gregory | BB | AFOIN-4E4 | Jan 1956? – Dec 1958? |
| Major (later Lt Col)<br>Robert J. Friend | BB | AFOIN-4E4 later AFOIN-4E4g, AFCIN-4E4g, and TD-E | Oct 1958? – ca. Sept 1963 |
| Capt (later Lt Col)<br>Hector Quintanilla | BB | TDEW later TDETR and TDPT | ca. Oct 1963 – Feb 1969? |
| 2nd Lt Carmon L. Marano | BB | TDPT | Feb 1969? – Jan 30, 1970 |

Work in Progress—Dates and details may be constantly adjusted as additional documents are reviewed.

(NOTE: There is in the BB files an anonymous, undated, but from the mid-1960's, "Project Officers on UFO Program" sheet listing BB chiefs and predecessors with alleged dates of term, which is quite erroneous. This same list has been erroneously published by some authors without realizing it is seriously in error and should not be used.)

**Miscellaneous Notes and Cataloging Conventions**
Comments such as "No further information in the files" are typically by Berliner. Annotations of "Case missing" are usually from the BB monthly case indexes, sometimes on the BB Record Card (when only the card survives). Uncertainties or discrepancies in reported data such as dates, times, etc., are indicated in brackets [ ] and/or with question marks [?], and conflicting data from differing sources may be indicated by "cf." in the sources notes.

I am no longer following strict chronological order within a day date, in part because it may seem confusing and in part because time zone standards are not always known. I originally tried to list cases approximately chronologically according to times as converted to GMT or UTC / Z-time, but this has not proved to be possible or practical. It would require multiply listing Z times along with local times and this is utterly confusing and ultimately of little value without full-scale case analyses that cannot be undertaken on all cases. Local time is better.

The local time is more important for indicating lighting conditions than robotically converting all times to achieve some idealistic universal standard GMT/UTC to which no one can relate, or by trying to list both. Similarly I do not use 24-hour clock times as most people myself included do not do all the mental time conversions necessary, so the time data then just gets ignored.

Some date confusion exists on many nighttime cases due to midnight date crossovers (note the dual dates and/or bracketed question mark "[?]" indicators), which will have to be resolved by study of the case files.

Original units of measurement used by the witnesses are always preferred for accuracy and then conversions as needed are presented in parentheses (except angular sizes are usually converted to degree measure or "Full Moon" units and the details if needed can be retrieved from the case file). Statute miles are preferred here, however in many cases military records referring to "miles" may refer to nautical miles and it is not possible at present to know for certainty which unit was used.

NOTE on Geographic Latitude-Longitude Coordinates: Geographic locations and coordinates have been spot checked but not completely. State abbreviations (U.S.) are applied partially and only when confusion is to be avoided. Many of the lat-long coordinates are from the Saunders/FUFOR Index and have not been checked; these usually refer to generic coordinates of a city or town and ***not*** to the exact location of the witness. UFO coordinates are usually never known as accurately as those of the witnesses so ***witness coordinates are given*** except where noted. The best coordinate data are when the lat-long coordinates are stated as "**at**" the given lat-long. This means the UFO witnesses were actually located "**at**" that position and it is not a generic set of coordinates. If locations changed because witnesses were in a moving vehicle the initial coordinates are given first in the geographic location header for the entry and subsequent coordinates are given in the body of the narrative if available.

**NOTE ON CATALOGING PROCEDURES:** These case entries are ***not*** final, complete, scientific investigations. This is a ***catalog*** not an ***encyclopedia***. It is by nature a ***synopsis*** of AF records (as supplemented with non-AF data) in varying stages and states of completeness and incompleteness, with analytical comments and data corrections where possible. This is a spare-time volunteer effort and I have been unable to completely review all ~270,000 pages of BB and AFOSI files and duplicates and supplemental AF files (often both the unredacted Maxwell AFB and redacted NARS copies must be reviewed because of legibility problems, missing pages, etc.). Only about 1/3 of the unredacted Maxwell BB copies are online, so the other 2/3 are presently unavailable. In many cases these are ***placeholder entries*** awaiting further documentation and/or time and resources to look up the cases online to see if available and then to digest them.

Bare entries of only a few lines, usually referenced to the "McDonald list" or to the "Berliner" catalog of BB Unknowns, are obvious placeholders for which little or no checking has been done.

In accordance with normal scholarly convention, bracketed [ ] material is editorial and analytical inserts not contained within the original BB file (usually my own investigation and analysis). Parenthetical ( ) material is obtainable from the BB file or clearly implied. Analysis at the end of the narrative discussing the case briefly should be obvious as my commentary without use of brackets since it's not an insert comment.

NOTE: The sequential numbering in the 1st column is *not* an identification number for particular cases, and may change from update to update in this BB UNKs Catalog, but is merely an *aid to tallying total numbers*. The BB Case No. is given where convenient (no effort has been made to exhaustively research the numbers), but no guarantee can be made that BB's own numbering is correct and had not been changed sometime during the course of the Sign/Grudge/BB history.

Abbreviations list is at the end.

| **No.** | **BB Case No.** | **BLUE BOOK UNKNOWNS: Date. Location of Witnesses (when given as "at" a certain Lat-Long the actual coordinates have been checked and are not generic coordinates for a city/landmark). Time. Witnesses & Circumstances. (Prinicipal Sources identifying case as found in BB/predecessor files)** | **Duration** | **No. of Wit-nesses** | **Angular Size (max.) in Full Moons (= 0.5° approx.)** | **Instruments / Scientists, etc.** |
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| 1. | | Jan. 16, 1947. North Sea, 50 miles from Holland. 10:30 p.m. (GMT). RAF pilot of Mosquito pursued unidentified radar target showing efficient controlled evasive action at 22,000 ft speed equal or greater than Mosquito, headed W? towards Norfolk, Eng. (Sparks; FOIA) | | 1+ | | radar |
| 2. | | April 1947. Richmond, Virginia (37.55° N, 77.44° W). 11 a.m. (EST). Meteorologist Walter A. Minczewski and Miss Baron saw a silvery disc through a theodolite while tracking a pibal weather balloon, traveling E to W in level flight far to their N at less than 15,000 ft, appearing larger than the balloon. Object was a metallic-like-chrome shape, something like an ellipse with a flat level bottom and a dome-like round top. Disc appeared much larger in size in the theodolite. Miss Baron observed the disc when her balloon was at about 27,000 feet. Minczewski had previous sightings back to Oct 1946. (Sparks; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | [3/4 in theodolite] | theodolite; meteorologist |
| 3. | | May 17 [19?], 1947. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (35.46° N, 97.51° W). 8:30-9 p.m. Field Engineer Savage saw a frosty white round and flat object, with diameter/thickness ratio 10:1, the size of a B-29 [?] (140 ft) traveling N at 350° heading at 10,000-18,000 ft and 3 times speed of a jet [1,800 mph] with a slight swishing sound. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins | 1 | 1 ? | |
| 4. | | June 2, 1947. 2-3 miles S [?] of Rehoboth Beach (near Lewes), Delaware. Pilot Horace P. Wenyon in aircraft flying N at 1,400 ft saw a silvery "mayonnaise jar"-shaped object 15 inches [?] in size cross in front of the plane at 1,000-1,200 mph heading W to E on a straight course at same altitude, with a silver-white fire exhaust. Confusion with previous sightings of "same object" in Sept and Oct 1946. [Daytime meteor?] (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list; FOIA; Bloecher 1967) | | 1 | | |

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| 5. | | June 12, 1947. Weiser, Idaho (44.25° N, 116.98° W). 6:15 p.m. Mrs. H. Erickson saw 2 high speed round objects glistening in the sun at high altitude headed SE in trail formation moving up and down twice and leaving a vapor trail that persisted for over an hour. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967) | several secs ? | 1 | | |
| 6. | | June 14 [23?], 1947. Bakersfield, Calif. (35.37° N, 119.00° W). 12, 2:15 p.m. Veteran pilot Richard Rankin and a young boy saw 10 "almost round" or Flying Flapjack-shaped objects in formation at 9,000 ft and 300-400 mph headed N on a straight level course, then 7 returned on reverse S course at 2:15 p.m. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967) | | 2 | | |
| 7. | | June 21, 1947. Spokane, Wash. (47.66° N, 117.44° W). 11:50 [11:55 PST?] a.m. Civilian woman [Mrs. Guy R. ?] Overman saw 8 [shiny silvery and slim-bodied?] disk-shaped objects the size of a house fly at 600 mph [or slower than a 2-engine army plane?] traveling SSW at 7,000 ft one object below an aircraft, then fall with a dead-leaf motion and land before 10 witnesses on the shore of the St. Joe River, Idaho. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 57; cf. FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967) | several mins ? | 11 | | |
| 8. | 12 | June 24, 1947. Mt. Adams, Wash. Afternoon. Prospector Fred Johnson of Portland, Oregon, was at the 5,000 ft level when he saw a group of 6-7 fast-moving objects [heading SE?], extremely bright on top, with long sharply pointed tails and one waving like a compass needle, flashing when seeming to bank, at perhaps 1° elevation (seemingly 1,000 ft higher and possibly 10 miles away), angular size roughly 0.03° (seeming 30 ft size at 10 miles) viewed through a small pocket telescope, focusing on one object mainly while noting 5-6 others; his compass needle fluctuated. [Probable daytime meteor fireball IFO simultaneous with Kenneth Arnold sighting, latter not listed here as Arnold case was never evaluated as an Unknown by AAF / AF.] (Sparks; FOIA; BB files; Bloecher 1967) | 45-60 secs ? | 1 | 1/15 ? (0.3° equiv in telesc??) | telescope; EM? |
| 9. | | June 28, 1947. Rockfield, Wisc. (43.24° N, 88.09° W). 3:43 [3:45 CST?] p.m. Marion Beuschler and her brother a farmer saw 7-10 saucer-shaped objects fly overhead heading S at high speed. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967) | | 2 | | |
| 10. | | June 28, 1947. 30 miles NW of Lake Mead, Nevada (37° N, 115° W). 3:15 [1:15 PST?] p.m. AAF pilot Lt. K. B. Armstrong from Brook AAF, San Antonio, Texas, flying F-51 fighter at 6,000 ft saw a tight formation of 5-6 white circular 3 ft objects off his right wing heading 120° [about ESE] at 6,000 ft at 285 mph. (Sparks; Ruppelt p. 19; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967; FBI files) | | 1 | | |

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| 11. | | June 28 [26?], 1947. Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama (32.37° N, 86.31° W). 9:20-9:45 p.m. 4 AAF officers including 2 pilots and 2 intelligence officers, Capt. W. H. Kayko, Capt. J. H. Cantrell, Capt. Redman, 1st Lt. T. Dewey, saw a bright light just above the SW horizon travel towards them in a zigzag with bursts of high speed, when directly overhead it made a sharp 90° turn and lost to view in the S [SW?]. (Sparks; Ruppelt p. 19; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967) | 25 mins | 4 | | |
| 12. | | June 29, 1947. Des Moines, Iowa (42.74° N, 93.74° W) [Clarion, Iowa ?]. 3:45 [4:45 CST?] p.m. Bus driver Dale Bays saw a single file line of 4 [18 ?] "dirty white" round objects between circular and oval in shape, inverted saucer shape about 175-250 ft diameter 12 ft thick, at about 1,200 ft height traveling about 300 mph to the SSE, sound of electric motor or dynamo. Another group of 13 objects seen heading SSE to NNW [later?]. (Sparks; Battelle/BBSR14 ?; Mary Castner/CUFOS; Saunders/FUFOR Index; FOIA; Bloecher 1967) | few mins | | 15-20 ? | |
| 13. | | June 29, 1947. About 7 miles ENE of Las Cruces, New Mexico (at 32.3° N, 106.7° W). About 1:15 [1:20?] p.m. Rocket scientist-engineer Dr. Carl J. Zohn, Admin Asst., Rocket Sonde Section, USN Naval Research Lab (NRL) temporarily assigned to White Sands Proving Ground (WSPG), NRL high-altitude spectrograph scientist Curtis C. Rockwood and his wife Nancy, and NRL telemetry supervisor John R. [W.?] Kauke also posted to WSPG, were driving in a car from Las Cruces to WSPG to the V-2 launch site on Highway 70 headed NE at 60 mph when they saw to their right front [E] a rotating [?] silvery or shiny disc or sphere with no appendages, wings, tail, propellers, angular size of the sun (0.5°), reflecting sunlight [pulsating?], crossing the sky at high speed heading N right to left at about an estimated 8,000-10,000 ft about 45° elevation which suddenly disappeared in mid-air in a clear cloudless sky (Kauke thought it disappeared by distance). Kauke had stopped the car and briefly saw a short vapor trail at one point not reported by the others. Zohn on the passenger side rolled the window for an unobstructed view. (Sparks; NARA BB Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 648-663, Maxwell Roll 2, pp. 865-878; FOIA; cf. Ruppelt, p. 20; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Randle; Bloecher 1967; etc.) | nearly 60 secs [30-60 secs?] | 4 | 1 | Naval Research Lab rocket scientist |
| 14. | | June 30, 1947. Near S rim of Grand Canyon, Ariz. 9:10 a.m. (MST?). Navy Lt. William G. [C.?] McGinty flying P-80 from Williams AAF at 30,000 ft heading S saw 2 gray, circular objects about 8 or 10 ft diameter, diving at "unconceivable" speed from about 25,000 ft, which appeared to land 25 miles S of the Grand Canyon. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 59; cf. Project 1947; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967; FBI files) | | 1 | | |

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| 15. | | July 1, 1947. Chitose AB, Hokkaido, Japan. GCA radar tracked 600+ mph target that made 4 turns with radii of 1-1/2 miles [=30 g's approx.] First detected 16 miles N of Chitose AB heading S at 180° heading then made 180° turn till range of 28 miles. Target then turned left to heading 240° (about WSW) for 6 miles then 180° turn to heading 60° (about ENE), returning to original position at 28 miles N of Chitose AB., them turned to head N at ) 0° heading until off scope. (Sparks; TOP SECRET Supp. to Daily Activity Report of AAF Intell, Aug. 8, 1947; FOIA Jan Aldrich) | | | | radar |
| 16. | | July 2, 1947. Roswell, New Mexico. 9:50 p.m. (MST). Pharmacist Dan Wilmot, wife, and son Paul, at home in downtown Roswell, 105 S. Pennsylvania Ave. [at SE corner of Pennsylvania Ave. & W. 1st St.?]. Fireball came from SE [directly or almost directly overhead?], heading towards and disappearing over Sixmile Mtn at about azimuth 306° (about NW). Entire object glowed, oval shaped like inverted saucers or washbowls, 15-20 ft in size if at 1,500 ft altitude, estimated speed 400-500 mph. [Speed and altitude indicate angular velocity of ~30°/sec which would be inconsistent with 40-50-sec duration, better fit is with ~10-sec duration. Scaling up to possible terminal meteor fireball altitude ~20 mi thus scales speed to ~36,000 mph, typical slow meteor fireball velocity.] (Sparks; *Roswell Daily Record*, July 8, 1947) | 40-50 secs ? [10? secs] | 3 | 1 ? | |
| 17. | 27 | July 3, 1947. South Brooksville-Harborside, Maine. 2:30 p.m. (EDT). Astronomer John F. Cole alerted by a roaring noise overhead saw about 10 very light colored 50-100 ft wide objects to the N at about 50° elevation in a formation initially about 1.5° wide, with 2 dark forms to their left or 2 objects had darker projections somewhat like wings, moving like a swarm of bees to the NW at about 600-1,200 mph through about 30° arc [at about 4-20 miles distance?]. (Sparks; Berliner; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bliecher 1967) | 10-15 secs | 1 | 1/4 to 1/2 ? | astronomer |
| 18. | | July 4, 1947. Near Redmond, Oregon. 11 a.m. C. J. Bogne of Tigard, Ore., and other witnesses in a car near Redmond saw 4 discs flying past Mt. Jefferson on a straight course at high speed. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Ruppelt p. 20; Bloecher 1967) | | multiple | | |

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| 19. | | July 4, 1947. Portland and Milwaukie, Oregon, and Vancouver, Wash. 1:05 p.m. Radio newsman Frank Cooley of station KOIN, INS wire service employees in the Portland *Oregon Journal* Building, Clark County Sheriff's Deputy Fred Krives, Deputy Clarence McKay, Sgt. John Sullivan, Portland Police Officer Kenneth A. McDowell, Harbor Patrol Capt. K. A. Prahn, Harbor Patrolmen A. T. Austad and K. C. Hoff, Portland Police Officers Earl J. Patterson [Paterson?], Walter A. Lissy and Robert Ellis, Oregon Highway Patrol Sgt. Claude Cross, and many others over a wide area saw 5 large discs moving at high speed to the E, 2 flying S and 3 to the E, with oscillating or wobbling motion, sudden 90° turns or zigzagging, radio reports alerted other officers who saw the objects, aluminum or chromium color, disc or hubcap or piepan or half-moon shape flashing in the sun, no vapor trail, no noise (except possible humming), some at 10,000-40,000 ft others at about 1,000 ft. McDowell noticed pigeons reacted. Sullivan, McKay and Krives noted low humming sound and reported 20-30 objects. Cooley reported 12 discs at about 20,000 ft. [Further sightings at 2, 4:30, 5 p.m.] Patterson, Lissy and Ellis were pilots. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 100-2; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967) | 30-90 secs | many (13+) | | |
| 20. | | July 4, 1947. Portland, Oregon. 2 p.m. E. A. Evans saw 3 metallic discs glinting sunlight, 1 moving W to E, followed by 2 others heading N. [Other sightings at 1:05, 4:30, 5 p.m.] (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 100-2; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967) | | 1 | | |
| 21. | | July 4, 1947. Portland, Oregon. 4:30 p.m. Mrs. L. J. Hayward saw a silvery disc-shaped object looking like a new dime flipping in an erratic path moving slowly. [Other sightings at 1:05, 2, 5 p.m.] (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 100-2; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967) | | 1 | | |
| 22. | | July 4, 1947. Portland and Milwaukie, Oregon, and Vancouver, Wash. [?] 5 p.m. [Other sightings at 1:05, 2, 4:30 p.m.] (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 100-2; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967) | | | | |
| 23. | 34 | July 4, 1947. Near Emmett, Idaho (43.88° N, 116.48° W). 9:12 [8:12?] p.m. (MST). United Air Lines Flight 105 Capt. Emil J. Smith, First Officer Ralph Stevens, Stewardess Marty Morrow who was called in by Smith as a confirming witness, flying NW on heading 300° from Boise to Seattle at about 7,000 ft, saw 5 disc-shaped objects with flat bottoms and rough tops (possibly 100+ ft size) move at varying speeds, in loose formation [or evenly spaced?] roughly 1,000 ft higher in altitude about 10° left of their heading [or at 290°], with one high and to the right of the others in the distance, all disappearing to the W [NW?] in a gradual climb at about 9:20 p.m. as 5 [4?] additional similar objects came into view slightly higher heading W [or took off to the NW; 3 objects in a line with 1 off to the side]. Smith tried to close on the objects at 185 mph as he climbed from 7,000 to 8,000 ft but could not. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. McDonald 1968; Bloecher 1967; FBI files Maury Island) | 12-15 mins | 3 | 2 ?? | |

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| 24. | 36 | July 6, 1947. Fairfield-Suisan Air Base, Calif. (38.25° N, 121.99° W). Daytime. AAF Capt. and Mrs. James H. Burniston saw a highly reflective round flat object having no wings or tail, the size of a C-54 transport (118 ft) roll from side-to-side 3 times then fly away very fast from NW to the SE [SW?] at 10,000 ft. (Sparks; Berliner; Bloecher 1967) | 1 min | 2 | 1 ? | |
| 25. | | July 6, 1947. Clay Center (about 100 miles W of Kansas City), Kansas (39.32° N, 97.13° W). 1:45 p.m. AAF pilot Major A. B. Browning and crew flying B-25 E to Kansas City saw a silvery circular object 30-50 ft diameter pacing the aircraft at a little lower altitude then shot off at high speed heading E at 11,000 ft at 210 mph. (Sparks; Project 1947; FOIA; Bloecher 1967) | | >2 ? | | |
| 26. | | July 7, 1947. Lakeland, Florida (28.05° N, 81.94° W). Bet. 1-2 p.m. (EST). Sign painter Griffin saw 5 round shiny objects in the NE climbing at 7,500 ft; shrill noise heard. (Sparks; Battelle/BBSR14 ?; Mary Castner/CUFOS; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1? | | |
| 27. | | July 7, 1947. Hickam Field, Hawaii (21.34° N, 157.95° W). 9 a.m. Civil Service employee Saito saw a large silver balloon-like object with silvery disc [attached?] immediately beneath it without attaching cables slowly ascending to the NW at 6,000 ft. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 28. | | July 7, 1947. 7 miles N of Shreveport, Louisiana. Morning. Military aircraft pilot, enlisted man, saw a bright silver object about the angular size of the moon. [Not to be confused with the prank hoax observed at 6:05 p.m. in downtown Shreveport by F. G. Harston aka Hariston aka Hairston, with recovered hoax object manufactured by M. H. Swor.] (Sparks; Jan Aldrich Project 1947 citing *Shreveport Times*; McDonald list) | 5 mins | 1 | 1 | |
| 29. | | July 7, 1947. Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. (34.89° N, 117.88° W). 10:10 a.m. AAF experimental test pilot Major Jowell C. Wise while powering up an XP-84 jet on the 10,000-ft runway at W side of Rogers Dry Lake near Area 1 looked up where others (Oliver Earl Cooper and 2-3 others) were looking and saw to the N [or E] at about 25°-30° elevation, possibly at 10,000 ft, a yellowish-white sphere about 5-10 ft diameter oscillating in a "forward whirling" motion without losing altitude at about 10,000-12,000 ft altitude moving W to E [or E towards ESE] at about 200-225 mph. Stopped at one point then continued in horizontal flight. [Sightings at Muroc next day.] (Sparks; BB files; FOIA; McDonald Papers) | 4-5 mins? | 4-6 | 1/10 ? | |

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| 30. | | July 7, 1947. Elkhorn, Wisc. 11:45 a.m. (CST). Pilot instructor and student took off from Elkhorn Airport in aircraft and immediately, at 800 ft height, sighted saucer-shaped object [in the distance to the WNW] descending vertically on edge through the alto-cumulus clouds at 6,000 ft over Koshkonong, Wisc., stop at 4,000 ft, assume horizontal orientation and fly horizontally for 15 secs, covering 25 miles [23 miles] at 6,000 mph [5,500 mph], [headed straight towards them on a course of about 120°] then stop again [apparently overhead] and disappear. BB (Sign) case file missing but found in FBI (and AAF?) files. (Sparks; Loren Gross July 7-10, 1947, Hist.Supp.; BB files; FBI files) | 15+ secs | 2 | | |
| 31. | | July 7, 1947. East Troy, Wisc. 2:30 p.m. (CST). AAF Capt. R. J. Southey, Wing Supply officer, and a passenger, were in flight at 3,500 ft MSL when they sighted a (saucer-shaped) object in horizontal orientation [to the NNW about 7 mi away about 0.5° below earth's horizon] over Eagle, Wisc., in horizontal flight at 2,500 ft [headed E at about course 85° (see map plot)]. Southey took camera from glove compartment, saw object had disappeared then reappeared for 6 secs later and about 10 miles farther along its course [6,000 mph], disappearing over Muskego, Wisc., after covering a total of 22 miles [17 mi] in 20 secs at a speed of about 3,960 mph [3.060 mph]. BB (Sign) case file missing but found in FBI (and AAF?) files. (Sparks; Loren Gross July 7-10, 1947, Hist.Supp.; BB files; FBI files) | 20 secs | 2 | | |
| 32. | | July 7, 1947. Arlington, Virginia (38.91° N, 77.09° W). Bet. 10:30 and 11 p.m. (EDT). AAF Lt. Col. Cobb saw a "blob," the size of a small airplane, reflecting white light flying at less than 500 ft above ground to the SE at about 1,350 mph. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | 6 ? | |
| 33. | 50 | July 8, 1947. Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. (34.89° N, 117.88° W). 9:30 a.m. (PDT). AAF 1st Lt. Joseph C. McHenry, T/Sgt Joseph Ruvolo, S/Sgt Gerald E. Nauman, and Miss Jannette Marie Scotte, saw 2 disc-shaped or spherical objects, silver and apparently metallic, fly a wide circular pattern [?] at about 7,000-8,000 ft at 300-400 mph heading 320° (about NW) toward Mojave, Calif. Before the first 2 objects disappeared a 3rd similar disc or spherical silver object reflecting sunlight was seen, with additional 5 witnesses, to the N flying tight circles at about 7,000-8,000 ft beyond capability of known aircraft, maintaining altitude. No sound or trails. [See sightings at Muroc later in the day and previous day.] (Sparks; BB files; FOIA; Berliner) | 3-4 mins + ? | 9 | | |

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| 34. | | July 8, 1947. Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. 11:50 a.m.-12 noon. AAF experimental test pilot Capt. John Paul Stapp, Mr. Lenz from Wright Field and 2 others in an observation truck at Area 3 of Rogers Dry Lake for a P-82 ejection seat test saw a round silver or aluminum-white object at first thought to be a parachute, about 25 ft wide, falling from a height below the 20,000 ft of the test aircraft at 3x the rate for an ejection seat test, drifting horizontally toward Mt. Wilson (to the S) at less than 50-80 mph, which when close to horizon appeared to have an oval outline with 2 thick fins or nobs on the upper surface which seemed to rotate or oscillate, no propellers, slowly disappearing below the mountain tops in the distance after 90 secs. Others witnesses independently, including Muroc Commanding Officer Col. Signa A. Gilkey (only momentarily and thought it was piece of paper) and engineer Major Richard R. Shoop and wife [and Capt. Harry D. Black?] saw from a different location 5-8 miles away to the N [?] the apparently same falling object, thin metallic aluminum colored and the size of a pursuit aircraft [50 ft?], reflecting sunlight and oscillating, descend to ground level, then rise again and move slowly off in the distance for a total of 8 mins. No sound or trail. [See sightings at Muroc earlier and later in the day and previous day.] (Sparks; BB files; FOIA; Vallée Magonia 60) | 8 mins | 7+ | 1/5 ? | triangulation? |
| 35. | | July 8, 1947. 40 miles S of Muroc Army Air Field. 4 p.m. AAF pilot of an F-51 fighter at about 20,000 ft saw a flat reflective object with no vertical fin or wings flying high above him which he could not reach in a climb. [See previous Muroc sightings.] (Sparks; Ruppelt p. 22) | | 1 | | |
| 36. | | July 9, 1947. Bet. Meridian and Boise, Idaho (at 43.6° N, 116.3° W). 12:17 p.m. (MST?). *Idaho Statesman* aviation editor and former AAF B-29 pilot Dave Johnson flying E [ESE?] in an 190th Fighter Squadon, Idaho Air National Guard, AT-6 at 14,000 ft ASL (11,000 ft AGL) saw to his left [NE?] a black disc, standing out against the cumulus cloud bank, make a half-roll then a stair-step climb to the right, saw it on edge as a thin black line when it flashed sunlight. Took 10 secs of 8 mm movie film of object while turning AT-6 broadside and opening the canopy to film without distortion, but film did not show UFO apparently because too small in angular size. Object seen against background of cumulus clouds with base at 13,500 to 14,000 ft ASL about 70 miles to the ESE over Camas Prairie near Fairfield, Idaho. 3 ANG pesonnel and at least one United Airlines person at Gowen Field, Boise, sighted a similar black object maneuvering erratically against the same cumulus cloud formation over Camas Prairie at 2:00 p.m. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10-30 secs | 1 | 1/5 to 1/10 ? | |

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| 37. | | July 10, 1947. Harmon Field, Newfoundland, Canada (48.54° N, 58.56° W). 5:30 p.m. (ADT). Ground crewmen, A. R. Leidy, John N. Mehrman, Supv. of Mechanics, and J. E. Woodruff, Senior Maintenance Supervisor, of Trans World Airways, briefly saw a translucent disc or silvery wheel-shaped object the size of a C-54 transport fly very fast at 10,000 ft from a point estimated at about 6 miles SSW of Harmon headed NNE, leaving a dark bluish-black trail 15 miles long, then ascend and cut a path through the clouds. Photo. Possible meteor (except ascent not explainable). Note similar cloud blowing cases at Ramore, Ontario, May 25, 1953, (in BB see below) and Chicago O'Hare Airport Nov. 7, 2006 (post-BB). (Sparks; NICAP website; BB files; Berliner; FOIA) | | 3 | 1 | photo |
| 38. | | July 10, 1947. Near Ft. Sumner, New Mexico. 4:47 p.m. Dr. Lincoln LaPaz with wife and 2 teenage daughters were driving W on Hwy 60 when they saw a sharply outlined, white ellipsoidal seemingly luminous 200 ft object (±40 ft, major/minor axis ratio 2.45) wobbling in the distance to the W [probably 272° azimuth initially] about 25 miles away (±5 miles; distance from triangulation of the cloud bank by driving around it by about 90° over 50 miles along Hwy 84 and from weather data). Object stayed about 30 secs almost motionless at a low speed of about 150 mph (±30 mph) then disappeared behind a cloud at 273° azimuth elevation 1° but reappeared 5 secs later further to the right, or N, and higher at 275° azimuth 2° elevation, about 1 mile distance traveled thus an average speed of roughly 600-900 mph [peak velocity about 1,400 mph at about 13 g's], but no sound, no trail. Object continued to slowly drift N about 2 mins [in level flight] until disappearing in the cloud bank [at about 287° azimuth]. (Sparks; LIFE Incident 2; Hynek astronomer survey Aug. 1952; etc.) | 2 1/2 mins | 4 | 1/6 | Lincoln LaPaz, world's leading investigator of aerial phenomena |
| 39. | | July 11, 1947. Elmendorf Air Base, Anchorage, Alaska (at 61°10' N, 150° W). 11:00 a.m. (AHST). AAF Col. Bruce H. Perry and Major William E. Geyser, 59th AACS Group, saw a round 2-3 ft or 10 ft aluminum or silver-metallic spherical object travel at great speed to the S at estimated altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 ft, below scattered clouds at 10,000 ft. (Sparks; Lara Elliott/NICAP website; FBI files; BB files; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 15-20 secs | 2 | 1/2 | |
| 40. | | July 12, 1947. Elmendorf Air Base, Anchorage, Alaska (at 61°10' N, 150° W). 6:30 p.m. (AHST). AAF Major Edward Graham 59th AACS Group, plus some members of Alaskan Dept [Alaskan Command?] saw a balloon-like grayish 10 ft object headed NW at 100 mph at 1,500 ft following the contour of mountains 5 miles away and paralleling the course of landing C-47. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 3+ | 2/3 ?? | |

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| 41. | | July 29, 1947. Canyon Ferry, Montana (Helena? 46.6° N, 112.01° W). 12:05 p.m. Observer Madden saw hovering and fluttering, rising and descending thin 3 ft gleaming and shimmering object heading BE at 3,000 ft height at tremendous speed. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | 1/10 | |
| 42. | 69 | July 29, 1947. Hamilton Field, Calif. (38.07° N, 122.51° W). 2:50 p.m. (PDT?). Assistant Base Operations Officer Capt. William H. Ryherd and ex-AAF B-29 pilot 1st Lt. Ward Stewart saw for unknown length of time two round, shiny, white objects with estimated 15-25 foot diameters, fly 3-4 times the apparent speed of a P-80, also in sight, (or at 750 mph), at 6,000-10,000 ft heading S or SE at 120°. One object flew straight and level; the other weaved from side-to-side like an escort fighter. (Sparks; Berliner; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | 1/5 – 2/5 | |
| 43. | | Aug. 4, 1947. Between Bedford Radio Beacon and Everett, Mass. (42.36° N, 71.06° W) (or 10 miles NW of Boston). 4 p.m. While flying at 265 mph at 8,000 ft, heading 244° Magnetic, Pan Am airliner pilot A. C. Powell and navigator White saw 45° to the left [of their course?] a bright orange or deep-gold colored blunt cigarette-shaped (or elliptical) object the length of a P-40 fuselage [or 15? ft long 2-3 ft wide?] flying at 150 (or 175) mph at 7,800 [7,000?] ft to the S [E?] at about a course of 200° [110°?] magnetic. (Sparks; Sign Microfim Roll 8, p. 348; Project 1947; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 secs | 2 | 1/5 | |
| 44. | | Aug. 4, 1947. 10 miles NW of Bethel, Alaska (60°47' N, 161°50' W). 8:20 p.m. (Bering Standard Time). Pilot Capt. Jack Peck and copilot Vince Daly with Al Jones Flying Service flying a DC-3 saw a smooth surfaced "discus like" (or like rear view of C-54 without motors or lie a Flying Wing) black object as large or larger than a DC-3 with no visible means of propulsion silhouetted against the brilliant sunset sky [sun set at 8:17 PM BST at azimuth 309° in the NW], at about their altitude, which crossed their flight path at right angles at 500-1,000 ft height [or they could not determine its direction of flight and climbed to avoid collision and pulled in behind the object and then were able to see object was moving away from them]. They averted collision by climbing to 1,200 ft [from 1,000 ft ?], then turned in pursuit at IAS 170 mph but the object flew out of sight at 3x their speed maintaining the same altitude [off to the NW at about 500 mph]. (Sparks; Project Sign Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 599-608) | 4 mins<br>(5? mins) | 2 | 10 ?? | |
| 45. | | Aug. 13, 1947. 40 miles SW of Twin Falls [at Salmon Dam?], Idaho. 9:30 a.m. County Commissioner L. W. Hawkins and Mr. Brown while fishing saw 2 disc-shaped objects 6 ft diameter reflecting light and making the echo of a motor, at 4,000-6,000 ft flying at high speed. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | 1/6 to<br>1/10 ? | |

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| 46. | | Aug. 13, 1947. Snake River 6 miles W of Blue Lake Ranch, 9 miles NW of Twin Falls, Idaho. 1 p.m. A. C. Urie on land and 2 sons Billy and Keith 300 ft away in a boat, all on the S side of the river or river bank looking to the N, saw a squeezed or elongated straw-hat shaped sky-blue object about 10 x 10 x 20 feet, with pods on the side emitting red flames, about 1/2 mile away fly towards them down the canyon at 1,000 mph E-W at 75 ft height, with a contour following motion up and down over uneven terrain, trees swaying underneath with a circular motion, disappearing with a swish sound. Urie was about 300 ft from the object which was about level with him about 75 ft above the river, and silhouetted against the canyon wall 1,200 ft away, disappearing behind a hill about 1 mile away. Object was at about 45° elevation to the boys on the river below him, disappearing behind trees. (Sparks; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 3, pp. 73-84; NARA BB Microfilm Roll 2, pp. 198-208; BB PR Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 663-673; Sign Microfim Roll 8, p. 349-351; Battelle Unknown No. 9; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 secs ? | 3 | 8 | triangulation |
| 47. | | Aug. 14, 1947. Harmon Field, Newfoundland, Canada. 10:40 a.m. 3 AAF airmen with the 147th AACS Sq saw 2 small crescent-shaped objects pass over them on a zigzag path at 2x jet speed [1,200 mph?] heading W at about 1,200 ft disappearing into clouds, a few secs later a same or similar object emerged from the clouds and continued to the W. (Sparks; FOIA) | | 3 | | |
| 48. | | Aug. 14, 1947. 5 miles S of Placerville, Calif. 4 p.m. Insurance adjuster Switzer saw a metallic highly-polished chromium surface object 4-6 ft wide 10-14 inches thick, rounded slightly on top larger in the front, leaving a white trail, at 500-1,000 ft height traveling at high speed. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | 2/5 - 1 | |
| 49. | | Aug. 15, 1947. Weaver, Minn. 9:30 p.m. [?] Nocturnal light. (Sparks; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 50. | | Aug. 15-20 (approx.), 1947. Rapid City Air Base [Weaver?], South Dakota. Major Hammer sitting in the parking lot near the flight line shortly after dark saw to the NW about 12 elliptical objects about the span of a B-29 (140 ft) with a yellow-white luminous glow in a tight diamond formation, approaching in a shallow descent, level off at about 5,000 ft altitude [height?] at 300-400 mph, make a gentle 110° turn to its right about 4 miles away climbing to the SW, accelerating rapidly. No sound or trail. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min ?? | 1 | 3/4 | |
| 51. | | Aug. 18, 1947. Near Mountain Home, Idaho. 12 p.m. United Airlines Flight 147 pilot and copilot saw 2 "skeet target" shaped objects flying under the plane. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2 | | |
| 52. | | Aug. 19, 1947. Twin Falls, Idaho (42.57° N, 114.46° W). 9:30 p.m. Housing Authority Executive Director Hedstrom saw 55 [?] [luminous?] objects in horizontal flight looking like electric lights headed NE at tremendous speed. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |

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| 53. | | Aug. 28, 1947. Shika Island, Fukuoka, Japan (at 33°41' N, 130°18' E). 4:40 p.m. ("I" Zone = GMT+9). Radar Site No. 1 of 610th ACW Sq tracked target on CPS-1 radar traveling 480 mph at 23° azimuth, range 30 miles, which carried out a 10-mile [5-mile?] diameter "orbit" at 20° to 30° azimuth, range 30 to 35 miles, then headed outbound to fade at 23° 62 miles. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA Jan Aldrich) | 25 mins | 1 | | |
| 54. | 83 | Late Aug. 1947. Alamogordo [Holloman] Army Air Field, New Mexico. AMC Watson Labs Project MOGUL engineer P. Rosmovski tracked a stationary target at 200 miles altitude using a modified CPS-4 height-finder radar aimed at 70° elevation. [Normally a CPS-4 requires a crew of 6 operators so there may have been other witnesses.] (Sparks; Sign Microfilm Roll 2, pp. 363, 367-8; FOIA; Loren Gross Aug-Dec 1947 Supp. p. 28; Project 1947) | | 2+ | | radar |
| 55. | | Late Aug. 1947. Alamogordo [Holloman] Army Air Field, New Mexico. AMC Watson Labs Project MOGUL communications officer 1st Lt. Herbert G. Markley while watching 2 balloons with radar reflector to the SE in 10x binoculars saw traveling at "unprecedented rate of speed" a round white object in horizontal flight S to N several thousand feet over the tops of Sacramento Mtns. [Case falsely explained by AF as "false radar targets" when no radar observation was involved. Possible additional witnesses AMC Watson Labs MOGUL Project Scientist Dr. James W. Peoples, and Joseph Olsen also of same project.] (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 2, pp. 931-3; Sign Microfilm Roll 2, pp. 366; FOIA; Castner/CUFOS; Loren Gross Aug-Dec 1947 Supp, p. 28; July-Dec 1949 orig ed p. 25; Project 1947) | secs | 1 [3?] | | binoculars |
| 56. | 85 | Sept. 3, 1947. Lake Oswego, Oregon. 12:15 p.m. (PDT). Housewife Mrs. Raymond Dupui saw 12-15 round, silver objects fly an unstated pattern for unknown length of time. (Sparks; Berliner; FOIA) | | 1 | | |
| 57. | | Sept. 8, 1947. Logan [Salt Lake City?], Utah (41.74° N, 111.84° W). 10:30 or 11 p.m Anderson and Hall saw 5 groups of a total of 12 [?] white or yellowish objects traveling at high speed to the N at 2,000-3,000 ft height, faster than birds, size of pigeons [?] (Battelle/BBSR14 ?; Mary Castner/CUFOS; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | | |

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| 58. | | Sept. 12, 1947. Midway Island to Oahu, Hawaii, [about 90 miles] past Necker Island (23°34' N, 164°42' W). 6:58 p.m. (Bering Standard Time). Capt. Stanley S. Griffin, pilot, and 2nd Officer Edward B. Polhemus on Pan Am airline flight [military air flight?] heading east at 110° True at 9,000 ft and 205 knots (236 mph) saw a bright white light with no blue or red tinge about 60° to the right [2 o'clock position] about 5 miles away, first heading 350° (almost due N), approaching to 1 mile while increasing in apparent brightness still on the right side of the airliner. When pilot switched [or was about to switch?] from autopilot to manual the object "abruptly" changed course to 109° [paralleling course of airliner to within 1° ?] while maintaining altitude at 9,500-10,000 ft then split into 2 reddish objects about a "wing length" (100 ft?) apart then disappeared traveling at 1,000 knots (1,200 mph), burning out about 30 miles ahead of airliner. Possible meteor fireball. (Sparks; McDonald list; Project 1947; FOIA; BB Sign Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 611-7) | 6 secs | 2 | | |
| | | Sept. 17, 1947. Ft. Richardson, Alaska. This is a duplicate of July 11, 1947, case with erroneous date of Sept. 17 assigned mistakenly by AMC T-2 Technical Intelligence Division UFO project. [Army officers saw a 2-3 ft silver sphere traveling S at tremendous speed below the 10,000 ft cloud cover.] (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | | | | |
| 59. | 91 | Oct. 1947. Dodgeville, Wisc. 11 [a.m.?]. Unnamed civilian man saw an undescribed object fly counterclockwise circles. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 hr | 1 | | |
| 60. | | Oct. 8/9, 1947. Las Vegas, Nevada (36.17° N, 115.17° W). Daytime. [AAF reserve Capt. Moore saw an object traveling at 700 mph leave an almost white smoke/vapor trail and change direction from SE to W.] (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1? | | |
| 61. | | Oct. 12, 1947. Guadalupe, Mexico. 9:30 a.m. (CST). Numerous witnesses saw a cigar-shaped, blue and silver color fireball trailing blue flame heading E to W plunge to earth resembling an errant V-2 rocket and appearing to head for impact in the Zamalayuca Mtns. with a billow of smoke and loud explosion. Mexican Army reserve Capt. Aranda saw the fireball from the Hernandez Torres filling station near Caseta and saw it disappear over the sandhills near Colonia Reforma. No meteorites or other remains found in saerches. (Sparks; Loren Gross, Jul-Dec 1947 p. 38; 1947 pp. 69-71; SUPP Aug-Dec 1947 pp. 44-45; Mary Castner/CUFOS; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | many | | |
| 62. | 95 | Oct. 14, 1947. 11 miles NNE of Cave Creek, Ariz. 12:11 p.m. (MDT). Ex-AAF fighter pilot J. L. Clark, civilian pilot Anderson, from the ground saw 3-foot [?] "flying wing," black against the white clouds and red against the blue sky, at about 25° elevation, flying straight at an estimated 350 m.p.h., at 8,000-10,000 ft, from NW to SE. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 45-60 secs | 2 | 1/25 | |
| 63. | | Oct. 20, 1947. Xenia, Ohio (39.69° N, 83.94° W). 11 a.m. Atkinson saw a round 1 ft object at 1,500 ft heading SW on a straight course. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | | | | |

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| 64. | | Oct. 20, 1947. Dayton, Ohio (39.75° N, 84.18° W). 1:20 p.m. Farmer Britton saw 2 cigar-shaped objects reflecting brilliant sunlight traveling W to E on a straight course at high speed about 1 mile height in trail formation about a city block apart emitting a slight vapor trail, disappearing suddenly. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | | | | |
| 65. | | Nov. 2, 1947. Anderson Rd., Houston, Texas (29.76° N, 95.36° W). Daybreak. Immigration Service [agent?] Brimberry saw an almost round or oval or saucer-shaped object with bright light [?] about 100 ft [?] diameter spinning in its descent. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1? | | |
| 66. | | Nov. 12, 1947. 40 miles N [S?] of Cape Blanco, Oregon, 20 miles off coast. Early morning. USS Ticonderoga USN 2nd Officer Williamson saw 2 balls of fire with a fiery trail headed NW at 700-900 mph. [Probable meteors.] (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1? | | |
| 67. | | Dec. 30, 1947. 1 mile W of Pilot Hill, Calif. (at 38°50' N, 121° 2' W). 7:25 p.m. (PST). Crew of McClellan Field C-47 saw a high speed low altitude object trailing red, green and other colored flames headed E over hills. At 7:37 another C-47 crew sent to investigate found the triangular fire area with 2 points emitting bright blue-green flames at the position reported by the first crew at 38°50' N, 120°53' W. At 7:58 the first C-47 crew found this growing ground fire about 7 miles E of Pilot Hill, at 38°50' N, 120°53' W, going out at 9:55 p.m. If flight path data was reversed to E to W this might be the "Green Dragon" Fireball, a possible precursor to the Green Fireballs. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich FOIA; BB files) | | multiple | | |
| 68. | | Dec. 30, 1947. Sawtooth Nat. Forest, Idaho (at 42° 9.3' N, 114°22.2' W). 7:26 p.m. (PST). Pilot AF Lt. Col. W. W. Jones, and copilot Major A. A. Andrae, both of the Air Transport Command (Eastern Pacific Wing, Pacific Division) flying a C-54 from Great Falls to Fairfield-Suisun Field at 13,000 ft saw a high speed object trailing green and blue flames descending vertically at their 2:30 o'clock position, but slowing just above the ground. Possibly the "Green Dragon" Fireball, a possible precursor to the Green Fireballs. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich FOIA; BB files) | 2 secs | 2 | | |

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| 69. | | Jan. 7, 1948. Central and south-central Kentucky, near Ft. Knox and other sites. About 1-3:50 and 4:45-7:06 p.m. (CST). Mantell case.<br>At about 1:00 p.m., Kentucky State Police phoned USAF Godman Field Commanding Officer Col. Guy F. Hix's office reporting an unidentified object near Elizabethtown, Ky. (15 mi S of Godman). Another call to Godman's CO came from State Police at about 1:10 p.m. of observation by civilian in Madisonville (90 mi WSW of Godman) through Finch telescope of cone-shaped object, estimated 100 ft high by 43 ft wide, height 4 miles, speed 10 mph. This was apparently the General mills Skyhook balloon Flight B (Skyhook No. 28), 70 x 30 ft, height 15 miles, speed 27 mph, heading 150° about SE, which passed about 40 miles to SW-SSW of Madisonville at 12-1 p.m. thus was within visibility range.<br>Then still another call came from Lexington (80 mi E of Godman and far beyond visibility of the Skyhook balloon), the first of about 35 calls received by Col. Hix's office at Godman Field. At 1:20 p.m. another report of [another UFO] a 250-300 ft unidentified "circular" object over Mansville [Maysville? 120 mi ENE of Godman?], Ky., moving W at "a pretty good clip" [300 mph??], sighted by State Police first radioed then phoned (at 1:30?) to Ft Knox Military Police and Godman Field CO Col. Hix.<br>Between 1:20 and 2 p.m., Army Flight Service reported to Godman Army Air Field Control Tower, Ft. Knox, Ky. (37°54'23" N, 85°58'00" W, about 725 ft elevation) that the object was over Irvington (15 mi W of Godman) then Owensboro (60 mi W of Godman), Ky. [possibly 130 mi from Maysville to Irvington in 20-30 mins = 260-390 mph or roughly 300 mph].<br>Godman Tower operator Tech/Sgt Quentin A. Blackwell, Capt James F. Duesler, Jr., base air inspector Lt Col. E. Garrison Wood, and other USAF personnel sighted round white or silver or ice-cream cone-shaped UFO with revolving red streamer, to the S from base [apparently the same object hovering near Elizabethtown 15 mi S of Godman] beginning at 1:50 p.m., including many others such as Ops Ofcr Capt Cary W. Carter at 2:07 p.m.. onward and Col. Hix beginning about 2:10 p.m.<br>Approaching flight of 4 F-51D fighters came from the SSE, led by Kentucky ANG pilot Capt Thomas F. Mantell, Jr., who was overheard by Godman Tower giving radio position report to their home base Standiford Field, Louisville, Ky., at 2:50 p.m. Godman broke in over the radio to request Mantell intercept and identify UFO at about 210° azimuth from Godman Tower (soon corrected to 205°), "slightly lower" than the sun [at about 14° elevation] as reported by Mantell's wingman [thus about 10-12° elevation, altitude about 15,000 ft].<br>(Continued below) | 2 hrs 50 mins + 2 hrs 21 mins | 50+ | ½ to ¼ to 1/10 | theodolite + binoculars |

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| | | Jan. 7, 1948. Kentucky / Mantell case. (Continued)<br>UFO maintained constant angular position including elevation angle as seen from Godman Tower as it apparently receded on azimuth heading 205°, during most of Mantell's pursuit, which required UFO altitude of 50,000 to 60,000 ft to be reached at 60-70 miles distance at a recession velocity of about 240 mph, increasing to 300 mph when Mantell approached, but otherwise still maintaining constant position in the sky to Godman observers.<br>Flying at 300 mph and gradually climbing to about 22,000 to 23,000 ft, Mantell gradually overtook the UFO from below, past Bowling Green about 70-75 miles from Godman, at about 3:10 p.m. when in one of Mantell's last radio reports to Godman Tower he described UFO as "metallic and tremendous in size." Mantell went into war emergency (combat) maximum climb rate [2,000 ft/min at altitude] to reach UFO nearly overhead, but lost control at about 25,000 ft from hypoxia [?] and began fatal spiral descent at about 3:11 p.m.<br>Mantell was killed in his F-51D fighter, which crashed at about 3:18 p.m. about 4 miles SSW of Franklin, Ky. (at about 36°40.4' N, 86°35' N) about 92 miles S (more exactly 202° average azimuth) from Godman Tower [averaging 205° heading with approx. 4 mile deviation E at end of spin and crash].<br>UFO disappeared from view of Godman Tower behind a cloud in the distance [at about azimuth 205°] at 3:50 p.m. (CST).<br>From about 4:45 to 7:06 p.m., USAF 1st Lt. Paul I. Orner, Commander, 733-5 Detachment, AACS 103rd Sq, tracked unidentified white light with red coloration (or red cone with green tail) by weather theodolite from Godman Field hangar at 234° azimuth 6° elevation just after sunset [sunset at 4:40 p.m. CST thus roughly at 4:45 p.m.]. Object then at 240° azimuth 8° elevation at 5:35 p.m., (numerous measurements omitted here), 253.0° azimuth 1.2° elevation at 7:02 p.m., and disappeared over the horizon at 250° azimuth 0° elevation at 7:06 p.m. (CST). Illuminated inverted cone-shaped object looked like a sunlit Skyhook balloon except it was nighttime and 2 hours after sunset even for balloons at 80,000 ft<br>(Louisville amateur astronomer Latimer J. Wilson observed and timed disappearance into earth shadow of actual Skyhook balloon Flight B / No. 28 about 180 mi S of Godman at 5:12 p.m.). See later sightings at Lockbourne AFB and Clinton County AFB, Ohio (below). (Sparks; NICAP website; BB files). | | | | |

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| 70. | | Jan. 7, 1948. Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio, and Clinton County Air Base, Wilmington, Ohio. 7:15 p.m. (EST). Lockbourne Tower operators, Air Traffic Controller and pilot Alex A. Boudreaux and VHF DF Operator and amateur astronomer Frank M. Eisele, 103rd AACS Sq, sighted an bright object to the SW of the airfield which appeared and disappeared intermittently. Fighter pilot USAF Capt. Charles E. McGee, Asst. Operations Ofcr., Lockbourne AFB, sighted the object on runway 23 landing approach when he was at about 1800 ft and the light seemed to be at about 3,000 ft to the SW about 4-5 miles away, later on the ground sighted it to the W about 6-7 miles away. USAF VHF Direction-Finding (DF) Operator and pilot Albert R. Pickering, Detachment 733, 103rd AACS Sq, Lockbourne AFB, was awakened by the sudden emergence of a lighted amber-color round or oval object about the size of a C-47 or larger [60+ ft] dropping out of the overcast bank 10,000 ft overhead. Lockbourne Control Tower at the same time radioed report of the object, which then maneuvered over to Commercial Point about 3-5 miles away to the WSW, then made 3 full 360° circles over one spot in 30-40 secs per turn diameter about 2 miles [about 600-700 mph at 7 g's centripetal acceleration] over the runway, at a speed of 500+ mph, leaving a luminous amber-colored tail or exhaust about 5x its length. Then the UFO went to another location [?] and did more 360° turns estimated 2 mi turn diameter at 3-5 mi distance [roughly 30° diameter]. Disappeared into the overcast at one point for 1 min then reappeared. Just before departing UFO hovered or "appeared to touch down" on the grass extension past the end of the Lockbourne AFB runway for 10 secs then left at 120° (ESE) heading into the overcast. Also sighted by pilot of USAF 9944 a C-45 at 5,000 ft off right wing at 7:53 p.m. Some observations in the SW possibly planet Venus setting. (Sparks; APRO 1977; BB Sign Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 245-265; NICAP) | 40 mins | 5+ | 1/3 to 5? | |
| 71. | | Jan. 9, 1948. Near Cartersville, Georgia (at 34°10' N, 84°49' W). 11:30 p.m. Eastern Airlines DC-3 airliner pilot? DuBose saw a blue circular flame pass the plane, turn, then blink [out?]. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 72. | | Jan. 10, 1948. Wildwood, New Jersey. 8 or 10 p.m. Knitting designer saw a "saucer" or "queer light" approach from the ocean then rise and fall slowly, departed at high speed. Previous sightings of the same or similar phenomenon Dec. 27, 1947, Jan. 3, 1948, "all" at 8 p.m. (Sparks; McDonald list; FOIA) | | 1 | | |
| 73. | | Jan. 11, 1948. Hartford, Conn. (41.77° N, 72.68° W). 4:30 p.m. Pilot USAF Capt. Helton and copilot Pargoe in transport plane saw fast moving disc with bluish center and red edges dive at 45° angle to the E. (Sparks; Project 1947; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2? | | |
| 74. | | Feb. 1, 1948. Circleville, Ohio. 2 a.m. C. Bruce Stevenson saw a large 60 ft domed disc, with bright orange-amber glow from within, approach slowly to about 100-150 ft away and just above his tool barn and then continue to slowly move away. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | 60 | |

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| 75. | | March 1, 1948. Coast of Sweden. 9:30 a.m. Airline pilot and copilot saw a missile-like object flying at 20,000 ft passing along the coast with a bluish flare [exhaust? trail?]. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2 | | |
| 76. | | April 1, 1948. About 9 miles SE of Sorsogon, SE Luzon Island, Philippines (at 12°52' N, 124° 3' E). 9:55 a.m. USAF Lt. Meyers leading a flight of 4 P-47 fighters of the 67th Fighter Sq was flying S heading 180° at 1,500 ft altitude when he saw a half-moon shaped "flying wing" about 30 ft wide 20 ft long, with a barely perceptible dorsal fin, flying on a N heading 360° at about 1,000 ft about 3 miles to his E [evidently silhouetted against the surface 9 miles away at a depression angle of about 2°]. He immediately made a 270° left turn to identify the object when it made a 90° left turn [banking evidently] leveled out on a W heading 270° accelerating rapidly to disappearance in 5 secs, no trail [assuming 10x distance increase to reduce apparent size below visual resolution limit, and constant acceleration, terminal velocity would be about 11 miles per second or 39,000 mph at about 350 g's]. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5+ secs ? [10 mins?] | 1 | 1/5 | |
| 77. | 139 | April 5, 1948. Holloman AFB, New Mexico (32.86° N, 106.10° W). 2 p.m. [?]. During a balloon launch, Geophysics Lab Section of AMC Watson Labs balloon observers Joseph Olsen, Johnson, Chance, saw 1 to 2 “irregularly rounded,” round, gray-white or golden objects, indistinct in outline like a “major’s insignia ... slightly concave on top,” one [?] estimated 100 ft size. Both were rising straight up then one veered to the right, dropped, made a large loop, went upward again, then disappeared “suddenly” not due to distance. The other object arced off to the W at “terrific” or “tremendous speed,” made 3 vertical loops or “violent maneuvers” then disappeared “suddenly” not due to “fading away in the distance.” (Sign Microfilm Roll 2, pp. 356-367; Berliner; cf. Ruppelt p. 71; Vallée?; Loren Gross Jan-July 1948 orig ed p. 25; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 secs | 3 | 1/4 to 1/6 | geophysics balloon observers |
| 78. | | April 8, 1948. Ashley, Ohio [Delaware?]. Paines. Night. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 6+ | | |
| 79. | | April 9, 1948. Holloman AFB?, Alamogordo, New Mexico. 2:06 p.m. (MST). (Sparks; Trakowski GRUDGE rpt) | | | | |
| 80. | | April 9, 1948. Montgomery, Alabama (32.37° N, 86.31° W). 3:10 p.m. Lt. Col. Robert B. Hughes, Air Tactical School instructor, Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Florida, while flying a P-51E [P-51H?] fighter at 16,000 ft, just before completing a 180° left turn over Montgomery, he spotted a silver parachute-shaped 8 ft disc with a 5 ft long cable or shroud underneath suspending a silver canister or ball, at his 10 o'clock position (to the SE) off his left wing, object heading NW, about 300-500 ft away, 200-300 ft below him, and about 10° below horizontal. He banked sharp left to try to follow the object, at 310 mph IAS, but it disappeared in 5 secs without dropping in altitude. (Sparks; FOIA Army Intell cys of SIGN files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5+ secs ? | 1 | 2 | |

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| 81. | | April 11, 1948. Alton, Illinois (38.90° N, 90.17° W). Afternoon. Siegmund. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 82. | | April 18, 1948. N Atlantic bet. Iceland and Greenland (at 62° N, 33° W). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | radar |
| 83. | | April 18, 1948. 1 mile N of Fairbanks, Alaska (64°50' N, 147°50' W). 1:06 p.m. USAF member Johnson of 375th Recon Sq-Very Long Range, Ladd AFB, in the Chaechako Hotel saw a noiseless object with a flat discus shaped object 8 inches in size [at arm's length??] rapidly oscillating in flight at about 2,000-3,000 ft altitude about 1 mile away traveling NE to SW at about 250-300 mph visible only when the flat side was toward the observer reflecting high intensity sunlight (?). (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | few mins or 15 secs ? | 1 | 1/15 ?? | |
| 84. | | April 19, 1948. Greenville AFB, South Carolina (34.84° N, 82.39° W). 4:15 p.m. 1st Lt. Francis W. Hennin Jr. and 1st Lt. Robert G. Loomis, 5th Liaison Sq., Greenville AFB, heard jet fighter(s) and when looking for it saw a stationary white ellipse [sphere?] directly overhead [?] at about 15,000-20,000 ft [to the NE?], which looked like a weather balloon (but none had been launched), and after 1 min it was joined by [or seen to be with?] an identical object also at 15,000+ ft which remained relatively stationary (about 1 min) then both suddenly accelerated to high speed climbing to the NNE (against the winds aloft from the N at 10,000 and 20,000 ft) in N-S trail formation disappearing in about 30 secs ["a few" secs? 1 min?], while the original object drifted N [?]. Size estimated at slightly smaller than a 42 ft AT-6 at the indicated altitude. No weather balloons had been launched. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 3, pp. 916-930) | 2-3 mins | 2 | 1/5 | |
| 85. | | April 29 (?), 1948. Hokkaido, Japan. SAC airborne radar interference. (Jan Aldrich; AFOIN files) | | | | radar interference |
| 86. | | April 30, 1948. S of Anacostia NAS, Maryland. 10:15 a.m. Pilot USN Lt Cdr Marcus L. Lowe of USN Bruno aircraft flying S at 180° magnetic at 5,500 ft saw yellow or light-colored sphere 25-40 ft diameter on opposite course S to N at constant altitude at 100 mph about 1,000 ft below. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index; AIR 203 Dec 10, 1948; NICAP) | | 1 | | |
| 87. | | May 5, 1948. Adapasari [or Adapazari], Turkey (40°45' N, 30°23' E). Rocket? (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 88. | | May 6, 1948. Near Wake Island, bet. Kwajalein and Hickam Field, Hawaii (19°18' N, 166°36' E ?). 9:05 a.m. USAF pilot Barnes of MATS plane saw a ball of fire explode like a shell. [Insufficient data. Probable meteor bolide.] (Sparks; McDonald list; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1? | | |
| 89. | | May 7, 1948. Memphis, Tenn. (35.14° N, 90.03° W) Bray and Kaiser. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2? | | |
| 90. | | May 31, 1948. Wilmington, North Carolina (34.23° N, 77.94° W). 1:20 p.m. [?] Alspach and Colvin. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2? | | |

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| 91. | | June 20, 1948. Scott AFB, Belleville, Illinois. Balloon? (McDonald list) | | | | |
| 92. | | June 29, 1948. W Uniontown, Penna. 11 p.m. Mrs. Catherine MacDonald and Mrs. Margaret Hollar saw an oval luminous object "rolling" vertically on its edge in level (or climbing) flight at about 5,000 ft, below the clouds, with a short trail (about 1/2 length of object), in the SW moving SW to NE (to the S of witnesses?). 2 similar objects seen at 5-min intervals, the 2nd seeming transparent as lightning could be seen flashing behind it. Police were then called so 2nd/3rd objects were seen by police Sgt. Charles Schulz [Schuh?] and Mrs. MacDonald's daughter Catherine. Another neighbor woman and her daughter were brought out, when a 3rd object was seen, height estimated 6,000-9,000 ft (climbing?), same SW to NE path. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5-10 secs + ? + 6-7 secs | 6 | | |
| 93. | | June 30, 1948. S Knoxville, Tenn. (35.98° N, 83.92° W) Whitehouse. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 94. | | June 30, 1948. Hecla, South Dakota. Pfutzenreuter. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 95. | | July 1, 1948. Rapid City AFB, South Dakota. Major Hammer sighted 12 oval-shaped discs, about 100 ft long, flying in excess of 500 mph, descending from 10,000 ft. Discs made 30°-40° climbing turn accelerating very rapidly out of sight. (Sparks; AIR 203 Dec 10, 1948; NICAP) | | 1? | | |
| 96. | | July 4, 1948. Dravosburg, Penna. Jannicky. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 97. | | July 8, 1948. McKeesport, Penna. Veway and Geltz. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 98. | | July 9, 1948. Fielding Lake, Wash. Caramia. (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 99. | | July 9, 1948. Osborn, Ohio. 9:47 p.m. AMC Technical Intelligence Division officer and pilot, Lt. C. W. G., of MCIAXO-4, saw to the N about 70° elevation a luminous yellowish-white object traveling E to W at estimated 3,000-4,000 ft about 500-600 mph, illuminated at regular intervals, first 1-2 secs, then dark 3 secs, lit 1-2 secs again, dark 3 secs, then lit 1-2 secs again disappearing to the W slightly above the horizon N of Patterson Field. No sound or trail. Moon 1/4 illuminated seen rising to the WSW (actually setting to the W at 272° azimuth 21° elevation 15% illuminated). (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3-6 secs (excluding gaps) | 1 | | |
| 100. | | July 17, 1948. 5 miles S of San Acacia Dam, New Mexico. 4:50 p.m. 2 Kirtland AFB Sgts. on a fishing trip with their families saw a group of 7 aluminum circular possibly spherical objects approach from the S at 20,000 ft pass overhead at 1,500 mph if the altitude was correct (5°/sec angular velocity), at first appearing like snub-nosed jet fighters of unknown type, shifting from V formation to L formation to circular formation to no regular formation, at which point a regular pulsating flashing light appeared in the group at 30° from zenith to the N, and at this oblique angle the objects did not appear circular. No noise or trail. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | [10-30 secs?] | 2 | | |

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| 101. | | July 21, 1948. Van Nuys, Calif. (34.18° N, 118.45° W). (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | many | | |
| 102. | | July 24, 1948. Altoona, Penna. Night. Griebel. Meteor? (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 103. | | July 24, 1948. 20 (25?) miles SW of Montgomery, Alabama (at 32.1° N, 86.7° W). 2:40-2:45 a.m. (EST). Chiles-Whitted case. Probable meteor fireball seen from North Carolina to Georgia to Alabama. (Sparks; Battelle Unknown No. 5; Loren Gross Jan-July 1948 pp. 34-48, 53-55, C-F; Supp. 1948 pp. 54-60) | 5-10 secs | 8+ | 16 ? | |
| 104. | | July 26, 1948. Chamblee (near Atlanta), Georgia. 8:45-9 p.m. 5-15 (?) students outdoors at Georgia Tech at Chamblee, including Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shaw, Robert Sebring, Mrs. Jeanne Hill, Mrs. Myrtle Renfroe, Mrs. John Gall, saw a green light with a silver tail about the size of a football [at arm's length??] in steady flight to [in?] the SE slowly descending as if for a landing [maintaining steady horizontal flight?], completely silent. At 9 p.m. Atlanta Naval Air Base tower observer Doyle L. Avery saw a blue-white object in horizontal level flight at high altitude in the NE heading SE in a few seconds then gain altitude, then suddenly turn to the S, completely noiseless. Independent witnesses include City Editor of Atlanta *Chronicle* newspaper and 9 others. Possible meteor? (BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 3, pp. 1201-4; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | few secs? | 16-26+ | | |
| 105. | | July 27, 1948. Albuquerque, New Mexico (35.1° N, 106.6° W). 8:35-8:45 a.m. Dr. Everton Conger, journalism instructor at Univ. of NM, sighted in the sky a round flat plate-like object like duraluminum metal highly polished and reflective. (Sparks; Hynek Astronomer Survey Aug. 6, 1952; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 86 p. 478, Maxwell Roll 1 p. 973) | 10 mins | 1 | | |
| 106. | 185 | July 29, 1948. Indianapolis, Indiana (39.76° N, 86.15° W). 9:18 [9:55] a.m. James Toney and Robert Huggins, both employees of a rug cleaning firm in a truck headed W, saw a shiny propeller-shaped aluminum object, with 10-12 small cups protruding from either blade, 6-8 ft long, 1.5-2 (or 1-2) ft wide, above trees about 30 ft altitude to the NW about 300 ft away heading S about 170° approaching to about 100 ft at closest. Object glided across the road at 25-30 mph in a slight descent then made a 20° bank to the E, went down in a wooded area; witnesses stopped truck got out to look but object disappeared behind trees; later search found no traces. No sound or trail. (Sparks; Battelle Unknown No. 1; Vallée Magonia 65) | [15 secs] | 2 | 8 | |

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| 107. | 190 | July 31, 1948. S central Indianapolis, Indiana. 8:25 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Swigert saw a cymbal-shaped or domed disc object or rounded coolie hat to the W, about 20 ft across, 6-8 ft thick, 3:1 ratio noted, white without any shine but shadowing on upper right (sun from the left or E), fly straight and level from horizon to horizon W to E heading 90°, first through window facing W then window facing S, altitude estimated at 2,000 ft covering distance of 5 miles (1,800 mph? distance 2 miles? elevation 10°?), shimmering in the sun as if spinning. No sound or trail. (Sparks; Battelle Unknown No. 8; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 secs | 2 | 1/5 ? | |
| 108. | 191 | July 31, 1948. Near Marion, Virginia (36.81° N, 81.52° W). Shortly after sunset. Max Abbott, flying a Bellanca Cruisair four-passenger private airplane, saw a single bright white light [take off?] accelerate [to 300 mph?] and turn up a valley. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1? | | |
| 109. | | Aug. 2, 1948. Columbus, Ohio (39.98° N, 82.99° W). 7:45 p.m. [?] Saunders. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 110. | | Aug. 3, 1948. 25 km NW of Moscow, USSR (55°45' N, 37°42' E). 8 a.m. [?] Long metallic cylinder with no wings, no sound, at very high altitude flew at high speed to the NE. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 111. | | Aug. 4, 1948. North Powder, Oregon. 0200 & 0300 2<br>Unk North Powder, Oregon NW to SE<br>5500' Horizontal line Green<br>Softball 720 mph<br>Extinguished (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 112. | | Aug. 11, 1948. Near Hamel, Minn. Bet. 12 and 12:15 p.m. (CDT). 2 Leuer boys playing outside saw a round, dull gray or silver object 2 ft diameter, 1 ft thick, like inverted plates approach from the NW drop down between the boys from a height of 12 ft and land 8 ft away from one of the boys like a balloon with a metallic clinking sound and a train whistle noise. It spun once, shot up 20 ft, made the whistle noise again, hovered, shot up to a height of 30 ft maneuvering to avoid phone lines and trees, flew away to the NE. CIC Special Agent Capt. Charles L. Victor, 113th CIC Det., found an area 2 ft in diameter where the ground showed signs of extreme pressure. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 66; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | 30 | |
| 113. | | Aug. 29, 1948. Maplewood, Ohio (40.377° N, 84.029° W). 5:03 a.m. Farmer Niswenger saw a large silvery sphere rise from a wooded area and hover above his farm, dropping a silvery substance that disintegrated before touching the ground. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 67; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |

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| 114. | | Sept. 18, 1948. SE Shreveport, Louisiana (32.50° N, 93.76° W). 5:00 p.m. Draftsman at home using high-power binoculars to watch an L-6 aircraft at 10,000 ft altitude at 60° elevation to the SE traveling 100 mph, for Air Force Day, saw a bright white-aluminum half-spherical object traveling the opposite direction in level flight at about 20,000 ft altitude 2-1/2 miles away ground distance at 100-150 mph heading S, no trail, lost when he tried to view it without binoculars. Object appeared to be 1/3 size of the L-6 (35.5 ft) but 2x the distance, or about 24 ft. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10-15 secs | 1 | 1/10 (0.5° ? equiv in binocs) | binoculars |
| 115. | | Sept. 22, 1948. Near Turner AFB, Albany, Georgia (31.57° N, 84.17° W). 3:30 p.m. (EST). USAF Lt. Martin G. Rubisch, Asst. Combat Ops Ofcr. at Eglin AFB, Flor., the copilot of a C-47 was flying from Eglin heading NE into Turner AFB at 2,000 ft when he saw a shiny metallic object about the size of a radio-controlled target drone, but with no wings or rudder, approaching from about 1,500-2,000 ft away about 35° to the left heading 335° (or 155°?) at about 250 mph at 1,500 ft altitude, no trail. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | 1 ? | |
| 116. | 208 | Sept. 23, 1948. 4 miles E of San Pablo, 4.1 miles S of Pinole, Calif. Approx. 12:02-12:03 p.m. Retired U.S. Army Col. Horace S. Eakins and Sylvester Bentham saw a 2-engine bomber aircraft pass low overhead to the SE then saw far beyond and high above it, possibly 1 mile higher, a strange fast-flying irregularly shaped translucent white “amoeba” headed E, the size of a 4-engine bomber, with 3 appendages in front 2 trailing with a dark grey spot possibly spherical near the center which remained stable in motion, the arms of the “amoeba” undulating, the object wobbling, disappeared suddenly, no trail. [Another object sighted?: a buff or grey rectangle with vertical lines.] (Sparks; cf. FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | 2 ? | |
| 117. | | Sept. 23 [25?], 1948. Santa Fe, New Mexico (at 35°41’ N, 105°56’ W). 9:40 [9:45?] a.m. Civilian pilot A. Ruble Angier and building superintendent and pilot / amateur astronomer John C. Fairchild were near KTRC radio tower while watching a government aircraft landing at Los Alamos airport [about 20 miles to the NW] saw a sun-reflecting glint in the sky from a flat circular metallic (solid white?) object high in the N sky headed SW appearing like a flat dime on-edge slightly tipped as if 50 ft away, estimated 100-150 ft in diameter at 30,000 ft headed S then E then SE, from about 9:45 to 9:50 a.m. then again (stationary?) at about 10:03 a.m. [briefly?]. Fairchild described oblong egg shape, with solid blue tail, overall 100-150 ft in size at 30,000 ft and 7 miles (ground?) range. Fairchild said object moved at about 700-800 mph (Sparks; BB files; Case confused with Los Alamos case, below; Saunders/FUFOR Index.) | 1-1/2 to 5+ mins | 2 | 1/10 [1/2] | |

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| 118. | | Sept. 23, 1948. Los Alamos, New Mexico (35.68° N, 105.94° W ?). [AESS security guard Hanson ?? (possibly other Los Alamos Lab personnel) saw an oval orange luminous object, length/width ratio about 1.5:1, to the E crossing the sky in level flight from right to left, trailing flame, disappearing in a cloud bank to the NE.] (Sparks; Case recounted in unpublished Ruppelt manuscript said to be included in the TOP SECRET AMC Estimate of the Situation, apparently a revised version of the Aug. 5, 1948, initial draft) | | 1? | | |
| 119. | | Sept. 28 [18?], 1948. San Simeon, Calif. Patterson. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 120. | | Oct. 1, 1948. Fargo (46.88° N, 96.78° W) to 25 miles SE of Fargo, North Dakota. 9:00-9:27 p.m. (MST). Air National Guard fighter pilot Lt. George F. Gorman plus 4 others including 2 CAA tower controllers, Lloyd D. Jensaen and Manuel E. Johnson, saw a small 6-8-inch round white ball of light with a flat, no-depth disc-like appearance, blinking off and on at slow speed, continuous light at faster speeds. First spotted by pilot Dr. A. D. Cannon and passenger Einar Neilson aboard Piper Cub aircraft at 1600 ft AGL, N of Hector Field moving fast to the W above them at about 250-270 mph, spotted by Gorman shortly after. Gorman radioed tower again at 9:05 p.m. and began pursuit of the UFOnin his F-51 at 9:07 p.m. Cannon and Neilson landed, went up into airport tower and with binoculars watched Lt. Gorman attempt to chase the light in his F-51 fighter, closest approach less than 500 ft distance on his first pass at about 5,000 ft. CAA asst controller Johnson observed the UFO at about 2,000 ft AGL above and faster than the Piper Cub. At about 9:10 p.m. CAA Senior Airport Traffic Controller Jensen sighted with Bausch & Lomb 6x30 binoculars the UFO pursued by the F-51, the UFO at a high rate of speed outpacing the slower F-51; the UFO perfectly round with sharp edges no fuzzy outline. Gorman climbed to 14,000 ft but stalled out unable to intercept light at about 16,000 ft. Light made evasive and aggressive maneuvers, such as seeming to try to ram the F-51, that outperformed the F-51, showing a top speed 600+ mph. Light dropped to 11,000 ft, Gorman attempted to dive on it, light pulled up, rose vertically until it disappeared. Gorman's F-51 and other F-51's (for comparison) in his ANG squadron were tested for radioactivity by Project SIGN, with minimal or inconclusive results. Gorman was ordered tested for radiation exposure, results unknown. (Sparks; BB files) | 27 mins | 5 | 1/6 – 1/9 (0.06°-0.08°) | binoculars; oculist; radioactivity?? |
| 121. | | Oct. 11, 1948. Neubiberg AFB, Munich, West Germany. Swap and Ingelido. Balloon? (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 122. | | Oct. 13, 1948. South Bend, Indiana (41.68° N, 86.26° W). Brooke and Thompson. Debris? (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |

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| 123. | 218 | Oct. 15, 1948. About 50 miles NW (at 330° from) Fukuoka, Japan (at 34°00’ N, 130°00’ E). 11:05 p.m. (intermittently to 1:30 a.m.?) USAF pilot 1st Lt. Oliver Hemphill Jr. and radar observer 2nd Lt. Barton Halter flying a P-61 “Black Widow” night fighter made 6 interceptions of the same or different objects tracked on airborne radar, only one seen visually (4th intercept). Dull or dark translucent object shaped like a dirigible with a flat bottom and clipped tail end. Speed varied from 200 to about 1,200 mph. Pilot tried to close on visual object, but it dove away fast. Continued search to 1:30 a.m. unsuccessful at finding object again. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 4, pp. 363-401; FOIA; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 mins (total) | 2 | | RV |
| 124. | | Oct. 15, 1948. At 36°42' N, 74°40' W (about 50 miles E of Virginia coast in the Atlantic). 5:20-6:10 p.m. (EST). Ship's observer aboard SS Gulfport, named Keme [?], saw a bright nearly moon-shaped object with distinct bright center about 1/4 moon's angular size at 350° azimuth (nearly N) 40°18' elevation heading SE becoming darker with nightfall, at 5:30 p.m. at 358° azimuth 43°41' elevation, [passing near the North Celestial Pole by about 10°], at 5:54 at 50° azimuth (nearly NE) 57°5' elevation. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | 1/5 | marine sextant |
| 125. | | Oct. 16, 1948. 1 mile S, 8 [5?] miles E of Sterling, Utah. 11:45 a.m. Airplane mechanic and used car dealer Mr. Nash on a hunting trip on a mountain at 9,000 ft MSL heard a fluttering, throbbing or purring noise and saw a flattened football or lozenge shaped black object with wide silver longitudinal stripe 9 x 6 x 3 inches, with blunted opening in the rear but no exhaust, pass < 500 ft overhead on a NNW path at 300 mph. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4+ secs | 1 | 1-1/2 (0.8°) | |
| 126. | | Oct. 17, 1948. Crescent City, Calif. (41.75° N, 124.20° W). 8:10 a.m. (PST) [4:10 p.m. GMT?]. Blimp-like object much too fast and maneuverable for a blimp. [Siler, Haley and 2 other witnesses saw bright silvery oval object heading SE at 6,000+ ft altitude moving faster than an aircarft.] (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 4 | | |
| 127. | | Oct. 18, 1948. Pacific Heights, Oahu, Hawaii (21.31° N, 157.87° W). 5:05 p.m. (AHST). USAF rated pilot Major Robert C. Drum, wife and daughter, saw a round or elliptical bright silver object 10-15 ft in size [or 4-5 inches at arm's length??] about 10,000-14,000 ft altitude heading NE on a steady course horizontal to the ground about 200 mph, no trail or sound, no markings of any kind seen, observed intermittently for up to 10 secs at a time [due to cumulus clouds?]. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | mins | 3 | 1/10 ?<br>20 ? | |
| 128. | | Oct. 24, 1948. 10 miles SW of Junction City, Kansas. Huber. Aircraft? (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 129. | | Oct. 24, 1948. Phoenix, Ariz. (33.45° N, 112.05° W). Night. Peterson. Green point source moved slowly from W to E. Became very bright and fell apart. Balloon? (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 p. 407; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 75 mins | 1 | | |

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| 130. | | Oct. 24, 1948. 4 miles SE of Moorhead, Minn. 5:45 p.m. Mr. Sanders and his wife while driving NW on Hwy 52 towards Moorhead and Fargo (46.88° N, 96.78° W) saw a brilliant golden-white round object suddenly appear as if a light switched on, about 3 miles away to the NE at 1,000 ft altitude in a gradual climb traveling at high speed, estimated 600-1,000 mph, heading W towards Moorhead, no trail or sound, about 1/2 full moon angular size [moon and sun both below the horizon]. When they reached the N of Moorhead the object, which was slightly to the left of directly ahead, suddenly made a right turn to the N then 1 sec later disappeared by suddenly switching off. (Sparks; FOIA; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5-7 mins<br>? | 2 | 1/2 | |
| 131. | | Oct. 29 [27?], 1948. Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada (53.33° N, 60.41° W). On this date or succeeding dates Oct. 31, and Nov. 1, 1948, slow-moving unidentified targets were radar tracked at low altitude. On one date 2 targets were on a collision course S of base and were radioed a warning, the targets then veered off. High speed radar track on Nov. 1. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Ruppelt manuscript) | | | | radar |
| 132. | | Oct. 30, 1948. About 15 (25?) miles WNW of Grays Harbor / Pacific Beach, Wash. (at 47°20-1/2' N, 124°42' W). 4:20?-4:30 p.m. (PST). While flying in an F-82 fighter headed N at 8,000 ft at 240 mph on a GCI intercept mission initially directed by the ADC radar site 634th Aicraft Control Sq., Neah Bay, Wash. (505th AC&W Group, Everett, Wash.) radar observer AF 2nd Lt. Robert L. Kunzman, 318th All Weather Fighter Sq, 325th Fighter Group, McChord AFB, Wash., saw as he headed toward an interception point a single compact group of yellow objects in the WNW at 10 o'clock position which burst into an in-line formation of about 10-20 or 25 white egg-shaped objects that crossed over in front of aircraft to 1 o'clock (in the NNE) heading W to E still in line formation at about 8,000 ft heading S and dropping back to 3 o'clock position in the E, which he first thought might be seagulls. Objects maintained same altitude and horizontal flight throughout. Objects then doubled back heading N paralleling the F-82's course while moving back up to 2:30 o'clock position at high speed, turning translucent part of the time just before disappearing by fading out or dissolving without going far enough to have vanished due to distance (some fog with visibility 5 miles may account for disappearance). [If at 5 miles objects covered 15° from 3 to 2:30 position in possibly 5-10 secs, time assumed not reported, then relative velocity was possibly 500-1,000 mph greater than F-82's 240 mph.] He called attention of the pilot Maj. Homer William Morris who missed seeing the objects. Ground radar lost object at this same time. AFOSI interviewed radar contollers at 635th AC&W Sq at Pacific Beach, who tracked "no unidentified objects at high rate of speed" (leaving unstated what about unidentifieds at *moderate* speed) but did not interview at 634th AC&W Sq at Neah Bay which did the tracking. (Sparks; McDonald list; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 4, pp. 630-657; Sign Roll, pp. 57-58; NARA Roll 88 pp. 144-149) | ? (radar)<br>+ 20 secs<br>(visual) | 2+ | | RV |

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| 133. | | Oct. 31, 1948. Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada (53.33° N, 60.41° W). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 134. | | Oct. 31, 1948. Azores. USAF AFB? Balloon? (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 135. | | Nov. 1, 1948. Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada (53.33° N, 60.41° W). High speed radar track. (Sparks; Ruppelt manuscript; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 136. | | Nov. 3/4, 1948. 10 miles E of Vaughn, New Mexico (34.61° N, 105.21° W). About 10 p.m. U.S. Army Col. Hayes. Bright white round light "larger than a basketball" descended slowly vertically until exploding 400-500 ft above ground. Meteor? (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 p. 407; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | secs? | 1 | | |
| 137. | | Nov. 6, 1948. Wakkanai, Japan (45°26' N, 141°43' E). Radar track of 2 UFO's in dogfight. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 138. | | Nov. 12, 1948. Clark AFB, Manila, Philippines. Bet. 1 and 2 p.m. Airman Wright with 18th Maint. Sq saw a white speck flying in the distance to the NE, then N, then fly into a cloud bank and emerge to the NNW, approaching closer so that he saw it was a very large 300 ft long 140 ft wingspan snow-white aircraft with low wings darting in and out of clouds much faster than any jet, about 20-30 miles away about 3-6 miles high, leaving an exhaust trail like skywriting and making loud aircraft noise. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | 1/5 | |
| 139. | | Nov. 17, 1948. Peace River, Alberta, Canada (at 56°10' N, 117°30' W). 6:18 a.m. (PST). Pilot and radio [radar?] operator of military aircraft saw a bright orange flaming egg-shaped object flying on a SW heading. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | | |
| 140. | | Nov. 18, 1948. Camp Springs, Maryland (38.81° N, 76.88° W ?). 9:45-10:03 p.m. USAF Lts. Jackson and Combs, 2 reserve pilots, aboard an Andrews AFB T-6 aircraft traveling 150 mph and 2 independent ground observers saw a highly maneuverable whitish-grey oval lighted object smaller than the T-6 cross over Andrews AFB from NE to SW and back again in a circular pattern from 4,000 ft dropping to 1,700 ft then climbing to 7,000 ft. T-6 followed object to identify it, made 3-4 passes at the object while climbing, dove on the object at 240 mph but it dropped down and came up behind the T-6 and continued circling the base. T-6 was able with difficulty to put object in front of city lights on the ground to try to make out details, and came within about 300-400 ft turned on landing light and object responded with a dull glow, then sped off to the NE at 8,000+ ft and 500-600 mph disappearing. Object's speed varied from 80 to 600 mph in multi-directional or omnidirectional flight, with vertical maneuverability, highly evasive with high acceleration. Another reserve pilot, a USAF 2nd Lt. in another aircraft over the NE corner of Andrews AFB at 1,000 ft saw the object directly overhead. A further independent witness, USAF Staff Sgt. John J. Kushner, observed object from the ground. (Sparks; FOIA; Ruppelt p. 46; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 18 mins | 4 | 10 | triangulation? |

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| 141. | | Nov. 23, 1948. Furstenfeldbruck AFB, Munich, West Germany (48°10' N, 11°15' E). 10:20 p.m. USAF F-80 jet fighter pilot Capt. Slater, another jet pilot Capt., and a 1st Lt. of 23rd Fighter Sq from the ground saw a reddish star-like object to the E moving S over Munich at 200-500 mph, turning slightly SW then SE. Slater called the Racecard DF Station equipped with radar which tracked an unidentified target at [900 mph] 27,000 ft and 30 miles S of Munich, rapidly climbing to 40,000 [50.000] ft at 40 miles S of Munich then circling around. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 3 | | RV |
| 142. | | Nov. 23, 1948. 10 miles E of Vaughn, New Mexico (34.61° N, 105.21° W). About 10 p.m. U.S. Army Col. Hayes. Bright white round light “larger than a basketball” descended slowly vertically until exploding 400-500 ft above ground. Meteor? (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 p. 407; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | secs? | 1 | | |
| 143. | | Nov. 26, 1948. Washington and Oregon. Young. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 144. | 257 | Dec. 3, 1948. Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif. (38.25° N, 121.99° W). 8:15 p.m. USAF Sgt. control tower operator McFarland saw a round, white light fly with varying speed, bouncing motion, and finally a rapid erratic climb. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 25 secs | 1 | | |
| 145. | | Dec. 3, 1948. Dayton, Ohio (39.75° N, 84.18° W). S. R. [?] Hoffman. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 146. | | Dec. 5, 1948. ~5 mi SW of Las Vegas (35°36’N, 105°13’W), New Mexico. 9:05 p.m. (MST). AF Air Training Command, Randolph AFB, San Antonio, Tex., copilot Capt. William R. Goade, pilot Major Roger M. Carter, flying a C-47 from Lowry AFB, Denver, to Williams AFB, Chandler, Ariz., at 15,000 ft, on a 230° Mag heading [= 243° True] at 155-160 mph [158 mph IAS], true ground speed ~190 mph, saw a green fireball about 1-1/2 to 2 miles to their right with a parabolic path descent. 2nd green fireball sighting at 9:27 p.m. made from ~20 mi ENE of Albuquerque of bright green flare shooting up from ground level on E slopes of [South] Sandia Peak rising to ~500 ft height above ground, slope location at 35°07’ or 09’N, 106°24’W [~5 miles E of Albuquerque]. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | ?? (1st) + 5-15 secs or 1-2 secs (2nd) | 2 + 2 | 1 | |
| 147. | | Dec. 5, 1948. NW of Las Vegas near Montezuma Mission (5 mi NW of Las Vegas? at ~35°39’N, ~105°16’W), New Mexico. 9:35 p.m. Pioneer Airlines Flight 63 pilot Capt. Ernest Van Lloyd and copilot James L. Smith, saw a pale green (later said to be white or whitish-orange) fireball with pale green trail coming headon slightly above their altitude, while flying W on 272° heading at 9,000 ft in a C-47 approaching Las Vegas from the E, attempted evasive action but object dropped close to ground level. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 p. 407; FOIA) | few secs | 2 | 1 ? | |

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| 148. | | Dec. 6, 1948. Albuquerque, New Mexico (35°03'N, 106°32'W). 10:55 p.m. AESS officer Joseph Toulouse driving W on D Street stopped at intersection with Main Street saw a green fireball almost directly overhead above Sandia Base nuclear weapons assembly site, slightly to the NW arching slightly downward, traveling from E to W, with a flaming tail. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 p. 407; FOIA) | 2-3 secs | 1 | 1/3 or 2/5 | |
| 149. | | Dec. 8, 1948. About 22 miles E of Las Vegas, at 35°31' N, 104°51' W, New Mexico. 6:33 p.m. 2 AFOSI Special Agents, Capts. Melvin E. Neef and John J. Stahl, Jr. (Deputy Commander 17th Dist. AFOSI), returning from investigation of green fireballs in a Beech T-7, heading E at 90° and 190 mph at 11,500 ft altitude and 5,000 ft above ground, saw green fireball 30° to the left of their flight path, to the ENE at 60° azimuth, at an estimated 2,000 ft above their flight altitude of 13,500 ft, which shot past them maintaining almost level flight until the end to the WSW at 240° azimuth when it seemed to burn out and drop suddenly with reddish-orange glowing fragments which lasted less than 1 sec. Later aerial search of the ground site in daylight found nothing. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 p. 407; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 secs | 2 | | |
| 150. | | Dec. 8, 1948. Chanute AFB, Illinois. Night? Meteor? (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | many ? | | |

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| 151. | | Dec. 9, 1948. About 12 miles SE of Pittsburgh, Penna. (at 40.3° N, 79.8° W). 3:21 p.m. (EST). USAF Pentagon officers pilot Capt. Eugene G. Mulling, Jr., Instrument Flight Group, USAF Office of DCS/Operations and copilot, with senior pilot rating, Col. John K. Brown, Jr., Guided Missile Group, DCS/O, flying in a C-45 at 6,000 ft heading 300° Mag [295° True] at 180 mph IAS saw "perfectly round" chalky white object, much whiter than the cirrus and alto-stratus clouds, first seen at about 1 o'clock position (about NNW) at about 60° elevation on a straight-line level flight heading initially estimated at SW or 250°, a converging course with the C-45. At 3:24 p.m., C-45 turned left to heading 270° Mag (W) to move away from UFO which had pulled almost directly ahead, to reduce convergent headings and make more nearly parallel the course of the object. UFO estimated to be above cloud bank at 12,000-16,000 ft it later disappeared behind, at about 4-5 miles away at first sight, traveling about 250 mph [a great underestimate, speed actually ~ 700 mph] at constant speed, pulling ahead of C-45 at an increasingly greater distance to about 60 miles [increased relative distance about 55 miles in 1/10 hour or about 550 mph faster than C-45's 180 mph and probably moved to the left of C-45's heading by about 15° to 20° thus about 245°-250° True]. Object had horizontal shimmering or jittery motion on edges extending inwards about ¼ of the object's diameter, "possibly due to ... directed beam of light?" or "extreme speed" and/or "distortion of light waves." Object repeatedly disappeared and reappeared behind clouds, and when it reappeared it was on the same straight-line flight path. Object seemed to have a physical effect on the clouds, at one point a stratus cloud it disappeared behind seemed to change from long narrow shape to "a series of small strips" of cloud oriented perpendicular to original long axis. Angular size initially about 0.5°, "slightly less than the sun when first seen," size of quarter coin (0.955 inch) on windshield, diminishing to less than size of BB (0.17 inch) hence <18% of initial, or based on decrease of angular elevation by factor of about 12x SIGN confirmed as a distance increase of about 12x to 15x [thus <0.03°], when it disappeared behind large cloud S of Akron at known distance/location/altitude about 60 miles away [cloud extending about 20 miles S of Akron] at 12,000 to 16,000 ft, at about 5° to 10° elevation, location known becsuse C-45 flew over it as they landed at Akron at 3:39-1/2 p.m. [Actual size about 200 ft based on angular size of 0.5° at 4 miles.] (Sparks; McDonald papers; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index; "9-12" date is 9 Dec not Sept. 12, 1948, which is mistaken) | 6 mins | 2 | 1 | USAF DCS/O Guided Missile + Instrument Flight officials |
| 152. | | Dec. 11, 1948. Hood River, Ore. 7:30 p.m. Blue and white flash of light with noise like thunder. (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 p. 410) | | | | |

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| 153. | | Dec. 12, 1948. Starvation Peak near Bernal, New Mexico (at 35°23’ N, 105° 19’ W). 9:02.0 p.m. ±0.5 min (MST). Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, USAF Capt. Charles L. Phillips, and CAP intelligence officer Lt. Allan B. Clark, returning from green fireball investigations while looking to the NW saw a green fireball at least stellar magnitude –4 traveling E to W low above the horizon about 3°-4° elevation in almost perfectly level flight until the last 0.1 to 0.2 sec when it slightly curved downward, disintegrating into 3-4 pieces, no sound. Based on independent witnesses, AESS Inspectors Jeffers and McGuigan at Los Alamos, LaPaz triangulated object's flight path at about 8-10 miles [6-7 miles] height along a 25-mile path from 35°50’N, 106°40’W, to 35°45’N, 107’05’W, speed 39,000 to 43,000 mph. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 88 pp. 740, 745; Roll 91 p. 410; FOIA) | 2.1-2.3 secs | 3 | 1/7 (0.08°) | Lincoln LaPaz; triangulation |
| 154. | | Dec. 17, 1948. N Ambridge, Penna. 1:30 a.m. 2 witnesses in the railyard, a train conductor Hildebrand and the yardmaster Werner [?], saw a formation of 8 white luminescent rotating spherical objects, like wheels revolving around hubs, approaching from the N high above horizon, 45° elevation, headed S, just before reaching overhead they made a controlled dive and a sharp 90° right turn to the W, with the topmost object leading the others, fading from view while still high above horizon. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 88 pp. 367-372; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 secs | 2 | 1 (as a group?) | |
| 155. | | Dec. 20, 1948. W of Los Alamos, New Mexico (35.89° N, 106.31° W). 8:54 p.m. AESS Physical Security Inspectors Clifford E. Strang and George S. Skipper on jeep patrol on Route 4 north of Bandelier cut-off at Los Alamos South Gate, Station 390 (at 35°48’.9N, 106°18’.4W) sighted pale green or bluish-white round fireball descending from 20° elevation to horizon with a triangulated 7-8-mile W to E flight path on a 45° downward angle from a height of ~10 miles (at 35°56’N, 106°30’W) to ~2.3 miles (at 35°57’N, 106°23’W), calculated by LaPaz based on another independent observation at a different AESS site by Inspectors William D. Wilson and Buford G. Truett (at 35°55’N, 106°23.7’W). Disappeared behind mountain. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 88 p. 745; Roll 91 p. 410; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1-1/2 secs | 4 | 1/4 | triangulation |
| 156. | | Dec. 28, 1948. Los Alamos, New Mexico (35.89° N, 106.31° W). 4:31 a.m. White point source descended vertically from N to S to 6,000 ft [height above ground? elevation above MSL?] disappeared with green flash. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 p. 410) | 1-1/2 secs | 1 | | triangulation |
| 157. | | Dec. 30, 1948. Sweden. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 158. | | Jan. 1, 1949. Jackson, Mississippi (32.30° N, 90.18° W). 5 p.m. Pilot D. [?] Rush flying private plane saw a 60 ft cigar-shaped object cross the sky in front of the plane to the SW, nearly colliding, at 500 mph. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |

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| 159. | 275 | Jan. 4, 1949. Hickam Field, Hawaii (21.34° N, 157.95° W). 2 p.m. USAF pilot Capt. Paul R. Stoney, on ground at Pacific Command HQ, saw a flat white, elliptical object, with a matte top, blinking once per sec, about the size of a T-6 aircraft, circle at about 3,000 ft while oscillating to the right and left, then speed away to the NE in a climb. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | 1 | |
| 160. | | Jan. 6, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico (35.89° N, 106.31° W). 3:10 a.m. Brilliant green light seen traveling horizontally E to W about 3° to 5° above horizontal (mountain line?) disappearing behind mountains. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 p. 410) | 2 secs | 1 | | |
| 161. | | Jan. 6, 1949. Kirtland AFB (Albuquerque), New Mexico. 5:30 p.m. Everitt and Willis. Bright white diamond shaped light in horizontal flight from SE to NW about 1500-2,000 ft height faster than a jet, about 2 ft in size [?]. [Meteor?] (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 p. 410; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | secs? | 2 | | |
| 162. | | Jan. 23, 1949. 4 miles S of Tillamook, Oregon (at 45°22'17" N, 123°48'16" W [elev. 137 ft ASL]). 11:05 a.m. Machinist and former wartime air defense observer Charles E. Leckington and wife Rose C. while driving S on Hwy 101, about 1/4 to 1/2 mile N of Pleasant Valley, saw a shiny, silvery, round stationary object about 10-15 ft size glinting in the sun to the SE at about 35° elevation about 2,000 ft height about 1/2 to 3/4 mile away (in its belated investigation in April, AFOSI claimed a height figure of 500 ft without explaining the discrepancy). When he went inside his shop with Allen Hughes of neighboring Hughes Grocery to get binoculars the object had disappeared. No sound or trail. Burt [Bert?] J. Smith, father-in-law of Leckington, living in house behind the Leckingtons, (at 45°22'04" N, 123°48'07" W ? [elev. 155 ft ASL]) saw for about 1 min the polished silver saucer-shaped object reflecting sunlight [nearly?] overhead at first, about 1,000-2,000 ft [1,400-2,000] altitude, angular size of full moon (0.5°), then moving NE at about 30-50 mph [30-35 mph], for about 1 min to disappearance at 45° angle [elevation]. (Sparks; FOIA; BB files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2.5-3 mins | 3 | ~1 | triangulation |

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| 163. | | Jan. 24, 1949. About 250 miles SW of Bermuda Island, Atlantic (at 29°30' N, 67°29' W). 12:00-2:10 a.m. (Z/GMT/UT) USAF pilot Capt. Marsden W. Mattatall and crew (copilot 1st Lt Frank J. Stockton, navigator Lt. Austin, S/Sgt Joseph D. Marx, S/Sgt Leonard G. Lerch, Sgt Sims) of RB-29 bomber no. 44-87750 in the 373rd Recon Sq (Very Long Range – Weather) based at Kindley AFB, Bermuda [on classified Atomic Detection System service] searching for lost BOAC Tudor IV airliner Star Ariel, at 1,500 ft heading 50° True (about NE) [at 200 mph] saw to the left (in the N) a red glow on the ocean 1 to 1-1/2 miles in size extending up to 2,500-3,000 (or 4,000-6,000) ft altitude with 2-4 white searchlight-like beams of light within the red glow. At 12:25 a.m. B-29 turned toward the light on heading 350° True and by 12:40 approached so close, estimated 100-150 ft [?] distance at 6,000 ft altitude at 31°24' N, 67° 8' W, that pilot made a sharp bank to avoid collision. B-29 crew unable to take nuclear fallout sample of air around red glow because in haste to take off on search mission they failed to bring filter paper. B-29 circled the red glow from all directions for 44 mins as the glow slowly moved to 31°25' N, 67° 14' W [at about 10 mph headed W], when they finally departed the area at 1:24 a.m. Red glow still visible on landing in Bermuda [at about 2:10 a.m.]. Crew took 15 (?) photos with K-20 camera set at 1/125th sec and f/4.5 aperture, but none were sensitive enough to show the red light. Later RB-29 (?) flight equipped with fallout filters visited the coordinates of the red glow at 11:00 a.m. but results of air sampling not known or reported. AMC Intell Dept Chief Col. William R. Clingerman ordered references to "filtering" deleted from sighting reports as the would "unnecessarily disclose classified Air Force operations." (BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5 pp. 167-233; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 hrs 10 mins | 6? | 100 | nuclear monitor flight |

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| 164. | 284 | Jan. 27, 1949. Cortez-Bradenton, Florida (at 27°28’ N, 82° 36’ W). 10:20-10:50 p.m. (EST). While driving W on Cortez Rd 1-1/2 miles W of the Hwy 41 intersection, USAF aircaft engineer Capt. Eckerman Sannes, Acting Chief, Aircraft Branch, 3200th Climatic Test Sq, Air Proving Ground, Eglin AFB, formerly AMC Intelligence Dept Air Documents Div Dec 1945-Sept 1948, and his wife Mrs. Dorothy L. Sannes, saw a brilliant (pale red?) light with cigar-shape or cucumber-shape faintly outlined against the sky first seen in the S heading N at 0° heading [thus directly towards them] at 10:20 p.m. (wife reported 11:20 p.m.), estimated distance about 8-11 miles at about 8,000 ft at about 10° elevation gradually descending, stopped car, lost sight behind tree tops. Resumed driving when about 2 miles down the road saw UFO again in the S at about 10:27 p.m., stopped car again, got out. They saw UFO gradually turning towards a W or 270° heading, estimated to be as long as 2 Pullman railroad cars [about 2 x 60-80 ft], with 7 lighted square windows and throwing sparks 4 per sec. UFO climbed erratically in “bounces of approximately 2,000 feet” with occasional rapid drops of about 2,000 ft, with net overall increase in altitude to disappearance due to distance over the Gulf of Mexico at about 40,000 ft. UFO bouncing motion started after W turn, speed estimated at about 400-500 mph. Observed with 7 x 50 binoculars. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2? + 23 mins | 2 | 1/3 ? (naked eye) (2 in binocs?) | binoculars |
| 165. | | Jan. 30, 1949. Near Amarillo (at 34°50' N, 102°5' W) to near Lamesa (at 32°48' N, 102°22' W), Texas. 5:54 p.m. (MST). Thousands of witnesses over several states saw spectacular green fireball, N-S trajectory [azimuth heading 186.7°] triangulated by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz as 12 mile altitude over Amarillo area descending slightly on nearly horizontal 143-mile [actually 141 miles] path to near Lamesa disappearing about 8 miles altitude, velocity estimated at 25,000 to 50,000 mph by triangulation and reenactment timings. From numerous AF witnesses at Walker AFB, Roswell, LaPaz measured with transit first appearance at 52° magnetic bearing, elevation 2.2°, disappearing at 87-1/2° magnetic (other witnesses continued the flight path further south). No noise except slight hissing, broke into pieces at the end, no fragments found despite extensive ground search. 100+ witnesses interviewed. Estimated 200 witnesses in El Paso, 10 in Ft. Worth, Texas, 200 in Roswell, 200 in Alamogordo, NM. [Projected radiant of origin along a 1.7° descent angle is at 14.0 hrs Right Ascension +56° Declination.] (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, pp. 279-284, NARA Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 410-1; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10-20 secs | 1,000's | 1/3 | triangulation |
| 166. | | Feb. 14, 1949. Ganado, Ariz. 6:40 p.m. Brilliant white slightly green fireball first stationary then fell with slight curve to the W slightly above the horizon. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 411) | secs? | 2 | | |

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| 167. | | Feb. 17, 1949. SE of Grants (at 35° 7' ±2' N, 107°47' ±2' W), Sandia Base, and near Albuquerque (at 35° 5' N, 106° 35' W), New Mexico. 5:57-6:06 p.m. Green Oil Co. truck driver Herman Wilcox, at Chief's Rancho stop on Hwy 66 SE of Grants, NM, saw oval luminous white light with faint trail of white smoke in the SW at about 225° azimuth moving S in vertical climb then leveled off, then a gradual ascent, disappearing suddenly after several secs, no clouds in the sky to obscure it. Univ. of NM Prof. of Civil Engineering Marvin May, an associate of Dr. Lincoln LaPaz in meteorite tracking, saw a brilliant white object in the W at 6° elevation at 5:57 p.m. for >6 mins total. Object was first round [1/3 Full Moon in size at this point apparently] then shifted to ellipse as it approached then appeared to be elongated like a bent pipe with corners, 1 Full Moon in length and 1/10 in width. Object made slight climbing turn to the N, shifted to peach color [yellow-orange?] as it made rapid sharp turning climb to the S at the end, disappearing in cloudless sky by diminishing in size and brightness. 100 Sandia Base guards including Officer of the Guard saw a yellow-orange cigar or yellow-red cigar-shaped object for 7 minutes from 5:59 to 6:06 p.m. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, pp. 546-557, NARA Microfilm Roll 88, p. 401, Roll 91, p. 412; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 9 mins | 100+ | 1 | UNM Civil Engr Prof / meteorite tracker (LaPaz assoc.) |
| 168. | | Feb. 23, 1949. Sandberg Pass 40 miles S of Bakersfield, Calif. 10:30 p.m. USAF pilot of T-11 with 703rd Air Reserve Division saw a sausage-shaped object circle the plane at 10,000 ft in 360° and 180° turns. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 40 secs | 1 | | |
| 169. | | Feb. 27, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico (35.89° N, 106.31° W). 7:05 p.m. Green-white fireball seen in horizontal flight parallel to earth from W to E, abruptly disappeared. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 412; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 secs | 1 | | |
| 170. | | March 2, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico (35.89° N, 106.31° W). 12:10 a.m. Sewald saw high speed light in horizontal flight low in the sky N to S, disappearing behind trees. [Meteor?] (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 412; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 secs | 1 | | |
| 171. | | March 3, 1949. 0159 1 R Los Alamos, New Mexico straight down straight down bright green disappeared (1) (3) Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950) | | 1 | | |
| 172. | | March 6, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 8:20 [9?] p.m. Army artillery observers with triangulation equipment, Sgt. Hubert Vickery and PFC John Ransom, on patrol at the AFSWP (Armed Forces Special Weapons Project) national nuclear weapons storage Site B saw a blue-white oblong object about 2 ft x 1 ft in size with a trail travel from 286° to 279° azimuth elevation 5°45' [6°45'? 6°41'? poss. typos] height about 600 ft. No sound. Other sightings by Army patrols from 8:30 p.m. [8:45? 9?], 1:10, 1:15 to 2 a.m. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 412, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) | 1 sec | 2 | | |

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| 173. | | March 6, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 8:45 p.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw a light-colored round object with trail about 10° long travel S to N from azimuth 189° elevation 21° to azimuth 210° elevation 6°31'. No sound. Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) | 1 sec | 1 | | |
| 174. | | March 6, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 9 [8:20?] p.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw a blue-white ball-like "fixed flash," size of basketball [?], in the NE at azimuth 40° elevation 59°. No sound or trail. Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) | 1 sec | 2 | | |
| 175. | | March 7, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 1:15 a.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw a brilliant blue-white flash of light like flash-bulb in the NE at azimuth 40° elevation 66°15'. No sound. [Meteor?] Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) | 1 sec | 1 | | |
| 176. | | March 7, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 1:30 a.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw a blue-white ball-like "fixed flash," size of basketball [?], in the NNE at azimuth 16° elevation 27°30'. No sound. [Meteor?] Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) | 1 sec | 1 | | |
| 177. | | March 7, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 1:30-2 a.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw a bluish-white ball-like flash of light like flash-bulb in the WSW at azimuth 250° elevation 26°. No sound. Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) | 1 sec ? | 2 | | |
| 178. | | March 7, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 1:45 a.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw an orange tear-drop shaped object, 2 x 1 ft in size [?], drop vertically to ground, in the ENE at azimuth 60°. No sound. [Meteor?] Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) | 2 secs | 1 | | |
| 179. | | March 7, 1949. Window Rock, Ariz. 6:10 p.m. Sighting of round object fire red in the center shading to blue at edge, 3 ft in diameter [?], traveling estimated 200-300 mph, in the N at elevation 40°-45° disintegrating at the end. No sound. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 414) | 6-8 secs | 1 | | |

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| 180. | | March 8, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 1:03 [2?] a.m. Army artillery observation patrols in separate locations 1/2 mile apart sight different [?] lights, one pale white light with roundish haed and hazy smoke trail (streak? 900 ft height?) seen by Payne moving in an arc from 122° to 126° azimuth [southward?] from 58° to 54° elevation, the other, by Cpl. Luke Sims, was of a lemon-shaped red light with whitish nose and red trail in level flight about 15° above horizon crossing 60° of sky from 304° to 244° azimuth [WNW to WSW]. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 627, Roll 91, p. 414; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 secs ? | 2 | | |
| 181. | | March 8, 1949. Los Alamos and Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. 6:35-6:36 p.m. Los Alamos AESS guards Patterson and Lang at guard stations 103 and 106 saw noiseless greenish-white light in the WSW heading SE, descending at 60° [45°] angle. Kirtland Control Tower saw same object to the NW descending vertically. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 88, p. 373, Roll 91, p. 414; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2-4 [1-2?] secs | 3+ | | |
| 182. | | March 13, 1949. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 9:53 p.m. 2155 NE to SW or SW to NE 20° above horizon descending slightly bluish or greenish white Yes none length twice diameter of ball (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2-4 secs | 1 | 1/2 | |
| 183. | | March 14, 1949. Aircraft bet. Honolulu and Canton Island. bet. 9 and 9:16 a.m. (GMT). 00-00-16Z 6° - 12° above airplane at 8,000 horizontal none nose like bullet 65° in 9 secs (1) (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 10 secs | 1 | | |
| 184. | 319 | March 17, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 7:52 [7:47?] p.m. Capt. Horace W. McCulloch, Asst. G-2 of the 2nd Armored Division at the nuclear weapons storage site, in the "Q" Area [nuclear weapons storage facility] was preparing the test firing of flares in order to prove recent sightings were mistakes when he, his men and CIC Special Agent Raymond Schmiedeke themselves saw aerial phenomena, 7 separate sightings [first 3 were yellow lights then 1 red light] by trained artillery observers in different locations enabled rapid triangulation of large, green, red and white flare-like objects flying in generally straight lines. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) | | multiple | | real-time triangulations |
| 185. | | March 18, 1949. Fort Chimo, Quebec, Canada (46°50' N, 71°15' W). 7:50 p.m. (EST). USAF and RCAF personnel at Detachment Crystal-I, 1227th Air Base Sq, including USAF 1st Lt. and Warrant Officer JG, RCAF Flying Officer/Liaison Officer Brodribb, and a USAF civilian employee, saw a red light like an aircraft light to the S traveling W to E at high altitude estimated 10,000 ft and 200-250 mph silently with stops and starts and flickering, and a turn to the S at the end. (Sparks; FOIA) | 2-5 mins | 4+ | | |

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| 186. | | March 27, 1949. Tucumcari (35°10' N, 103° 44' W), Montoya (35°6' N, 104°4' W), New Mexico. 6-6:30 p.m. Various witnesses, including police officer, postmaster (Montoya, N.M.), newspaper editor (*Tucumcari Daily News*), saw a contrail-like yellow-amber-orange object, length/width ratio 5:1, 1/6 moon's diameter, slowly moving from S (205° azimuth) to W (254° azimuth) at about 45°-60° elevation (75° at Montoya moving 180° to 260° azimuth), wiggling slightly, at first in a vertical orientation [?], dived steeply-leveled-climbed 2-3 times, reversed course once at top of a climb, a bright glitter of white light at a leveling off. No sound or trail. (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; FOIA; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 15-30 mins | 5+ | 1/6 | triangulation? |
| 187. | | March 29, 1949. Shemya AFB, Aleutian Islands, Alaska (52°45' N, 174° 5' W). 10:05 p.m. USAF crew of B-29 bomber saw a dull yellowish light flying at 2,400 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | | | |
| 188. | | March 31, 1949. E of Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3’53” N, 97°49’40” W). 11:50 [9:50?] p.m. Army Lt. Frederick Davis on patrol saw a reddish white round ball of fire [size of basketball?] with a trail, at azimuth 112° [?] elevation 70° moving horizontally overhead and over the base airstrip, parallel to road, at estimated height of 2,000 ft heading 240° [?], disappeared (at 123° ? azimuth). David noted severe interference on the field telephone afterward when he reported it. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 628, Roll 91, pp. 414ff.; FOIA) | 10-15 secs | 1 | | EM |
| 189. | | April 3, 1949. 1 mile SE of Dillon, Montana. 11:55 [11:50?] a.m. Miller Construction Co. owner Gosta Miller, who was a commercial pilot / aviation engineer, plus 3 other witnesses – an employee, a trucking company owner and a gas station attendant (Lovell, Lessey, Greene) – saw an object like two inverted plates attached face-to-face, matte blue-grey or greenish-grey non-reflective bottom, bright aluminum top reflecting sunlight, 20 ft diameter (others estimated 15-25 ft), 4-5 ft thickness. Object seen over the N end of town at 3,000-5,000 ft height about 4 miles away moving in several directions rocking or rotating in semi-circles 6 times, move E descending rapidly to about 700-1,000 ft height, rock again a few times with upper side now visible reflecting sunlight, fly SW to 2 miles W of Dillon, rock again a few times, then rapidly flew over airport 12 miles NE of Dillon at 1,000 ft departing rapidly to the E disappearing over mountains. No sound or trail. Speed > 1,000 mph so great object seemed blurred. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. FOIA; Jan Aldrich) | several mins | 4 | 1/5 | aviation engineer |
| 190. | | April 4, 1949. Merced, Calif. 10:20 p.m. Major William Parrott, former Air Force pilot, saw a generally round object with curved bottom and dull coloring, giving off clicking sound until overhead. Parrott's dog reacted. (Sparks; Berliner) | 35 secs | 1 | | |

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| 191. | | April 5, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 11 [10?] p.m. 2200 S to N app 300' above S slope of Pajarito Mt Arc geen w/red afterglow none tremendous speeddisappeared behind mountain (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | ½-1 sec | 1 | | |
| 192. | | April 6, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 12:05 p.m. SE about 15,000' between dk & lt green none very fast (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 3-5 sec | 1 | | |
| 193. | | April 7, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 1-1:35 a.m. W S to N about 200 yds fr top of hill green none moved very slowly (1) (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 5-45 secs | 2 | | |
| 194. | | April 6-7, 1949. Memphis, Tenn. (35° 8' N, 89°59' W). 12:01 [12:30?], 2, 3:30, 4 a.m. Housewife Mrs. Mike Love Stewart and Dorthy [Dorothy?] Hall (and Helen Howell?), a husband and son, saw 6-9 climbing, diving, whirling yellow or silvery oval objects which avoided 3-4 airplanes, traveling from SW to SE about 45° elevation about 1-2 miles away, 1/4 moon angular size. (Sparks; FOIA) | 2-4 hrs | 5+ | 1/4 | |
| 195. | | April 7, 1949. March AFB, Riverside, Calif. (34.12° N, 117.29° W). Bet. 2:45 and 3:00 p.m. Air National Guard Lts. Reeser and Salter, pilots in a T-6 heading SE over March AFB's radio beacon at 7,000 ft, first saw about 1,000 ft below them for 4-5 secs a tumbling red and grey wingtip-tank-shaped object, smaller than a T-6, and then 4 white domed-disc parachute-shaped objects separated by about 1,000 ft each. They circled around and copilot saw the 4 white parachute shapes, no shroud lines, etc., and climbed to 9,000 ft for a better look but the objects disappeared to the E. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | | |
| 196. | | April 12, 1949. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 7:30 p.m. SE to NW 20° above horizon white none none round 15° in 8 secs Extinguished (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 8 secs | 1 | 1/8 | |

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| 197. | | April 15, 1949. Peterson AFB (elev. ~6200 ft), Colorado Springs, Colo. 3:30 p.m. (MST). USAF 15th AF Aircraft Maint Ofcr, Major Joe R. Bullock, MSgt Leonard Fink, Line Chief, and S/Sgt Walter J. Morbeck, Crew Chief, all of 15th AF Hq, on ramp in front of Operations Bld, Peterson AFB. Morbeck first sighted the 2 objects to the S at about 30° elevation (called "10 o'clock" elevation angle not to be confused with bearing), estimated distance about 20 miles, called attention to the others nearby (Bullock sighting for about 15 secs from that point and Fink about 20 secs). Objects were perfectly round, with color of unlighted, frosted electric light bulbs in straight and level course at what seemed to be about 30,000 ft height [20 mi distance at 30° elevation would correspond to about 50,000 ft height]. Angular size estimated as somewhat smaller than B-29 at 30,000 ft [≈ ½ Full Moon approx.]. Object on the left was an apparent distance of [about 4° to 5°] behind the lead object, but with increase of speed when about overhead the trailing object overtook the lead object in about 2 secs and flew in close formation thereafter. Speed estimated at about 1,800 mph by assuming estimate of 40,000 ft distance covered in 12.5 to 15 secs [from overhead to disappearance at apparently about 30° elevation] in the N. [Speed burst over about 4°-5° in 2 secs at 30,000 ft height would roughly double the initial 1,800 mph to an average ~3,600 mph with acceleration to peak velocity ~5,400 mph then deceleration back to 1,800 mph at about 150 g's]. (Sparks; BB files) | 25-30 secs | 3 | 1/2 | |
| 198. | | April 15, 1949. El Paso, Texas. 4:30 p.m. Straight up about 30° grayish Yes none thin smoke trail very thin dissipated (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 15 mins | 1 | | |
| 199. | | April 18, 1949. Flagstaff and Williams, Ariz. 1:48 a.m. NW app 12,000' to one. 75 - 100 miles to other observer greenish blue none ball like 100 watt light bulb disappeared behind obstacle (1) (3) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1-2 secs | 2 | | |
| 200. | | April 20 [21?], 1949. Ludington, Mich. Afternoon. Paul Timm and Pat O'Connell, high school students, saw a fast moving white "comet with a tail" cross the sky to the W disappearing over Lake Michigan. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | | |
| 201. | | April 22, 1949. Cliff, New Mexico. 9:05 a.m. W to E 20° dropping slowly aluminum none none round, flat thin, disc-shape over 15' in diameter disappeared behind mountains (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2 mins | 1 | | |

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| 202. | 358 | April 24, 1949. 3 miles N of Arrey, New Mexico (at 32°52.5' N, 107°19.5' W). 10:33 a.m. (MST). General Mills meteorologist and balloon expert Charles B. Moore and 4 Navy artillery fire-control crew on a balloon launch team (William Akers, Richard G. Davidson, Clifford E. Fitzsimmons, Moorman) saw a white, round ellipsoid, shadowed yellowish on one side, length/width ratio 2.5x, cross the sky from the S (azimuth 210° elevation 45° only reported by Moore; Akers first saw object while watching balloon at 175° azimuth 45° elevation; Fitzsimmons first saw it in the E; Davidson first saw it in the ESE at elevation about 35°). Object moved to the E at about 5°/sec angular velocity (per Moore) possibly representing peak angular velocity, or 2.5°/sec (per Akers), possibly representing roughly the average angular velocity since the latter is more consistent with total azimuth change (about 185° to 190° according to Moore; only roughly 100° to 150° per the crew) in the total duration of azimuthal change (about 50 secs per Moore, about 50-80 secs per the crew). Object passed near the sun (127° azimuth 61° elevation at 10:33 AM), roughly followed by Moore attempting to view it through ML-47 David White theodolite (21x telescope with 2° field of view, and/or 4x wide-angle 10° viewfinder) after it came out of the sun, but because of its speed Davidson had to visually point the theodolite through the naked-eye open sight while Moore tried to catch it in the telescopic view (previously Davidson viewed through the theodolite tracking the slow-moving balloon and was told by Moore to train it on the UFO). Davidson stated that Moore could only get the object within the telescopic view of the theodolite for about 1 sec when about NE "and could never get on it again" (Akers agreed that it was caught by Moore in theodolite only a "fraction of a second" because of its speed). Object seemed to turn to the N, until reaching and maintaining a constant azimuth at about 20°-25° (5° per Davidson's diagram) when it suddenly climbed from 25° to 29° elevation in 10 secs (exact numbers only reported by Moore; Davidson said it was lost at about 35°), diminishing "rapidly" in apparent size (possibly by factor of about 3.5x), and disappeared by distance (per Moore) or dust obscuration (per Akers and Davidson; Moore claimed "no dust"). Distance unknown; by assuming 70 miles (67-72 mi increasing to 250 mi at end), horizontal velocity as object allegedly circled the site (per Moore only) is then 7 mi/sec or 25,000 mph (earth escape velocity not orbital velocity 5 mi/sec) but this is pure assumption (at 7 miles slant range the speed would only have been about 2500 mph, etc.). At Akers' slower *average* angular velocity of 2.5°/sec the linear speed at the assumed 70 miles distance would be about 12,500 mph (or 1250 mph at 7 miles). Object size at the larger assumed distance would be about 100 ft, or at the smaller distance about 10 ft. Arrey case cont'd next page: | ~50-80 secs | 5 | 1/20 to 1/25 (0.02° to 0.03° or poss 0.4 to 0.6° equiv in theod) | theodolite |

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| | | Arrey case cont'd: If disappearance was due to a distance increase of a factor 3.5x, using the smaller distance (7 miles) speed might have reached peak of about 13,000 mph at the end, accelerating at about 50 g's, to a terminal altitude of about 14 miles (70,000 ft). Projected target radiant at 5° ascent angle, assuming disappearance by distance, at 20° azimuth is approximately 9 hrs Right Ascension +55° Declination. Possibility of escaping, tangential grazing meteor fireball that skipped back into space requires discarding some sighting details including theodolite measurements, size, shape, reported curving or circling trajectory, and manner of disappearance. Possible meteor scenario postulates closest ground distance ~35 mi at path midpoint ~100° azimuth (nearly due E), altitude ~30 mi, disappearance at ~130 mi distance at azimuth 20° to 25° (about NNE), altitude ~70 to ~90 mi depending on the angular elevation figure used (25° to 35°), but total azimuth-change duration must be reduced to less than ~40 secs in order to conform to >7 mi/sec escape velocity along ~260 mi path length (an additional 10 secs while the UFO stayed on the same terminal azimuth but zoomed upwards vertically). (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, pp. 1451-1499; BB Misc [Strentz] Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 681-748; BB AFOSI Microfilm Roll 88, pp. 630-4, 703-708, Roll 89, pp. 319-320, Roll 90, pp. 997-1004) | | | | |
| 203. | | April 25, 1949. 4 mi NW of Springer (at Springer Lake), New Mexico. 6:30-7:30 a.m. Ex-pilot Philip M. Abreu and Nolan Clegg, coffee shop owner, saw silvery white spherical objects like Christmas ornaments fly over the lake at high speed, reappearing repeatedly with a high-pitched whistling sound several secs each time. First group was of 11 objects, at 6:30 a.m. for 10+ secs. 2nd group was of 9 objects heading due W, seen about 5-10 secs at about 6:40 (or about 6:32-6:33) a.m., with one object departing from group to SW when overhead. 3rd group was of 2 objects both heading E, with wider separation from each other than previous groups, at about 7:00 a.m. About 7-9 more groups of 2+ objects passed over witnesses now in a boat on the lake, passing over from W to E. Last group was of 5 objects in a line came from N heading S, at about 7:30 a.m. [or somewhat later]. well above 30,000' silvery white none 4 grps totaling about 20 sec yes round very small very fast well above speed of sound disappeared from view (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1+ min total ? | 2 | | |
| 204. | | April 27, 1949. SE of Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 9:20 p.m. (CST). 2 Army soldiers [Pillett and Belisandro?] on patrol saw a blinking violet object 1-1/2 inches in diameter, 10-12 ft away in the N hovering, about 6-7 ft above ground, then began moving fast headed W down a road, then began making an arc (curved path) still maintaining same height, passing through branches of a tree before disappearing. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 628; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Jan Aldrich) | 1 min | 2 | 1.2 – 1.4<br>(0.6°-0.7°) | |

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| 205. | | April 27, 1949. SE of Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3’53” N, 97°49’40” W). 9:35 [9:25?] p.m. (CST). Army security patrol, Lt. Howard Kitterman, PFC Leslie Lockhart, Pvt. Clement DeAmicis, Pvt. Joseph P. Landry, 6th Tank Battalion, sighted a 4-inch bright light with no glare, with a 3-4-inch metallic cone trailing in the back, 600 ft away 6-7 ft above ground silently approaching from azimuth 40° (about NE) in level flight at 60-70 mph heading directly towards them on heading 220°, starting curving path, disappearing suddenly in the SW at 150 ft away. At 9:37 p.m. the same witnesses saw a 2-inch white light appear 100 ft away to the NNE flying in a zigzag in level flight about 6 ft above ground, disappearing suddenly. At 9:39 p.m. the same witnesses saw a 3rd light in the WSW. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 628; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Jan Aldrich) | 30-40 secs + 30 secs + ? | 4 | 1/5 + ?<br>(0.1° + ?) | |
| 206. | | April 28, 1949. Homer, Mich. 9:15 a.m. William Sackett and William Gibson pursued 6 flying discs 10 inches diameter by car along Hwy 60 for 5 miles as they flew at low altitude in "wide circles" paralleling the road. (Sparks; FOIA) | 5 mins ? | 2 | | |
| 207. | 361 | April 28, 1949. Tucson, Ariz. (32.23° N, 110.96° W). 5:45 p.m. Howard Hann [Hamm?], Mr. Hubert [Huber?] and Tex Keahey saw a very large bright, sausage-shaped object, with no fins, wings or protuberances, roll and fly fast. NE to SE or SW silver none none cigar or sausage shape from B-29 to a city block 300 - 600 mph faded from view (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 12-40 mins | 3 + ? | | |
| 208. | | April 28, 1949. SE of Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3’53” N, 97°49’40” W). 8:30, 8:37, 8:40, 9:00, 9:10, 9:30 p.m. Several Army security patrols sighted a variety of strange lights, mostly slow-moving changing color from white to red to green, one with a red blinking light, one with a "cone-shaped affair" trailing in the rear similar to one seen the day before. (Sparks; FOIA) | various | 12 | | |
| 209. | | April 30, 1949. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 10:15 p.m. E to W 59° above horizon blue green none 2 sec 2° none round went out (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2 secs | 1 | 1/10 | |
| 210. | | May 2, 1949. Elko, Nevada. 11:40 a.m. CAA radio operator Mr. Small using field glasses saw 3 flying discs 30 ft diameter at 14,000 ft moving (heading?) SW at 300-400 mph make a left turn and depart ahead of a United airliner taking off from Elko airport. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3-4 mins | 1 | 1/10 ?<br>(0.4°? equiv in binocs ) | binoculars |

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| 211. | | May 3, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 9:26, 9:43, 10:05 p.m. S to N 10° - 15° above horizon bright white light 10 secs none very fast up to 1,000 mph (1) (3) 60 490503 2126 2143 2205 S to W 10° - 15° above horizon white none large- similar to size of airplane landing lights very fast 2126 - white 2140 - red 5 sec 1st; 2 sec 2nd none 2126-baseball diamond lights. 2140-slightly larger than firebox lights same speed as aircraft landing (1) (3) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2-10 secs; then 3 - 7 secs each time | 3 + 1 | | |
| 212. | | May 3, 1949. Sidney, Ohio. 9:00 a.m. Store owner Wilford and Sprague saw bright shiny disc high overhead at about 85° elevation heading NE wavering, climbing and descending slightly on a straight path. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 mins | 2 | 20 ? | |
| 213. | | May 4, 1949. 4-1/2 miles W of Maplewood, Ohio (40.377° N, 84.029° W). 6:30 p.m. Ms. Wical saw bright silver flat circular object to the SE traveling NE with sun glaring off the surface, spinning at high altitude, no sound or trail. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | <2 mins | 1 | 30 ? | |
| 214. | 376 | May 5, 1949. Ft. Bliss, Texas. 11:40 a.m. Army officers Maj. Day [May?], Maj. Olhausen, Capt. Vaughn saw 2 oblong white discs, flying at about 200-250 mph, make a shallow turn. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30-50 secs | 3 | | |
| 215. | | May 6, 1949. Sidney, Ohio. 8:30 a.m. Stump, Herman and Quinn saw a bright object about 1/2 mile to the W moving S at high speed, no trail or sound, one saying it was too bright to see the shape the other saying it had a flat circular shape. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Jan Aldrich) | 2 mins | 3 | 20 ? | |
| 216. | 379 | May 6, 1949. Livermore, Calif. (37.69° N, 121.76° W). 9:35 a.m. C. G. Green saw 2 shiny, disc-like objects rotate around each other and bank, then one shot upwards with a grey trail and rejoined the other. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 1 | | |
| 217. | | May 6, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 1:05 a.m. N to S 5° above horizon was going down at an angle of 30° - 35° green none round very high rate of speeddisappeared west of Jemez Mts (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | <1 sec | 1 | 1/8 | |

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| 218. | | May 6, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 8:40-9:30 p.m. (CST). UFO observation network using Army artillery observers, headed by Task Force Commander Lt. Mardell E. Ward, established 2 days earlier after a series of unexplained UFO incidents over the previous 2 months observed by 100+ men and officers, tracks its first object with artillery sighting instruments, field binoculars and Battery Commander 25-40x scope. Brilliant light to the W and N, moving back and forth 900 to 1,200 ft (around?) azimuth 292.5° [WNW], tracked by all 4 Observation Posts at distance 12,000 ft [from main Plotting Center], height 1200 ft dropping to 440 ft, alternating pinkish to green, apparent size 1/2 dollar at arm's length diminishing to quarter coin size, moving very slow, faded from sight by growing smaller [with distance]. Project Grudge claimed UFO was Venus, ignoring the multiple 2-mile triangulations, and the fact Venus set at about 7:37 p.m. CST. (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 628, Roll 91, pp. 414ff.; FOIA; Jan Aldrich) | 50 mins | 4+ | 4-6 ? | real-time triagulation ? |
| 219. | | May 7, 1949. S St. Louis, Missouri (38.63° N, 90.21° W). 7 p.m. (CST). Just after sunset Vaughn saw the sun glinting off a flat reddish-brown object, "somewhat triangular" shaped, oscillating, the size of a private plane but faster. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 220. | | May 7, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 7:40 p.m. (CST). Lt. Mardell E. Ward, at the Plotting Center (command post) of the Army's UFO observation and triangulation network established May 4, and an artillery observer at another network observation site, spotted a brilliant white (reddish greenish white?) diamond-shaped object at triangulated location 15,000 ft away at 1,000 ft height to the N and the E headed NW. Object was tracked for 57 seconds as it traveled horizontally 20 mils arc [not miles; about 1.1°] about 300 ft at about 3½ mph while changing color from white to reddish to greenish as it dropped altitude and dimmed then disappeared. Object size measured at about 45 ft, from angular size 3 mils (about 0.17° at 15,000 ft range). Battery Commander scope used, 25x-40x. No sound. [Another sighting 8:25-9:05 p.m.] (Sparks; FOIA; Jan Aldrich; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; Loren Gross Jan-Jun 1949 Supp p. 79, erroneously put at Los Alamos; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 628) | 57 secs | 2+ | 1/3 | real-time triangulation, scope |

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| 221. | | May 7, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 8:25-9:05 p.m. Lt. Mardell E. Ward, at the Plotting Center (command post) of the Army's UFO observation and triangulation network, and artillery observers at 3 other network observation sites, spotted a brilliant (green-white?) white diamond-shaped object in the SE (and W) at triangulated location 24,000 ft away at 1,300 ft height. Object size measured at about 72 ft (angular width 3 mils or about 0.17°), was tracked for 40 mins as it traveled 15 mils arc [not miles; about 0.8°] about 360 ft at about 0.1 mph. Battery Commander scope used, 25x-40x. No sound. (Sparks; FOIA; Jan Aldrich; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; Loren Gross Jan-Jun 1949 Supp p. 79, erroneously put at Los Alamos; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 628) | 40 mins | 4 | 1/3 | real-time triangulation, scope |
| 222. | | May 8, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 8:08-8:17 p.m. Lt. Mardell E. Ward, at the Army's UFO observation post, and 2 other posts sighted brilliant (reddish greenish white?) diamond-shaped object to the W (and N and E) moving NW or NE at about 24,000 ft distance at 1,600 ft height slowly dropping. Object size measured at about 48 ft (angular width 2 mils or about 0.1°), was tracked for 9 mins as it traveled 10 mils arc [not miles; about 0.5°] about 240 ft at 0.3 mph. Severe radio intereference during sighting, none afterward. (Sparks; FOIA; Jan Aldrich; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; Loren Gross Jan-Jun 1949 Supp p. 80, erroneously put at Los Alamos; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 628) | 9 mins | 3+ | 1/5 | real-time traingulation |
| 223. | | May 8, 1949. Tucson, Ariz. (32.23° N, 110.96° W). 9:30-11 a.m. MSgt. Troy Putnam [?] plus 3 other witnesses saw round, flat silvery object, about 40-75 ft diameter, in the W flying faster than a jet, in horizontal flight at 4,000 ft, make 90° turn to the N, then rapid climb at 45° angle until out of sight. (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 10-20 mins | 4 | | |
| 224. | | May 9, 1949. Tucson, Ariz. (32.23° N, 110.96° W). About 2:30 p.m. MSgt. Troy Putnam saw two round, flat silvery objects, about 25 ft diameter, flying 750-1,000 mph in a banking but steady manner, from SW to NE, which faded from vrew. (Saunders/FUFOR Index; Randle) | 6-10 secs | 1 | | |
| 225. | | May 9, 1949. White Sands Proving Ground. WSPG Naval Unit Commander, Cdr. Robert L, McLaughlin, with several other officers, witnessed UFO near a WAC-B rocket just launched. (McLaughlin ltr to Van Allen, May 12, 1949) | | | | |

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| 226. | | May 12, 1949 [or 1948?]. Half way bet. Cicero and Westfield, Indiana. 5 p.m. (CDT) [7? p.m.?]. Private pilot William J. McGhee, with WWII aviation experience, was flying a Cessna 120 almost due S at 10,000 ft when he spotted an object at azimuth 150° [near Eden, Ind.] appearing similar in size, shape and appearance to a Zeppelin traveling almost due W in front of his aircraft [at estimated distance ranging from about 10 to 30 miles as plotted on aeronautical chart] traveling faster than a jet [~40 mi path in timed 1m20s = 1,800 mph]. McGhee began timing the sighting when the object appeared near McCordsville until disappearing in the setting sun's glare at azimuth 250° [near Ladoga, Ind.] However sun set at altitude at about 8 p.m. (CDT) at about azimuth 295°. (Sparks; BB files) | 1-1/2 mins | 1 | | |
| 227. | | May 12, 1949. Holloman AFB, New Mexico (at 32°50' N, 106° 4' W, elev. 4,070 ft). 9:30 p.m. (MST). AF contract solar astronomer, Donald H. Menzel, of Harvard Observatory, was driven by military car from Holloman AFB, on Hwy 70 just outside the base, en route to Alamogordo [and then to Sacramento Peak] [headed ENE on road azimuth 66°], when shortly after leaving the base he saw a bright reddish star Antares about 6°-8° East [to the lower left] of the nearly Full Moon estimated to be 15°-18° above the ridge line [99.3% illuminated Moon at about 19° elevation 136° azimuth, Antares at about 11° elevation 132° azimuth] rising above the Sacramento Mountain ridge. Shortly afterward he noticed first one small round white light low about 3°-4° over the ridge to the lower left of the Moon and star and then another identical light to the right of the first and in horizontal line, about 3° apart [at roughly 122° to 125° azimuth, 5°-6° elevation, seemingly over Moore Ridge, summit 7,264 ft, 32°42'22" N, 105°51'11" W, 15 miles away]. Each light was white possibly slight greenish tinge, about 0 to 1st stellar magnitude, the left one slightly brighter, both increasing in brightness as if possibly rising above a haze layer, both initially "fuzzy" but apparently sharpening in edge contrast. Each light suddenly disappeared one after the other before the car could be stopped. Menzel estimated that as the car traveled 50 mph it created a 3-mile baseline over which he nevertheless noticed no perceptible change in the lights' azimuths, or perhaps no more than 1° to 2°, hence a distance he calculated at 180 miles and object "diameter" about "¾ mile" (4,000 ft) [correct figure 2,300 ft]. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 88, pp. 904, 920-1; Roll 91, pp. 424-5; Maxwell Roll 6, pp. 241-9) | 4 mins | 1 (poss. 10+) | 1/4 | astronomer Donald Menzel |
| 228. | | May 16, 1949. Tucson, Arizona. About 5 p.m. E to W 5000' horizontal black none none round solid flat 3-4' in diameter 800-1000 mph behind aircraft hangar (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 8-10 secs | 1 | | |

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| 229. | | May 18, 1949. New Orleans, Louisiana. Bet. 4:30 and 4:45 p.m. Mrs. Theodore Michel sighted a luminous sun-reflecting silver dinner-plate shaped object in the W rotating end-over-end in a gradual straight climb on an E to NNW heading about 1-1/2 to 2 miles away over Lake Pontchartrain at 45° elevation initially. Estimated size of small single-engine two-seater Naval training aircraft if at 1.5-2 miles distance [≈1/2 Full Moon angular size]. No sound. No visible means of propulsion. Speed about that of small training aircraft. (Sparks; BB files) | 10 mins | 1 | 1/2 | |
| 230. | | May 19, 1949. New Orleans, Louisiana. 4:15 p.m. Mrs. Lucien R. Austin, Jr., sighted a luminous sun-reflecting silver dinner-plate shaped object turning end-over-end in straight level flight on an E to NNW heading about 1-1/2 miles away over Lake Pontchartrain at 45° elevation initially, disappeared when view blocked by nearby building. Estimated size of small training aircraft if at 1.5 miles distance [≈1/2 Full Moon angular size]. No sound. No visible means of propulsion. Speed estimated at 120-140 (or 150-170 mph) mph. (Sparks; BB files) | 5 mins | 1 | 1/2 | |
| 231. | | May 20, 1949. Pontchartrain Beach, New Orleans, Louisiana. 4:25 p.m. Tulane Univ. Associate Professor of Political Science (USAFR Lt Col) John E. Kieffer of 12th AF, Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas, was lying on his back at the beach when he sighted a bright, shiny silver flat spherical object in the ENE headed WSW [towards him] joined by 5 smaller similar objects grouped around the larger object which made a large circle over New Orleans Airport, then [main object] made a rotation around its horizontal axis and disappeared. At 45° to 50° elevation initially. No sound. No visible means of propulsion. (Sparks; BB files) | 23 mins | 1 | | |
| 232. | | May 21, 1949. Hanford AEC plant, Wash. 1:30 p.m. Hanford ADC radar detachment of 637th ACW Sq detected a stationary object over the East 200 area about 4 mi E of the Hanford Plant, which took off on a SE heading faster than a jet, reported it to the 637th ACW Sq, 505th AC&W Group, Moses Lake AFB, Wash. AF radar crew at 637th ACW (Spokane?) unable to detect object on radar but sighted round white or silver object by telescope (or telescope sighted by Hanford meteorologist Max Segoinns? who estimated altitude at 17,000-20,000 ft), which was heading NE faster than a jet at about 10,000 to 15,000 ft. At 2:20 p.m., USAF F-82 fighter, pilot Gardner, was airborne from Moses Lake AFB, Wash. (47.13° N, 119.29° W), to intercept Track 81 in the ESE from the 637th (Spokane? or Hanford?) detected on radar but target faded from radar scope about 5 mins after F-82 was airborne. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 6, pp. 475-9; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 141-2; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Jan Aldrich; Loren Gross; 505th ACW Group AF History; Todd Lemire) | ? | 3? | | RV,<br>telescope |

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| 233. | | May 23, 1949. Moses Lake AFB, Wash. 8:45 a.m. (PST). Three USAF pilots, Lt. Col. Walter C. Hearne, Lt. Col. Wallace R. Jordan, and 1st Lt. Gerald B. Blish, sighted from the ground at 325th Fighter Wing, Moses Lake AFB, a small [pinpoint-like] bright silver light traveling at high speed straight and level heading about 15° - 20° course about 5-10 miles away at about 10,000 to 15,000 ft altitude. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 6, pp. 565-9) | 1 to 1-1/2 mins | 3 | point? | |
| 234. | | May 24, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 12:30 a.m. Round pale-yellow slow-moving light about 6,000 to 9,000 ft away smaller than Full Moon, slightly above horizon. Tracked by Army UFO observation network at Site B nuclear weapons storage stockpile? (BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 630) | 60 secs | | <1 | |
| 235. | | May 24, 1949. Rogue River, 2-1/2 miles NE of Gold Beach, Oregon (at 42°26.5' N, 124°23' W). 5:00 p.m. (PST). NACA Ames Research Lab employees Don Heaphy and Gilbert Rivera, pharmacist Roy L. MacBeth with wives Mrs. Rivera and Mrs. Amlyne MacBeth, and Mrs. Oliver Elizabeth McBeth [wife of Standard Oil distributor William McBeth apparently not present, apparently spelled differently from "MacBeth"], were in a fishing boat 700 yards SW of Elephant Rock, Rogue River, when they saw in the E at azimuth 60° a hamburger-shaped metallic disc about 25-35 ft to 100 ft wide with a tail fin and "dirty" surface, rough wrinkled surface in the rear, at about 5,000 ft altitude about 1-4 miles away traveling at about C-47 speed (200 mph?) which accelerated to jet speed (600 mph?) to the S, azimuth 170°, where it disappeared. Observed with 8x binoculars. (Sparks; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 5 pp. 863-879, 890-3; Battelle Unknown 10; Bruce Maccabee; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Jan Aldrich; CUFOS/Mary Castner) | 90 secs-3 mins | 6 | 1/5 - 2 | binoculars |
| 236. | | May 24, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 7:46 p.m. Security agent [Army CIC?] sighted brilliant stationary incandescent round light [low on the horizon?] then sighted the same about 2 secs later but ½ the apparent size. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 630) | 1 sec | 1? | 2? + 1? | |

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| 237. | 404 | May 27, 1949. Near Hart Mtn., south-central Oregon (at 42° 27' N, 120° W). 2:25 p.m. (PST). Oil company vice-president, USNR pilot, former AAF flight instructor, Joseph C. Shell, flew his lightened-load SNJ Navy aircraft from Red Bluff, Calif, to Burns, Oregon, heading NNE at 212 mph ground speed at 9,000 ft above MSL (about 4,000 to 5,000 ft above ground level), saw to his right (about NE) something metallic in the distance [about 20 miles away] at about 42° 38' N, 119° 43'W, which as he approached resolved into 5-8, most likely 6-7, oval or egg-shaped metallic objects, 2:1 length/width ratio, and 1/5 as thick, each the same size less than 20 ft in diameter, fly in trail formation, with an interval equal to 3-4x their length between the lead object and the 2nd object, and only ½ to 2/3 object length spacing between the 2nd and all remaining objects, which separation remained constant almost as if being towed by the lead object. He saw the objects "outlined" against the bluffs of Hart Mtn, and could see the dark ground between each object, and noticed they had slightly changed course from "quartering" path to a path parallel to his course in the opposite direction (heading SSW) at about 230 ±30-40 mph while following the rim of the bluffs (which rim was about 7,000 ft MSL), appeared to be about 1,000 to 1,500 ft below his altitude about 5-1/2 to 7-1/2 miles away at closest approach (to his ESE), but less than the 10-mile distance to the bluffs. Near end of sighting Shell dropped in altitude and then could see the objects at his flight level, at his estimated position 42° 41' N, 119° 49' W, hence his estimate of objects' altitude as about 1,000-1,500 ft below his original 9,000 ft MSL. Objects disappeared on the horizon out of visual range, at estimated position 42° 28' N, 119° 48' W. Visibility being >60 miles. (Sparks; Berliner; Jan Aldrich; Footnote.com / Fold3 images 6313041 ff.) | 5 mins | 1 | 1/30 ? | |
| 238. | | May 31, 1949. Misawa AFB, Honshu, Japan (at 40°43' N, 141°22' E). 11:10 a.m. USAF pilot Giles flying F-80 saw a circular object moving at high speed and disappearing into cirrus cloud overcast. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 239. | | June 1, 1949. Pine Bush, Stewart Field, Newburgh, and Walden, New York. 6:30-9:30 p.m. (EST). S/Sgt Patrick Murphy at Stewart AFB and 6 others in local area: Allen Bates, Mrs. Monte E. Notton, Fred Willis, Arthur J. Gutter) saw yellow oblong soundless object slowly rotate around the crescent moon disappearing 30° NW of the Moon [which was at about 257° azimuth 46° elevation at 6:30 p.m.]. Murphy noticed a second smaller object near the larger object, using binoculars. Bates at 2 mi NW of Stewart Field estimated 4°/min angular rate, covering 70° of arc at about 40° to 50° elevation azimuth 190° to disappear by fading in NW (315°). Also described as chains of balls of fire. GRUDGE explained away as unknown research balloon [=Skyhook] except did not bother to explain how it was possible to be brightly lighted with power for 3+ hours. Moon and Saturn to the NW of Moon did not set until about 11 p.m. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3 hrs | 7 | ¼ to 1+ | binocs |

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| 240. | | June 2, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 12:40 a.m. E to N 7000' - 10,000' descending green Yes none ball of light (1) (3) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1 sec | 1 | | |
| 241. | | June 6, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 9:05-9:08 p.m. Williams, Jones and others in the Army UFO observation and triangulation network tracked a hovering orange object about 30-70 ft in diameter, 2 mils angular size, 1 mile above ground, 3 miles S of the observation post, 4-1/2 miles S of the Plotting Center, which suddenly started moving in level flight then exploded in a shower of particles. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 mins 40 secs | multiple | 1/4 | real-time triangulation |
| 242. | | June 10, 1949. 20 miles SW of Boston, Mass. USAF pilot Kirschbaum flying T-6 with 58th FI Sq saw a white tubular 100 ft long flying at 100 mph, chased but lost. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 243. | | June 11, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 8:57 p.m. SW to NE 25° above horizon green then red at end of flight Yes none size of star (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 4-5 secs | 1 | star | |
| 244. | | June 14, 1949. White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico. 3:35 p.m. (MST). During the test firing of a Navy rocket [actually AF V-2 rocket No. 47 that reached 83 miles altitude] 5 tracking stations observed 2 small circular objects about 1.7 ft in size parallel the 1,500 mph rocket on each side, then the W object passed through the rocket exhaust, joined the E object and both accelerated away. Observed through 20x telescope (theodolite) tracking instrument (with photos? that failed to show UFO's?). 8 mins later a possible 3rd object was sighted. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, pp. 1466-7, 1470; McLaughlin TRUE article Mar 1950; Saunders/FUFOR Index; LA Times, Aug. 30, 1949) | | 12+ | 1/50 ?? (0.25° equiv in theod ??) | missile tracking personnel; telescope (theodolite) |
| 245. | | June 19, 1949. Oak Ridge, Tenn. 12:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Anderson, biologist and schoolteacher at Oak Ridge Nat. Lab (ORNL) and Mrs. John A. White, wife of member of AEC Security Division at ORNL. Sighted 3 objects at about 1,000 ft height traveling at 10-15 mph, 2 identical metallic rectangular objects about 4-10 sq.ft. area, with flat white circular object in between, in the SE headed NW towards them (opposite the wind) (Sparks; BB files) | 10-15 mins | 3 | | |
| 246. | | June 20, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 8:10 p.m. W to E green turned orange red before vanishing none none round directly overhead blue green none none vanished as the extinguished (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1.5-3 secs | 2 | | |

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| 247. | | June 24, 1949. Mesa, Arizona. 3:45-4:30 p.m. No. 1 to SE No. 2 to E No. 3 to NE No. 4 vertical No. 5 to E 4 horizontal 1 vertical steel gray none disc w/2 flanges max of 400 mph faded from view (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 4 for 30 mins + 25 secs | 2 | | |
| 248. | | June 27, 1949. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 1:38 a.m. W to E 30° to 90° above horizon similar to star slightly more orange Yes none round slightly larger than brightest star140° in 2 mins went behind building (3) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2 mins | 1 | | |
| 249. | | June 29, 1949. Flagstaff, Arizona. 8:10 p.m. E to W30° from vertical yellow in front red behind none none bullet shaped 1/2 size of small airplane relatively slow over a hill (1) (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | | 1 | | |
| 250. | | June 30, 1949. Seligman, Arizona. 4:30 p.m. N 30° above horizon dull grey none none circle appeared 1 1/2" diameter at 10,000' altitude 2,000 mph or faster disappeared in distance (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 8 secs | 1 | | |
| 251. | | July 3, 1949. Longview, Wash. (46.12° N, 122.95° W). 10:40, 10:49, 11:25 a.m. (PDT?). Aeronautical engineer Moulton B. Taylor with experience in USN guided missile and pilotless aircraft development was airport manager at Longview preparing for an air show when someone pointed out an object in the sky to the NW at about 30° elevation. Taylor immediately announced this sighting over the public address system to the crowd of 150-200 observers, including pilots, who watched a metallic discus-shaped object cross the sky from NW to SE (track offset to the W not quite reaching zenith) with an oscillating falling-leaf motion along a straight path and occasional sun glints, estimated altitude 30,000 ft at 300 mph, approx. size of DC-3 [about 100 ft] disappearing in smoke from a wood pulp mill at about 80° elevation after a total duration about 2-1/2 to 3 mins. A 2nd similar object was seen about 6 mins later coming from the N [or NNE] at about the same altitude/distance, at about 45° elevation, heading about due S on slightly curved path (concavity of path away from witness, radius of curvature about 15 miles), disappearing in the sun (about ENE [actually ESE azimuth 116° elevation 53° at 10:51 a.m. assumed PDT]) after total duration about 2 mins (on a possibly 8 mile long path [240 mph]). Then a 3rd sighting at 11:25 a.m. coming from almost due W [or WNW] at about 40° elevation, on a W-E straight line path (passing to the N, not quite reaching zenith) again at about the same altitude/distance at which time the oscillations were precisely timed at 48/min, and again disappeared in the sun (to the ENE [actually ESE azimuth 127° elevation 58° elevation at 11:27 a.m.]) (again on a possibly 8 mile long path [240 mph]). (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 6, pp. 1227-1240; McDonald 1968) | 3 + 2 + 2 mins | 150-200 | 1/5 – 2/5 | aeronautical engineer |

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| 252. | | July 11, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3’53” N, 97°49’40” W). 9:10 p.m. W by SW 30° above horizon pale red none none ball but not a perfect circle twice as large as evening star such as turning off flashlight (3) (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2 secs | 1 | | |
| 253. | | July 21, 1949. Mount Pleasant, Utah. 1:13 p.m. (MST). Military aircraft pilot Knight saw 2 white or silver objects on headon course below the nose of his aircraft. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 254. | 483 | July 24, 1949. Mountain Home, Idaho (at 43°10' N, 115°35' W). 12:03-12:12 p.m. (MST). Harry F. Clark, manager of a flying service, flying a Piper Clipper at 19,000 ft, saw 7 delta-shaped objects, 35-55 ft in span, 20-30 ft long, 2-5 ft thick, light colored except for a 12 ft diameter dark circle at the rear [center?] of each, with a flat top surface and a 2-5 ft high dome, sharp needle nose, flat tail, outer panels oscillated then disappeared. Objects flew in a tight formation of 2's with 1 behind, and made a perfect, but unbanked, right turn about 1,500 ft ahead and 500 ft below with no wake turbulence, displaying decreasing smooth oscillations, then turned right again passing the aircraft at about 450-500 mph. Clark's engine ran rough during the sighting, and on landing was found with all spark plugs burned out. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 6, pp. 1487-1509; Berliner; cf. NARCAP) | 9 mins | 1 | 2 - 4 | EM |
| 255. | | July 24, 1949. Near Socorro, New Mexico. Green fireball sighting. Dr. William D. Crozier of the New Mexico School of Mines collected dust samples showing presence of copper particles possibly originating from the fireball. (Sparks; FOIA) | | | | |
| 256. | | July 28, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3’53” N, 97°49’40” W). 8:45 p.m. N to S 30° above horizon white w/tint of blue green Yes none round w/tail size of evening star unable to estimate faded out (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 3-5 secs | 1 | | |
| 257. | | July 28, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3’53” N, 97°49’40” W). 10:58 p.m. N to NW 30° above horizon initially blue turning white none none round 3 times size evening star went out like light (1) (3) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 15-20 secs | 1 | | |
| 258. | | July 28, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3’53” N, 97°49’40” W). 10:59 p.m. S to N 30° above horizon 2 predominately white, 1 had orange glow to tail Yes #1 at 2-3 secs. #2 at 10-12 secs none round w/tail tennis ball faded out (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2-12 secs | 1 ? | | |

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| 259. | 496 | July 30, 1949. Mt. Hood, Oregon. 9 p.m. Northwest Airlines Capt. Thrush, 2 Portland control tower operators, and a flying instructor (Henry, Penhallegan, Brasford) saw an object with 1 white light and 2 red lights, maneuver and hover. (Sparks; Berliner; Jan Aldrich) | | 4 | | |
| 260. | | July 30, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 9:35 p.m. SE to NW 35° to horizon climbed in arc blue-white Yes none like rocket tail 2 - 2 1/2 secs to cover arc of about 15° faded out (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2-2.5 secs | 1 ? | | |
| 261. | | July 30, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (31° 3'53" N, 97°49'40" W). 10:04 p.m. SE to SW app 30° above horizon straight flight losing altitude predominantly white w/blue tint Yes none round w/tail evening star or planet very fast gradually faded out (3) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2-3 secs | 1 ? | | |
| 262. | | Aug. 6, 1949. Las Cruces, Alamogordo, New Mexico. 8:00 p.m. Alamogordo: 200° 30° above horizon long slow curve to earth bluish green Yes 1 sec none round tip of thumb at arm's length burned out (1) Las Cruces: E to W bluish green Yes 1-2 secs none round bigger than falling star disappeared behind building (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1-2 secs | 2 | | |
| 263. | | Aug. 6, 1949. Las Cruces, White Sands, Alamogordo, New Mexico. 8:00 p.m. Las Cruces: E to W 3° 28" to 9° 40" above horizon curve going up then fell in almost vertical direction reddish blue & green Yes 4-5 secs none round app 6" in diameter disappeared gradually (1) White Sands: 40° above horizon straight line to earth observer color blind none 1 sec none round half size of fingernail at arm's length slightly faster than ordinary falling star disappeared behind sand dune (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1-5 secs | 3 | | |
| 264. | | Aug. 6, 1949. Alamogordo, New Mexico. Bet. 8:00-8:05 p.m. E to W 2° 4" to 12° 7" above horizon 10° off vertical [upwards] white 2 secs none large as auto spotlight at arm's length disappeared behind building (1) vertical 2° 20" to 7° 35" above horizon straight vertical flight [upwards] bright white slight reddish cast none 3 secs none round 1/2 size of moon exploded then pieces died out (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2-3 secs | 2 | ½ | |

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| 265. | | Aug. 6, 1949. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 8:20 p.m. descending to earth vertically 15° above horizon green none none round to pear shape 500 watt bulb about 1/5 mile [?] away 10° in 1 1/2 secs at 2 miles [?] dissipated (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1-1½ secs | 1 | 1/10 ? | |
| 266. | | Aug. 6, 1949. Alamogordo, New Mexico. 8:30 p.m. N constant slight curve earthward white (bluish) Yes none round app smaller than clenched fist similar to falling star went out (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1 sec | 1 | | |
| 267. | | Aug. 14, 1949. Alamogordo, New Mexico. 9:35 p.m. appeared 25° disappeared at 12° 10 - 15° off vertical reddish orange Yes none round larger than Venus disappeared (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2 secs | 1 | | |
| 268. | | Aug. 20, 1949. Douglas, Arizona. 9:35 p.m. N to S 8,000' - 10,000' flat trajectory none none round to oblong like inverted saucer about size of single engine plane 3500 to 4500 mph disappeared in distance (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 6-10 secs | 2 | | |
| 269. | | Aug. 20, 1949. Las Cruces, New Mexico (32.22° N, 106.75° W). 10:45 p.m. Astronomer and discoverer of planet Pluto, Clyde W. Tombaugh, with wife and mother-in-law, all saw a rigid formation of faint bluish-green rectangles as if windows on a solid dark object about 1° across, which flew at high speed from zenith SSE to about 35° above the horizon where it disappeared all the while the rectangles foreshortening due to the slant angle. No sound. Wife thought she saw faint interconnecting glow. [If object passed overhead at 1 mile altitude, size might have been about 100 ft, velocity about 1,700 mph.] (Sparks; Saunders/FUFOR Index; etc.) | 3 secs | 3 | 2 | astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh |
| 270. | | Aug. 21, 1949. Nogales, Arizona. 9:15, 9:50 p.m. 45° at low level 90° at high level horizontal to earth's surface dull orange none none wafer app size of volley ball 10 times speed of jet planes disappeared in space (1) (3) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 10 secs | 5 | | |
| 271. | | Aug. 26, 1949. White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico. Just after 11 a.m. Just prior to a [planned Navy Viking] rocket launch a senior officer scanning the sky with binoculars sighted an unidentified object from the N which was in a shallow dive then turned W. [Viking no. 2 launch postponed to Sept. 6, 1949.] (Sparks; BB Maxwell Roll 5, p. 1467; LA Times, Aug. 30, 1949) | | 1+ | | |

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| 272. | | Aug. 26, 1949. Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona. 1:45 p.m. SE to NW app 50,000 horizontal at 50,000' brownish-hazy color none similar to triangle with round edges est. to be app 1/4 of inch when observed at 3 ft terrific rate of speed faded from view (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 60 secs | 1 | 2/3 | |
| 273. | | Aug. 30, 1949. Los Alamos, NM. 11:00 p.m. 90° overhead Almost straight fall bright green w/reddish tail Yes none much larger than meteor burned out (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1-2 secs | 1 | | |
| 274. | | Sept. 5, 1949. Lebec, Calif. 12:10 p.m. 2 USAF pilots flying military aircraft with 3538th Maintenance Sq saw an oval object climb at tremendous speed to the S. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2 | | |
| 275. | | Sept. 9 [10?], 1949. Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (53.33° N, 60.41° W). 9:56 p.m. (AST). Military aircraft pilot saw an egg-shaped object disappear into a cloud at high speed. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 276. | | Sept. 18, 1949. Sandia Base, Albuquerque, NM. 11:00 p.m. W to S 45° above horizon dark yellow none none round size of baseball unknown (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 3-4 secs | 1 | | |
| 277. | | Sept. 19, 1949. Tucson, Arizona. 9:00 a.m. N app 4000' grayish white none 2 mts none 2 to 3 ft across 600 mph faded from view (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2 mins | 2 | | |
| 278. | | Sept. 27, 1949. Sandia Base, Albuquerque, NM. 1:30 a.m. S to N 20° above horizon made a gentle arc toward earth dark blue Yes 2 secs none conical w/tail twice its diameter looked like a sky rocket 50° in 2 secs burnt out (3) (1) 45° above horizon Moving tangent to earth green none none round fist at arm's length 20° in 1 sec burnt out (3) (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1-2 secs | 2 | | |
| 279. | | Sept. 27, 1949. Sandia Base, Albuquerque, NM. 3:00 a.m. SE to NW 15° - 20° above horizon traveling in arc toward earth bright green none none round same size as perimeter fence light at distance of about 200 yds 45° in 2 secs brightened then went out (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2 secs | 1 | | |
| 280. | | Sept. 30, 1949. Sandia Base, Albuquerque, NM. 10:57 p.m. S to W 55° above horizon yellow orange none none slightly larger than shooting star 200 - 200 mph (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2-3 secs | 1 | | |

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| 281. | | Oct. 2, 1949. Los Alamos, NM. 9:10 p.m. 20,000 - 30,000' went up & then down bright green Yes (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 3 secs | 1 | | |
| 282. | | Oct. 2, 1949. Los Alamos, NM. 9:10 p.m. 20,000 - 30,000' went up & then down bright green Yes (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 3 secs | 1 | | |
| 283. | | Oct. 2, 1949. About 3 mi NE of Holland, Mich. 11:00 a.m. Bill Cooper, former USAAF air engineer, in car traveling N, sighted very bright, shiny flat dinner-plate shaped object about ½ mile distance head E [ESE?] into a cloud at 5,000 to 10,000 ft and reversed course to exit the cloud where it entered, retraced its route and disappeared in the E [WNW?]. | 30-60 secs | 1 | | |
| 284. | | Oct. 6, 1949. Mescalero, NM. 5:45 p.m. 15½° above horizon descended in slight arc dark green none none round big ball disappeared behind hills (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 30 secs | 1 | | |
| 285. | | Oct. 6, 1949. Albuquerque, Alamogordo, and Wagon Mound, NM. 5:58 p.m. Albuquerque: E to W curved descent approaching vertical greenish white none 1 sec none similar to very flare 1/2 size of thumb at arm's length abrupt (1) Wagon Mound: E to W horizontal greenish white none 3 - 4 secs none round 1½ " - 2" in diameter app that of meteor went out like electric light (1) Alamogordo: E to W straight angular descent bluish white possibly lt. Green tinge none 4 secs none circular 3 times the size of Jupiter or Venus 5° per sec. (1) Albuquerque,: NE to SW at tail end of its course it arched over and fell brilliant green none 10 secs none tear drop seemed to burn out (1) Alamogordo: 4°20' to 7°5' green none 5 - 8 secs none round size of baseball at arm's length (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1-10 secs | 5+ | | |
| 286. | | Oct. 6, 1949. Mescalero, NM. 6:00-6:45 [?] p.m. 18° above horizon green none none round ½ size of thumb at arm's length moving slowly disappeared behind a hill (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 7-9 secs | 1 | 1 ?? | |
| 287. | | Oct. 7, 1949. Sandia Base, NM. 1:07 a.m. W to E 45° above horizon bluish green Yes 15 secs none round size of fist at arm's length slow died out (1) SW to NE 45° above horizon executed dives greenish blue w/red sparks trailing Yes 4 secs none round size of fist at arm's length slow faded out (1) N to NE 45° above horizon green none 15 secs none round size of fist at arm's length slow burned out (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 4-15 secs | 3 | | |

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| 288. | | Oct. 7, 1949. Sandia Base, Albuquerque, NM. 9:20 p.m. Army 1st Lt. John W. Bloomfield, 8456th MP Co., Sandia Base, while traveling in car headed E sighted round yellow-green object about ½ Full Moon angular size about 35° elevation 120° azimuth drop 15° straight vertically over Sandia Mtns to disappearance in 1 sec. Green fireball? (Sparks; BB files) | 1 sec | 1 | ½ | |
| 289. | | Oct. 11, 1949. Holloman AFB, NM. Bet. 10:45-11:00 a.m. (MST). USAF M/Sgt. Ralph M. Stevens, Tech Aide in Lower Atmospheric Research, Elec & Atm Res Section, Holloman AFB, and Sgt. Marion H. Graves were at Ryan Site #4 tracking a balloon launch by theodolite when they spotted a high speed round white dish-shaped object in the NW at 60° in straight flight pass overhead to disappearance at 60° elevation in the SE. Size compared to B-29 [141 ft] at 150,000 ft range [1/10 full Moon]. (Sparks; BB files) | 10-15 secs | 2 | 1/10 | |
| 290. | | Oct. 12, 1949. Alamogordo, NM. 11:15 a.m. Flight engineer-private pilot SSgt Clifford B. Hart, 3089th Experimental Gp, 2754th Exp. Wing, and aircraft mechanics SSgt J. D. Denning and SSgt Harry A. Boggs, all of Holloman AFB, sighted a high speed white or aluminum round ball in the S at 45° elevation about 5-10 miles ground distance at about 8,000 to 10,000 ft height traveling about 1,500 mph which smoothly veered off to the NE after approaching to about 80° elevation [in the SE at about 2 mi distance] [Denning est closest distance 8-10 mi]. Appeared the size of a B-29 [141 ft wingspan] at 35,000 ft [1/3 Full Moon]. No sound, no visible means of propulsion, no exhaust, faded from view [due to distance]. (Sparks; BB files; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 45-60 secs | 3 | | |
| 291. | | Oct. 12, 1949. Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz (at 32°10'N, 110°54'W). 1:40 p.m. (MST). USAF 1st Lt. David J. Latz, Bombardier, 65th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp., Davis-Monthan AFB, sighted a round white or silver object at azimuth 20° [about NNE] elevation about 75° estimated distance 5 miles about 50-100 ft diameter traveling high speed at estimated as up to 1,000 mph at about 25,000 to 30,000 ft altitude disappearing at an estimated distance of 6 miles about 240° azimuth (SW) when he looked at a weather balloon just launched. No exhaust, no sound, no visible means of propulsion. No aircraft missions in flight. (Sparks; BB files) | 15 secs | 1<br>[+3?] | 1/6 to 1/3 | |
| 292. | | Oct. 12, 1949. Near Downs, Kansas. 2:45 p.m. (CST). Farmers George R. Verhage and Elwin (or Elward) Latham sighted a high-speed 500-600 mph shiny aluminum object about 10-20 ft long and 8-16 ft wide, first appearing crescent shaped then oval, nearly overhead at about 80° elevation moving SE to NW. Object was headed on collision course with B-29 at 6,000 to 7,000 ft altitude traveling E to almost due W, but banked out flat to avoid collision and passed under by about 500 ft and to rear of B-29, when it appeared oval. No exhaust, no sound except B-29's, no clouds in path of disc which disappeared due to distance. Verhage was Army Reserve, field experience in anti-aircraft artillery in aircraft identification and speed-altitude-distance estimation. (Sparks; BB files) | 20-30 secs | 2 | 1/6 to 1/3 | |

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| 293. | | Oct. 14, 1949. Mt. Palomar Observatory, Calif. 1:15 p.m. Observatory Manager of Public Relations, weather observer and instrumentation assistant Harley C. Marshall was driving away from Observatory towards the Observatory Power House about 800 ft N of the Observatory when he saw a perfect "V of V's" (or triangular) formation of about 9 [or 16-18 if doubled] round silver objects without tails or wings overhead traveling at high speed, faster than any jet, headed to the NW in level flight. After driving about 350 ft while observing the UFO's [if driving about 20-30 mph then duration ~8 to 12 secs]. Marshall stopped the pickup truck, got out, heard the objects emitting a sound like jets but not quite the same, which sound noticeably lagged behind visual location of objects in the sky by about 35°-40°, and observed objects disappear [behind?] cloud cover that extended from horizon to about 45° elevation at about 5,000 ft height (10,500 ft ASL). [If disappeared at ~30° elevation, then distance ~2 miles and speed ~600-900 mph.] Marshall checked the Naval Electronics Lab (NEL) cosmic-ray Geiger counter at the instrument room in the Observatory Power House and saw it had just spiked off-scale on radiation levels [off-scale does not indicate extreme radiation exposure, it is meaningless as Geiger counters amplify signals off-scale beyond a low threshold and are only useful for low-level activity]. He phoned Asst. Superintendent-Electrical Benjamin B. Traxler on duty at the Observatory (who then drove over to Marshall). Traxler confirmed the 1:15 p.m. off-scale recording at about 1:20 p.m. then saw UFO and the cosmic-ray Geiger counter jump off-scale [again] (see next entry). For the next 10 days another 22 incidents of off-scale cosmic-ray detector incidents occurred at scattered times fitting a periodic 1.5-hour or 3-hour time schedule, a phenomenon not seen before or after, and unexplainable by equipment failure or radio interference from aircraft. Several Navy aircraft of differing prop and jet types were flown near Palomar Observatory using radio, radio altimeter and radars on Oct. 21 and Nov. 2 in an unsuccessful effort to trigger the Geiger counter. Jan 1950 "further reports" evidently included that of Palomar Observatory engineer Bruce H. Rule who a had daytime sighting of multiple UFO's when radiation instruments showed an excursion. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; McDonald files; BB files) | [8-12 secs] | 1 | | EM effects on cosmic ray detector |

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| 294. | | Oct. 14, 1949. Mt. Palomar Observatory, Calif. 1:20 p.m. Following sighting by Observatory Manager of Public Relations and instrumentation assistant Harley C. Marshall (see above) who phoned Asst. Superintendent-Electrical Benjamin B. Traxler on duty at the Observatory. Traxler then drove over to Marshall in the instrument room at the Observatory Power House. Traxler confirmed the 1:15 p.m. off-scale recording at about 1:20 p.m. then saw one dark unidentified object traveling to the SW then saw that the needle had jumped off scale [again] on the cosmic-ray Geiger counter for several secs. For the next 10 days another 21 incidents of off-scale cosmic-ray detector incidents occurred at scattered times fitting a periodic 1.5-hour or 3-hour time schedule, a phenomenon not seen before or after, and unexplainable by equipment failure or radio interference from aircraft. (See subsequent Palomar sightings on Oct. 17 and 21, 1949.) Several Navy aircraft of differing prop and jet types were flown near Palomar Observatory using radio, radio altimeter and radars on Oct. 21 and Nov. 2 in an unsuccessful effort to trigger the Geiger counter. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; McDonald files; BB files) | several secs? | 1 | | EM effects on cosmic ray detector |
| 295. | | Oct. 14, 1949. Los Alamos, NM. Bet. 2:10-2:15 and 2:20 p.m. Jackson K. Hillogos, Zia Co., sighted luminous object in the W traveling S to N at 500 mph depending on actual distance. Object's front 2/3 was green and silver, rear 1/3 pale blue, tail also pale blue. Object 1/8 Full Moon angular size with tail 1/8 Full Moon long. [2nd or nearly simultaneous sighting with likely clock time error:]<br>W to E 20,000' level flight just above horizon<br>geenish blue - white trail Yes 2 secs none<br>round appeared a 12" disc burned out<br>(1) (Sparks; BB files; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 3-4 secs (2 secs) | 1 + 3 | 2/8 (1/4) | |
| 296. | | Oct. 16, 1949. About 1 mi S of Moses Lake AFB, Wash. 2:40 p.m. Two barbers, Elkins and Libby, sighted dull aluminum disk-shaped object on a straight course at about 10,000 ft traveling 2-3 times jet fighter speed until disappearing on the horizon. (Sparks; BB files) | 30-60 secs | 2 | | |
| 297. | | Oct. 17, 1949. Mt. Palomar Observatory, Calif. 7:20 a.m. Observatory Asst. Superintendent-Electrical Benjamin B. Traxler saw a small black object without apparent projections moving at high speed to the SW, below cloud cover at height of 1,500 ft (7,000 ft ASL), at the same time the cosmic-ray Geiger counter went off-scale again (see incidents of Oct. 14 and 21, 1949). (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; McDonald files; BB files) | several ? secs | 1 | | EM effects on cosmic ray detector |
| 298. | | Oct. 21, 1949. Mt. Palomar Observatory and Palomar Gardens (Oak Knoll Campground), Calif. 2:30 p.m. Observatory Asst. Superintendent-Electrical Benjamin B. Traxler saw an elongated slightly curved or banana shaped object traveling to the E or SE for about 3 secs. Independently and without knowledge of Traxler's sighting, George Adamski of Palomar Gardens, about 5 air miles to the S of Traxler (11 road miles), saw the dark cigar-shaped object. See prior Palomar sightings on Oct. 17 and 21, 1949. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; McDonald files; BB files) | 3+ secs | 2 | | |

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| 299. | | Oct. 21, 1949. Roswell, NM. 9:30 p.m. SE to NW 30° above horizon very bright white none none unknown (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 20-30 mins | 1 | | |
| 300. | | Oct. 22, 1949. Los Alamos, NM. 2:20 or 2:28 a.m. vertical 50 - 100 ft green 1 sec none like flare small went out (1) NW to SE on horizon bright green 2 secs none 4 times size of a flare 150 mph disappeared behind a hill (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1-2 secs | 2 | | |
| 301. | | Oct. 23, 1949. Wilson, North Carolina. 4:38 p.m. (EST). US Naval Reserve Lt Cdr Frederick L. Carr and 4 children sighted a round white shiny object in the SW, to the S of the setting sun in the western sky, traveling at much greater speed than the P-47 fighter at 5,000 to 7,500 ft altitude seen N of the sun about 45°-60° in azimuth away from the UFO, which was estimated at 20,000 to 30,000 ft altitude. UFO estimated ½ apparent length of P-47 fuselage. (Sparks; BB files) | | 5 | [1/7?] | |
| 302. | | Oct. 28, 1949. Napa, Calif. About 12:50 p.m. (PST). Melvin C. Shanks and Robert Largent sighted a round silver or aluminum object about the size of a fighter [50 ft] directly overhead at about 4,000 to 5,000 ft traveling N at high speed. No exhaust, no sound, no visible means of support. (Sparks; BB files) | 30 secs | 2 | 1 | |
| 303. | | Oct. 30, 1949. 2 mi N of Novato, Calif. (38°07'N, 122°35'W). 12:30 p.m. (PST). USAF Major Lee W. Wright of San Bernardino AFB, and MSgt Cayus P. Peterson, 78th Fighter Wing, Hamilton AFB, sighted a white flat solid round disc about 50 ft diameter traveling 500 mph at 5,000 ft heading 270° (W) on a straight and level course. (Sparks; BB files) | | 2 | | |
| 304. | | Oct. 31, 1949. Mint Canyon, Calif. 12:15 a.m. (PST). Aircraft engineer-pilot and former AAF AMC test pilot, Joseph J. Hanley, was flying a Grumman Mallard from Burbank to Palmdale, Calif., at 1,500 ft AGL 4,500 ft ASL at 140 mph in a climb on heading 350° True, when he spotted a high speed dark or black box-shaped object emitting a blue-gray exhaust about ¼ mile long, which was heading SE about 50 miles away at about 30,000 ft and traveling 1,500 mph. Hanley called attention of his two passengers and began a running radio report to Burbank CAA Tower. UFO slowed to make a turn over a 3,000 ft arc then headed N, then at a distance of about 20 miles. (Sparks; BB files) | 35 secs | 3 | | |
| 305. | | Nov. 16, 1949. Los Alamos, NM. 7:50 p.m. disappeared to N 2 objects bluish green none stationary but disappeared with speed of meteor disappeared from view (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | | 1 | | |
| 306. | | Nov. 19, 1949. Los Alamos, NM. 9:52 p.m. vertical green then yellow (or green) none (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2 secs | 2 | | |

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| 307. | | Nov. 21, 1949. Akita, Honshu, Japan (39°44’ N, 140° 5’ E). USAF pilot flying F-80 fighter saw a rectangular object flying at 500 mph. (Sparks; Weinstein) | | 1 | | |
| 308. | | Nov. 25, 1949. Los Alamos, NM. 8:00 p.m. E to W 15° - 10° above horizon downward 10° from the horizontal yellowish green none disappeared behind mt. (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2 secs | 5 | | |
| 309. | | Nov. 27, 1949. McIntosh, NM. 6:00 p.m. vertical less than 2,000' vertical descent green none none shaped like a flare same as signal flare same as falling signal flare same as signal flare (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1 sec | 1 | | |
| 310. | | Dec. 4, 1949. Bet. Covington and Hammond, Louisiana (at 30°30’ N, 90°15’ W). 4:35-4:38 p.m. (CST). USAF pilot of C-47 transport Flight AF 5566, Maj. F. E. Whitaker, Base Legal Officer of Walker AFB, Roswell, N.M., copilot 1st Lt. P. H. McDavid and crew chief engineer Staff Sgt. C. Thomas also from Walker AFB, while flying from Carswell AFB, Dallas, to Keesler AFB, Miss., at 180 mph at 5,500 ft heading 90° (E), saw a bright silver sphere about the size of a jet fighter [50 ft?] come towards their aircraft heading about 300° or about W nearly headon at 1 o’clock position [from about 120° ENE] at about the same altitude, 5,500 ft, at high speed in excess of 600 mph or faster than a jet then after about 30 secs object turned abruptly to the S, then stopped, bobbed up and down. Object made several accelerations and decelerations and sharp direction and altitude changes during sighting, very maneuverable in all directions, Whitker describing as appearing to “bounce all over the sky.” Object disappeared by sudden burst of speed crossing field of vision in about 1 sec. No vapor trail, exhaust, distinguishing features, or sound noticeable above the C-47’s noise. Apparent size half-dollar on windshield. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 3 mins | 3 | 2 ? | |
| 311. | | Dec. 4, 1949. Albuquerque and Los Alamos, NM. 7:35 p.m. Albuquerque: E to W nearly horizontal green none 2 - 3 secs none round marble at arm's length went out like a candle (1) (3) Los Alamos: E to NE sloping descent green 1/5 sec yes round disappeared behind mt. (1) (3) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 1/5 to 3 secs | 3 | | |
| 312. | | Dec. 9, 1949. Farmington, NM. 1:30 p.m. dropping vertically 500 ft vertically down none char-red parachute or cargo net disappeared (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | | 1 | | |

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| 313. | | Dec. 13, 1949. Alamogordo, NM. 8:05 p.m. stationary then began to move downward slowly and to right 5,000' white amber red green none none circular 1 - 1 1/2 times size of average st. light at a distance of 8 miles object took on brilliant green color picked up speed and faded from view (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 9 mins | 3 | | |
| 314. | | Dec. 29 [28?], 1949. Bet. Hamlet and Greenwood, North Carolina. 5 p.m. James and 3 other pilots of military light training planes saw a blimp-shaped object outdistance the [4?] planes at high speed. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 4 | | |
| 315. | | Dec. 31, 1949. Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C. Daytime. Wash DC Air National Guard 113th Aircraft Control Squadron Corporal Robert E. Guinn happened to look overhead during a jet takeoff and noticed an object like a “huge stack of tinfoil” when it tilted toward the sun, floating in and out of the clouds, the size of an ANG hangar, then suddenly headed SE at high speed. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 7, p. 1053-5) | | 1 | | |
| 316. | | Jan. 2, 1950. Brooklyn, NY (at 40°41’ N, 73°58’ W). About 10:00 p.m. (EST). Capt. Charles E. Umstead, Principal of Merchant Marine School, Seamen’s Church Institute, with wife Emma, saw bluish light hoveing in the clouds at about 35° elevation and 340° True azimuth, brighter during first 50 secs. (Sparks) | 3 mins | 2 | | |
| 317. | | Jan. 6, 1950. 7 mi W of Howard, Kansas (at 37°28’ N, 96°27’ W). 2:10 p.m. (CST). Pilots Capt. Frederick E. Howard and Capt. Robert E. Zimmerman, and crewman 1st Lt. Harold G. Simpson, aboard USAF 8th AF C-47 transport at 5,500 ft flying N from 8th AF HQ, Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas, to SAC HQ, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Neb., saw a 30-60 ft silver football-shaped object (with red nose per Howard) flying 300-500 mph at 2,000 ft on heading 90° to 100° Mag (thus crossing the C-47’s flight path or projected path) in straight level flight about 2 miles away (per Zimmerman and Simpson) or 5-10 miles away (per Howard). (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | <2 mins | 3 | ½ to 1/10 | |
| 318. | | Jan. 7, 1950. S of Corona, New Mexico (at 34°13’ N, 105°35’ W). 10:15 p.m. (MST). Holloman AFB Asst. Motor Maintenance Officer Capt. Robert H. R. Risley while driving S in automobile saw a yellowish-white ball of light at about 45° elevation descending at a 60° angle from SW to SE, changing color to orange with trailing flame, to just above a mountain range where it leveled off becoming bright blue-green traveling 10° to the E until it dropped behind the mountain. (Sparks; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 secs | 1 | | |

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| 319. | | Jan. 9, 1950. Los Alamos, NM. 10:25 or 10:26 p.m. 75° - 80° above horizon straight line greenish-white none 3 secs none round -4 to -5 compared to Jupiter 25° per second behind horizon (1) 80° - 40° above horizon horizontal incandescent green Yes 2 secs none oval with trail disappeared behind trees (1) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) | 2- 3 secs | 2 | | |
| 320. | | Jan. 10, 1950. 8 mi [NE?] of Las Vegas AFB [later renamed Nellis AFB] (on Hwy 93) [at about 36.4°, 114.6° ?], Nevada. 10:10 a.m. Civilian pilots, father and son, observed 2 F-80 jet fighters approaching for landing at elevation angle of about 45° into the sun [in the SE at about 21° elevation 141° azimuth] and saw an object at an altitude of approximately 1500-2000 feet, about 25-30 ft in size. Object appeared "pure silver," round "like a balloon" (AFOSI found no balloons launched) and solid material like "a metal," with no external fittings, air ducts, antenna, supports, or exhaust trail, seeming no noise audible above that of F-80's. Direction of flight [heading?] was NNE with no tactical movement, or maneuver, motion was smooth, at first slow and then a very rapid acceleration in a horizontal ascent [shallow climb], disappearing over mountains to the E. (Sparks; BB AFOSI files; NICAP website) | 25 secs | 2 | 1 ? | |
| 321. | | Jan. 12, 1950. Gulf of Mexico SW of Florida at 24°00' N, 85°20' W. 11:25 p.m. (EST). B-29 aircraft on a course of 260° at 10,000 ft detected 3 objects on radar scope orbiting the B-29 from all quadrants. Objects noticed by B-29 Radar Operator, Aircraft Commander, Navigator, and Bombardier. One object was first sighted at azimuth 330° heading S, crossing the radar scope in approximately 15 to 20 secs on the 100-mile range setting. In a few minutes this object was joined by 2 others, which disappeared in a few minutes. At short ranges the object was large and well defined on the radar scope. The object would go off for about 100 miles, turn and come in as if for an attack, pass through the center of the scope [=vicinity of B-29] and emerge on the other side [which is impossible for radar interference]. Estimated speed 2,500 to 3,000 mph. One object remained on the radar scope for approximately 30 minutes, following the B-29. The radar operator switched ranges on the scope and picked up the object on the 20 and 50 mile settings. Twice the object came within 20 miles then apparently had the ability to hover motionless for 5 to 15 secs. After altering course the object disappeared, but the radar was jammed for approximately 10 minutes. See similar incidents on March 14 and April 14, 1953; also RB-47 case July 17, 1957. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website; McDonald list) | 40 mins | 4 | | EM radar interference |

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| 322. | | Jan. 12, 1950. Holloman AFB, NM. 7:00-7:05 and 9:00 p.m. (MST). Airman John M. Gusich, 3024th Air Police Sq, file clerk in Air Provost Marshal's office, Holloman AFB, sighted bright white light similar to Venus, with erratically changing color to green and red, erratic left-right, up-down small motions, at about 10° to 15° above horizon in the N, at azimuth 353° to 355° moving level to the W. Sighted again briefly at 9:00 p.m. and had moved W to about 325° azimuth. Extremely cloudy in the W, S and E, clear only in the N, hence could not be Venus setting in the WSW, azimuth 252° elevation 5° (at 7:00 p.m.), setting at about 7:27 p.m. and well below horizon and totally invisible at 9 p.m. Similar sighting of star-like light in the N by Gusich next morning disappeared at 6:05 a.m. due to approaching sunrise was probably star Capella at azimuth 325° (about NW to NNW) elevation 3°. (Sparks) | 5 mins + 1? min | 1 [3?] | | |
| 323. | | Jan. 18, 1950. Denver, Colo. 6:19 p.m. USAF pilots of T-6 saw a round reddish-white object tapered aft flying at 15,000 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2 | | |
| 324. | | Jan. 22, 1950. Near Kodiak NAS, Alaska. 2:40-4:40 a.m. USN P2V3 patrol plane pilot Lt. Smith and radar officer A. L. C. Gaskey briefly detected a radar target 20 miles N, then another target S of Kodiak at 2:48 a.m., possibly the same target traveling 225 mph in between. Smith radioed Kodiak NAS to look for other air traffic but none was reported. Gaskey then noticed strong radar interference preventing him from tracking the target. At 3 a.m. watch officers Morgan and Carver on the USS Tillamook S of Kodiak island saw a maneuvering red exhaust-like or orange ball of fire circle the Kodiak area in 30 secs clockwise beginning and ending in the SE. At 4:40 a.m., P2V3 radar picked up fast moving target at 5 miles which closed that distance in 10 secs (1,800 mph) to dead ahead position, where it was seen as "two orange lights rotating about a common center like two jet aircraft making slow rolls in tight formation." Smith tried to pursue but object came at him in a "highly threatening gesture." Smith turned off all aircraft lights to reduce visibility, object flew off to the SE disappearing in 4 mins. (Sparks; Maccabee; Project 1947; BB files??) | ? + 30 secs + 4 mins | 4+ (8+?) | | radar; EM |

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| 325. | | Jan. 24, 1950. Near Blackstone, Virginia (37° 5' N, 78° 1' W). 4:50-5:05 p.m. (EST). 3 Pentagon officials, including 2 USAF combat flying officers, pilot Capt. G. B. Edwards and copilot Capt. Theron C. Fehrevach flying C-45 transport plane heading 26° at 5,000 ft, saw a dark 200-250 ft diameter hemispherical parachute-shaped or B-35 flying wing shaped object at about 20° azimuth at about 7,000 ft about 5-10 miles away with a large black smoke region below it almost looking like a large suspended black object about 3x the object's diameter, possibly obscuring a lower portion of a sphere instead of the object being just an upper hemisphere. UFO was darker than the 50% cloud cover and "easy to distinguish as not being cloud." Object moved smoothly horizontally to the right to about 32° azimuth at about 300+ mph then back again without any noticeable turn radius. Edwards put the C-45 into a climb to 7,000 ft so they would be on the same height level as the UFO and turned left slightly to 20° to head directly toward it. Army Courier Service passenger 1st Lt. John H. Van Santen was alerted by Fehrevach and now also saw the object move right then left by 12° again, then they all saw the object recede at high speed radially away and disappear [at possibly 6,000 mph to reduce angular size below visual resolution by increasing distance at least 200 miles in <2 mins at about 4:55 p.m.]. About 1-1/2 mins later object reappeared about 30°-45° to the right of their heading at the same level but at greater distance, stationary in position, then oscillating or "wiggling" about that position horizontally right-left about 1-1.5x object's width. Object moved horizontally to dead ahead again and disappeared by receding in the distance at high speed. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 7, pp. 1160-6; Jan Aldrich) | 15 mins | 3 | 1/2 - 1 | |
| 326. | | Jan. 31, 1950. N of Aleutian Islands, Alaska (at 53° N, 171°11' W). 6:55 p.m. USAF pilot saw 3 ft red and white elliptical object flying E. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | | |
| 327. | | Feb. 2 [1?], 1950. Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz. USAF bomber pilot saw object trailing smoke [heading W]. [Thousands of witnesses??] (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??; Keyhoe 1953 pp. 43-44) | | 1?<br>thousands? | | |
| 328. | | Feb. 5, 1950. Teaticket, Mass. 5:10 p.m. Marvin Odom, former U.S. Navy fighter pilot, USAF pilot from Otis AFB Lt. Philip Foushee, and 2 others saw 2 thin, illuminated cylinders, one dropped a fireball, both maneuvered together then disappeared high and fast. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 4 | | |
| 329. | | Feb. 8, 1950. Tampa, Florida (27.98° N, 82.44° W). 11:45 p.m. USAF crew of B-29 bomber saw 300 ft long 30 ft wide rocket-shaped object flying at 2,000+ mph. [Eastern Airlines??] (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | multiple? | | |
| 330. | | Feb. 22?, 1950. Key West NAS, Florida. USN radar tracking of object at 50 miles altitude. [Beyond radar altitude limit?] (Sparks; Keyhoe 1953 pp. 43-44; BB??) | | | | radar |

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| 331. | | Feb. 24, 1950. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 1:15-2:00 p.m. At various locations around Los Alamos, AESS security personnel, including Philip C. Mackey AESS Inspector and another AESS inspector, and 2 Los Alamos Lab chemical operators, sighted shiny metallic or bright white, silver white, saucer or sphere hovering to the NW at azimuth 310° elevation about 30°, estimated distance possibly 20,000 to 30,000 ft, size estimated at about 100 ft if at 20,000-30,000 ft range, then moving erratically, flashing bright sunlight at times, heading E or NE, then suddenly climbing vertically at possibly supersonic speed straight up out of sight at about 70° elevation. One witness reported object dispersed nearby clouds as it passed, and emitted an intermittent vapor trail, no trail reported by others; no sound noted by anyone. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 365-9) | 2 to 45 mins | 4+ | 1/3 to 1/2 | |
| 332. | 642 | Feb. 24, 1950. Albuquerque, New Mexico (35.10° N, 106.64° W). 1:55 p.m. While tracking a weather balloon from atop TWA Bld. at the Municipal Airport, Weather Observer Luther B. McDonald saw crossing the field of view in the theodolite a white, round object not quite as elongated as an egg, darkened on the top-left side, flying straight and level from about 20° to 23° elevation at about 110° azimuth in the E apparently on a trajectory towards them on about a 240° to 270° heading, covering 2° in 1-1/2 mins [probable roundoff in angles so that elevation may have changed from about 20.5° to 22.5° and azimuth from about 109° to 111°]. Object's angular size about that of the upper part of the moon as seen through theodolite [probable 21x telescope sight of David White pibal theodolite]. Lost sight when shifted to weather balloon (and back). Weather Observer Harrison S. Manson also observed object with the naked eye, for about 20-30 secs, appearing to be brilliant white like metal reflecting sunlight the apparent size of a weather balloon about to disappear in the distance, impression of flight heading to ESE [actually from ESE]. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 334-7, 372-3; Berliner; Jan Aldrich) | 1.5 mins (theod)<br>20-30 secs (unaided) | 2 | 1/20 | theodolite |
| 333. | | Feb. 24, 1950. Datil, New Mexico (34° 8' N, 107°45' W). 7:30-10 p.m. (MST). USAF Corporal Lertis E. Stanfield, 3024th Air Police Sq., Holloman AFB, and other Holloman AFB Photographic Branch project staff for tracking aerial phenomena at the Datil observation post saw due S at about 30° elevation and took 5 photos of a circular luminous white object changing to red and green 15.31 arcmins (0.2552°) in diameter with a 3.785° long trail, using 1-5 Cineflex camera with 3-inch focal length lens. Angular velocity > 0.5°/min in azimuth calculated by LaPaz. Object appeared brighter and closer, in smooth straight-line motion from about 8 to 9:30 p.m. to the W, blinking red and green. Disappeared high in the sky. Note 2nd sighting that night on Feb. 25, 1950. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 400, 463-4; Maxwell Microfilm Roll 7 pp. 1226-52; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 hrs 30 mins | 2 ? | 1/2 (0.2552° diam) | observation post photo |

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| 334. | | Feb. 25, 1950. Datil, New Mexico (34° 8' N, 107°45' W). 2-2:30 a.m. White round light reappeared in the same position in the sky from 4 hours earlier, changing to red and green, moving slightly towards the NW, then disappeared behind mountain. Angular velocity 0.5°/.min [in azimuth?] calculated by LaPaz. Note this is 2nd sighting of the same night by this Holloman AFB UFO observation post. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 465-6; Maxwell Microfilm Roll 7 pp. 1226-52) | 30 mins | 1 | | observation post photo |
| 335. | | Feb. 25, 1950. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 9:15 p.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 465-6) | 1.5 secs | 1 | | |
| 336. | 645 | Feb. 25, 1950. Los Alamos, New Mexico (35.89° N, 106.31° W). 2:10-3:55 p.m. 12 AEC Atomic Energy Security Service (AESS) inspectors saw a cylinder with tapered ends, silver and flashing, fly slow then fast, flutter and oscillate, change course. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 355-8, 370, 465-8; Berliner) | 3 secs to 2 mins | 12 | | |
| 337. | 650 | Feb. 27, 1950. Coulterville, Illinois. 7 a.m. Pilot and aircraft mechanic Richard Lemmon was flying [SE] from Wood River to Du Quoin, Illinois, in a PT-19 light training aircraft with his wife, at 2,000 ft when he noticed an object near Coulterville, and he alerted Mrs. Lemmon who then saw the object. He climbed to 5,000 feet at 140-150 mph where he appeared to be at the same level with the object, reaching as close as 1/2 mile away. Object was in the shape of a discus about 60 feet in diameter, 10 feet thick in the middle and thinner at the edges, with a high metallic shine. Lemmon flew above, below and to side of object to be sure it was real and no reflection or illusion. No markings or breaks in the metal for windows or rotors, etc., but had impression of "cuts of a piece of a pie." No flames, smoke or vapor trails. Object was highly maneuverable and made several turns, right and left, up and down. Object tilted in the direction of motion with no distinguishable front or rear. No visible means of propulsion. Lemmon tried to buzz people on the ground to look up at the object. Object picked up speed to disappear at "great speed" [near Pinckneyville/ Du Quoin?]. (Sparks; BB files; Project 1947 website; NICAP website; UP, Du Quoin, Ill., March 14, 1950; Loren Gross Jan-March 1950, pp. 26, 93) | 15 mins | 2 | 2 | |
| 338. | 650 | March 3, 1950. Selfridge AFB, Mich. 11:05 p.m. USAF 1st Lt. Frank Mattson saw an intense, dull yellowish light descend vertically, then fly straight and level at high speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4 mins | 1 | | |
| 339. | | March 4, 1950. Los Alamos, New Mexico. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 370) | | 1 | | |
| 340. | | March 5?, 1950. Vaughn, New Mexico. 11:35 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. White object in straight flight toward 195° azimuth? at 180-200 mph. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 467-8) | 1 hr 25 mins | 4 | 4 | |

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| 341. | | March 9, 1950. Selfridge AFB, Mich. 7:45-9 p.m. (EST). USAF 1st Lt. Francis E. Parker, 1st Lt. Frank Mattson, Sgt. McCarthy, Cpl. Melton, made multiple air defense ground radar trackings of an object erratically varying height, position and speed from 25,000 to 47,000 ft altitude, 0 to 1,500 mph [calculation from figures given are actually 1,200 mph]. High speeds were partially disputed. Despite claims of "evident correlation" or agreement between the two radars, height-finder CPS-4 and CPS-5 search radar, at 8:52 p.m. the former showed the target at 79 miles range but the latter at 110 miles. F-80's were vectored but results not stated. Possible MOGUL-type high-altitude constant-level balloon? (Hynek UFO Rpt. pp. 123-5, 295-7; Todd Lemire) | 75 mins + ? | 4+ | | multiple radars (CPS-4 and CPS-5) |
| 342. | | March 10, 1950. Phoenix, Ariz. About 6-6:30 p.m. Object about 200 ft by 30 ft to SSE azimuth 160° at about 40,000-50,000 ft seen by 7 witnesses from moving car. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 338-340, 467-8) | 10 mins | 7 | ½ or 1 | |
| 343. | | March 11, 1950. Holloman AFB, New Mexico. 1:00 a.m. USAF Air Provost Marshal Major William J. Haynor. app 270° about 30° above horizon at distance of 50 miles straight flight changed from light orange to blood red to amber to light green none 5 mts none ping pong ball ping pong ball held at arm's length disappeared from view (1) (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 381-3, 469-470) | 5 mins | 1 | 4 | |
| 344. | | March 11, 1950. Punta Arenas, Chile (53° 6' S, 70°53' W). 12 p.m. Many witnesses saw a silver ping-pong-shaped object at extreme altitude in the NE traveling toward the SW. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | many | | |
| 345. | | March 16, 1950. Farmington, New Mexico. 10-11 a.m. 2 USNR pilots plus many others. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 385-6, 392-3, 469-470; McDonald 1968) | 30 mins,<br>3-5 mins | 10-20+ | ¼ to 1/2 | |
| 346. | | March 17, 1950. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 3:07-3:08 a.m. 5 AESS inspectors. straight down straight down orange & green Yes 2 - 2 1/2 secs none tremendous explosion on impact with earth or disintegration seemed to climb, change color, start down & disappear green turning to yellow none 5 secs none spherical 1/4 size of moon moderate suddenly earthward earthward Yes 3 secs none round 1/4 size of full moon extremely fast plunged to earth & 2 explosions were noted prior to disappearance (3) (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 359-364, 469-472) | 1-5 secs | 5 | 1/4 | |
| 347. | | March 17, 1950. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 4:45 a.m. AESS inspectors. formed an arc formed an arc green none 5 secs none round quite small free fall fell toward earth (3) (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 359-364, 471-2) | 5 secs | 1 | 1/4 | |
| 348. | | March 20, 1950. 35 miles SE of Clovis, New Mexico. 1:16 a.m. USAF pilot of T-6 saw a white spherical then elongated object flying at 2,000 mph. (Sparks; Project 1947; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 471-2) | 1-2 secs | 1 | | |

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| 349. | 671 | March 20 [22? 31?], 1950. 40 miles E of Little Rock, N of Stuttgart, Ark. 9:26 [9:29?] p.m. Chicago & Southern Airlines Capt. Jack Adams and First Officer G. W. Anderson, Jr., flying a DC-3 at 2,000 ft heading W from Memphis to Little Rock, saw a 100 ft flat cylinder-section circular disc [or body of object not visible?], width/diameter ratio about 1:4.5, with 9-12 [or 7?] bright white lights or "portholes" along the lower side emitting a soft purple [?] light, and a blinding blue-white center light at the top which flashed 3 times in 9 secs [or 3/sec ??], fly at 700-1,000 mph [or 1,000+ mph?] from the S headed N, passing to their right at about 1/2 mile distance about 1,000 ft higher altitude. (Sparks; Battelle Unknown No. 11; Project 1947; Ruppelt) | 25-35 secs | 2 | 4 | |
| 350. | | March 21, 1950. Kirtland AFB (Albuquerque), New Mexico. 1-1:30 p.m. 4 members 4925th Special Weapons Group. Sandia Base witnesses 1:15 and 1:20 p.m.<br>E to SW app 45° above horizon 2 objects silver none 10 mts none round app size of dime at arm's length excessive to jet flight gradually faded from view (2)<br>NE to SE 40,000-60,000' varied from shiny silver to shady gray none 30 mts none round size of end of thumb at arm's length about same as jet aircraft disappeared (2)<br>E 75° above horizon white none 5 mts none round smaller than fist at arm's length app 600 - 700 mph disappeared from range of vision (2)<br>SE to S 40° to 50° above horizon zig-zag motion up & down bright silver none 1 mt none round size of dime at arm's length about same as fast jet aircraft disappeared from range of vision (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 342-5, 473-4) | 5 mins + 30 mins | 4 + 3 | | |
| 351. | | March 22, 1950. Kirtland AFB (Albuquerque), New Mexico. 12:10 a.m. Sandia Base, New Mexico SE to NW line parallel w/line tangent to the earth blue center with orange exterior none 1 round like ball from roman candle 30° azimuth burned out (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 373-4, 475-6) | 1.5-3 secs | 2 [3?] | | |
| 352. | | March 22, 1950. Kirtland AFB (Albuquerque), New Mexico. 11 a.m. 11 members 4925th Special Weapons Group. NW changing to N 25,000 to 30,000' horizontal tan to brown none none flying wing about size of golf ball held at arm's length extremely high speed disappeared (2) (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 351-4, 473-4) | 5-6 secs++ ?? | 11 | 10 ? | |
| 353. | 678 | March 27, 1950. Motubu Peninsula, Okinawa. 10:30 a.m. USAF antiaircraft radar operator Cpl. Bolfango tracked stationary target on radar at 18 miles range for 10 mins at 13,000 ft. Object then moved on 220° heading for 16.9 miles in 2 mins or about 500 mph to a point over a mountain apparently still at 13,000 ft, where it was lost. Visual observation not detailed, only mentioned in summary. (Sparks; Berliner; Jan Aldrich) | 12 mins | 2+ ? | | RV |

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| 354. | 680 | March 28, 1950. Santiago, Chile (33°30' S, 70°40' W). 3:15 p.m. M/Sgt. Prince Patterson, U.S. Air Attache's office, saw a white object through binoculars flying at extreme altitude and speed, crossing 30° of sky in the WNW about 300° azimuth at one point briefly lost in sun's glare [at 296° azimuth 29° elevation] then reappearing [and crossing the sky to about 330° azimuth]. Patterson left roof of U.S. Embassy to retrieve camera with telephoto lens but object was gone when he returned. (Sparks; Berliner; Jan Aldrich) | 5-10 secs | 1 | | binoculars |
| 355. | 682 | March 29 [30?], 1950. Marrowbone Lake, Tenn. 7 a.m. Real estate salesmen Whiteside and Williams saw 6-12 dark objects shaped like 300-lb. bombs, estimated 5 ft long, flying 500 mph in descent, making a noise like wind blowing through the trees. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 2 | | |
| 356. | | April 1, 1950. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 4:20 a.m. (MST) White ligbt seen about 75° above horizon. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 374-5, 475-6) | <1 sec | 1 | | |
| 357. | | April 7, 1950. Logan Airport, Boston, Mass. (42.36° N, 71.06° W). CAA Watch Supv. Connelly and 3 controllers saw a deep-blue ellipsoid object in the W at 15° elevation moving SW-NE opposite the winds, changing back to blue, split into 2 blue lights revolving around each other then separate, change to white then cherry-red, increasing to 45° elevation, disappearing in NE. Overcast at 16,000 ft. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 65-68; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 mins | 4 | | binoculars |
| 358. | 706 | April 8, 1950. Kokomo, Indiana (40.50° N, 86.13° W). 2 a.m. Earl Baker saw a grey metallic disc, 50 ft in diameter, 15 ft thick, top-shaped with a "conning tower" at the top and three ports on the rim giving off a blue light. Hovered for 2 mins about 200 ft away, slowly spinning and oscillating, then flew away to the N. Baker aroused from sleep by his dog. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 75) | 2+ mins | 1? | 30 | |
| 359. | | April 10, 1950. Brookley AFB (30°38' N, 88° 3' W) and Bates Field, Mobile, Alabama. 2 p.m. USAF control tower operator, civilian tower operator and pilots of 2 aircraft saw an object flying to the NE or E over Brookley AFB at 3,500 ft altitude about 45° elevation from Brookley tower. (Sparks; Willy Smith files) | 30 secs | 4 | | |
| 360. | 711 | April 14, 1950. Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey (40°31' N, 74°05' W). 2:30 p.m. Army M/Sgt. James saw 4 rectangular, amber objects, about 3 ft by 4 ft, change speed and direction rapidly, rising and falling as a group. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-4 min | 1 | | |
| 361. | | April 17, 1950. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 3:30 p.m. UC scientists Buck, et al., with telescope. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 376-9, 475-6) | 20-30 secs to 15-30 mins | 3 to 13 | 1/5 to 1/4 | UC scientist, telescope |

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| 362. | | April 18, 1950. Near Memphis, Texas. 9 a.m.-12:40 p.m. (CST). CAA observers in Clarendon, Texas, saw unidentified object to the SE while [CAA?] observers in Childress about 60 miles SE saw object to NW and triangulated stationary object midway in between near Memphis, for 3+ hrs beginning at 9 a.m., which did not move significantly despite winds aloft. Northrop engineering test pilot Max Stanley and observers Lloyd Balsam and Sam F. West were asked to intercept object as they were about to take off in F-61C (AF 8357) from Amarillo on an MX-775 test (Navaho cruise missile celestial guidance test), and a B-36 also took off from Ft. Worth to intercept. [At about 12:20 p.m. after flying ESE from Amarillo] F-61 crew reached 20,000 ft near Memphis and saw a translucent silver spherical shaped object ahead of them to the SE at “considerable distance” at 30,000+ ft with "prominent detents" top and bottom with a dark vertical streak or shadow, and streak tilted occasionally resulting in object moving laterally slowly and briefly, with no visible means of propulsion. Object was visible only when sunlight intermittently reflected on it. Contact with CAA Amarillo Range Station revealed no other aircraft in area at high altitude. F-61 crew flew 10 mins at 200+ mph (150 mph IAS) toward object heading SE but could not overtake it though apparently closed distance so that object was better observed, appearing as if possibly a weather balloon, however CAA Amarillo denied the possibility due to winds aloft and extreme length of CAA observation. Object then disappeared behind or into a deck of high altitude cirrus clouds. F-61 continued on SE heading for about 5 mins at 30,000 ft [at about 20 mi SE of Clarendon] and UFO reappeared slightly to the right and higher, very close to the base of the cirrus cloud deck, and much closer than when it had disappeared. UFO angular size 1/2 of Full Moon. F-61 made radio contact with B-36 crew at 46,000 ft, above the cloud layer who could not see object. UFO then disappeared again behind or into a cloud [probably after < 1 min], F-61 circled for about 5 mins [about 30 mi SE of Childress], then regained object for about 30 secs in a break between 2 clouds before losing sight of it for the last time. F-61 had to descend due to depletion of oxygen supply, 2-3 mins later B-36 broke off attempted intercept too. Possible Skyhook balloon but no record of a launch; Insufficient Data to identify. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Herb Taylor; BB Maxwell Microfilm Reel 7, pp. 1592-8) | 3hrs40m | 5+ | 1/2 | triangulation; test pilot |
| 363. | | 500420 1530 Los Alamos, New Mexico manuevered up & down bright metallic none 15-30 mts none roughly circular est 9' in diameter faster than conventional aircraft lost sight of object (2) (Sparks; AFOSI-LaPaz Catalog May 1950) | 15-30 mins | | | |
| 364. | | April 23, 1950. Red Bud, Illinois. 3:58 p.m. Photographer Dean Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Greene, and Donald Gene, saw and Morgan photographed hovering object that shot away. (Sparks; Randle) | | 4 | | photo |

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| 365. | | April 27, 1950. 10 miles NE of Camp Haugen, near Hachinohe, Japan (at 40.6° N, 141.7° E). 2:45 p.m. Misawa AFB 7th Fighter Bomber Sq USAF pilot 2nd Lt. James Henry Petty was flying F-80C jet fighter in a slight turn to the left at 25,000 ft 320 mph (IAS?) heading NE about 45° azimuth to meet up with a lead aircraft (apparently another F-80C) piloted by Lt. Sofbom of 7th Fighter Bomber Sq, also heading NE at 45° at this point in a sharper gradual left turn, when he saw an unidentified object about 3 miles away at his 2 o'clock position (about ESE) following the lead aircraft in a tracking position about 1,000 ft below and to the right-rear [about 5 o'clock position roughly 1 mile away] from the lead aircraft traveling about 275-300 mph, silhouetted against clouds. During the lead aircraft's wide left turn that eventually resulted in a 260° heading, the UFO "accelerated" and pulled up to level position [at 3 o'clock] and climbed to the lead plane's altitude while the F-80C rapidly approached and overflew both the lead aircraft and UFO, having to climb (slightly) to avoid collision [now heading about NW about 315°], but getting "a very good look from the top and both sides" of the UFO, Petty saw that it was a rectangular cream-colored flat object appearing to be made of "muslin" about 20 ft high, 60 ft long, but only about 2 inches thick, oriented vertically, not reflecting sunlight despite bright sun, no exhaust, no apparent means of propulsion, not wavering or fluttering. Petty first thought it was an aerial tow target but knew there was no aerial gunnery scheduled. After being overflown, UFO pulled away from lead aircraft, accelerated to 600 mph on a 330° heading [climbed to 28,000 ft?], overtook and crossed in front of Petty's F-80C from behind and left to right [from about Petty's 7 o'clock to 1 o'clock positions] and disappeared in the distance against a clear sky. Similar incident next day near Wakkanai. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Weinstein) | 2.5-3 mins | 1 | 6 | |
| 366. | | April 27, 1950. Plymouth, Mass. 9 a.m. USAF pilot flying F-86 jet fighter saw a light-brown flat oval object that climbed to 28,000 ft and turned. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | 1 | | |
| 367. | | April 27, 1950. Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico. While preparing for an MX-776A Shrike air-to-ground missile test at White Sands Proving Ground, Charles Riggs and other members of USAF contractor Land-Air, Inc., Askania theodolite crews saw, tracked, filmed 4 high flying objects on a cinetheodolite at station P-10 and a theodolite at station M-7. Triangulation resulted in 30 ft size and 150,000 ft altitude for the "high speed" objects located between Holloman AFB and Tularosa Peak. (Sparks) | | several | 1/50 (0.25° equiv in theod) | cinetheodolite triangulation |

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| 368. | | April 27, 1950. Near South Bend (or Goshen?), Indiana. 8:24 p.m. (CST). Trans World Airlines Flight 117 pilot Capt. Robert Adickes and FO Robert F. Manning heading W en route to Chicago in a DC-3 at about 200 mph and 2,000 ft altitude saw off to the right well to the rear a bright red disc-shaped object, 5:1 to 10:1 width/height ratio, no trail, angular size of an orange at 20 ft, rolling on edge vertically on a parallel course to their plane overtaking it gradually in about 2 mins at slightly below 2,000 ft altitude until it reached about 100° relative bearing about 1/2 mile away. Adickes and stewardess Gloria Henshaw were then called in to watch, as well as at least 11 passengers including Boeing engineers C. H. Jenkins and D. C. Bourland, executives E. J. Fitzgerald, S. N. Miller, et al. When airliner was turned toward the object it veered off at 400 mph dropping down to about 1,500 ft headed N (or NNW), presenting edge-on view, disappearing in a few mins. (Sparks; McDonald 1968; Project 1947; Keyhoe 1953; NICAP) | 6-7 mins | 14 | 2 | Boeing aero? engineers |
| 369. | | April 28, 1950. About 2 miles W of Wakkanai, Japan (at 45°23' N, 141°38'E). 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Misawa AFB 9th Fighter Bomber Sq USAF pilot 1st Lt. James H. Harvey flew an F-80C jet to attempt to intercept unidentified target tracked by Radar Site #18 without success. After 1 hr, at 12:30 p.m., while flying due N 360° about 2 miles W of Wakkanai at 300 mph (IAS?) at 30,000 ft Harvey saw an object about 7 miles to his left in the W on a S 180° heading at 600-650 mph and lost it in the clouds or over the top of the clouds after about 5 secs. Object apparently circled around at high speed in about 10 secs [roughly 8 miles or about 3,000 mph] reappearing on Harvey's right [at around 2 o'clock position] and continued to circle from right to left in front of the F-80C apparently still at 10,000 ft and closer [roughly 1 mile], was seen "clearly" contrasted against the ocean. Object was a white square 12 x 12 ft (height x length) thin, appearing somewhat like an aerial tow target, oriented vertically, with no evidence of propulsion, exhaust, control surfaces or lights. Object was lost after about 5 secs when it blended in with the lower overcast clouds on about 270° W heading [roughly 10 o'clock from F-80C possibly 3 miles range]. F-80C had been in continuous radio contact with Radar Site #18 during UFO sightings but radar was unable to track either the UFO or the F-80C. Harvey had another F-80 in sight the entire time. Harvey descended to 18,000 ft and searched for the UFO for 15 mins without success. Similar incident previous day near Camp Haugen, Japan. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | ? + 5 secs + 5 secs | 1 + 1 | 1/4 ? | radar |
| 370. | | May 1, 1950. Kirtland AFB (Albuquerque), New Mexico. 3:10 p.m. 2 members 690th ACW Sq. saw metallic object angling downwards headed SW to NE. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 388-390, 475-6) | 1 sec | 2 | | |
| 371. | | May 5, 1950. Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Several witnesses reported to 57th FIS seeing hovering intense reddish-orange light overhaed above Elemendorf AFB beneath overcast cloud layer at 7,000 ft. Hovered for 5 mins then departed at high speed. No noise or acrobatic maneuvers. (Sparks; AFHRA index for 57th FIS History) | 5 mins | several | | |

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| 372. | 721 | May 7, 1950. 9 miles S of Ely, Nevada. 6:45 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and their grandson saw a silvery white object hover at 100 ft altitude, move back and forth then fly up out of sight at high speed. Note in case file: "No investigation." (Vallée Magonia 79; Randle) | 10 mins | 3 | | |
| 373. | | May 11, 1950. About 9 miles SW of McMinnville, Oregon (UFO at 45.103° N, 123.337° W). About 7:20 p.m. (PST).<br>Evelyn Trent was feeding the rabbits in her backyard just before sunset when she spotted an object to the N in the distance and called out to her husband Paul Trent, who was in the house at the back door, asking him to retrieve their camera. She went into the garage to look for the camera but Paul found it in the house, ran out into the yard toward where his wife had been standing, then he saw the rapidly approaching large metallic object to the N heading almost directly towards them, "tipped up" its flat underside towards them, felt a gust of wind seemingly from the object, snapped a photo of the object at azimuth 334.8° (about NNW) elevation 14°, angular size 1.67°. Paul Trent was at 45.1007° N, 123.3344° W, in his back yard between the house and garage.<br>Then as the object turned on a W heading he walked ~5 ft to his right to compensate for object's motion to the left, snapped a 2nd photo about 30 secs after the 1st, which shows a metallic pie-pan shaped object 1.46° angular size with a large off-center tilted antenna or pole projecting from the top, at azimuth ~317.5° (about NW) 12° elevation.<br>Evelyn had joined Paul by the time he started taking pictures and later described the arc covered between photos (determined by a reporter as about 15° – close to actual figure ~17°). Distance and size of object estimated by the witnesses as about 1/4 mile distance and 20-30 ft diameter, or "parachute-sized" (about 24-28 ft in perfect agreement with "20-30 ft"), which size/distance figures translate to a maximum angular size 1.3° (close to the photographically measured 1.46°-1.67°).<br>AF Colorado Project and Bruce Maccabee estimated distance about 1 mile and object diameter about 100 ft but methodology is mistakenly based on excess brightness of what was supposed to be dark shadow of the bottom of the object (in fact the bottom was not in shadow but caught bright nearly-direct sunlight at sunset from bright sky illumination at near grazing angle ~2° off of direct sunlight). Several other witnesses reportedly saw the object. (Sparks; Condon Report pp. 396-407; Bruce Maccabee; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 244-5; etc.) | 2-3 mins | 2+ | 3<br>(1.67°) | stereo photo pair |
| 374. | | May 19, 1950. 100 miles E of Honshu, Japan. 2 military aircraft pilots saw stationary kite-like object tracked by ground radar. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list) | | 3+ ? | | radar |

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| 375. | | May 24, 1950. Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico. During an MX-674 Tarzon controllable vertical bomb test at White Sands Proving Ground, Floyd Fannon and other USAF contract Land-Air, Inc., Askania theodolite crew members saw 8 unidentified objects then separately tracked and filmed 2 of the objects down the North American Aviation missile firing range. Cinetheodolite station P-8 filmed one object to the NE for 6 frames (1.0 sec) moving uniformly to the S from azimuth 38°26'59.2" to 38°33'59.2" and elevation 47°32'20" to 47°25'50". Cinetheodolite station P-10, located 5.6781 miles down range to the N (to azimuth 347.07723°) from P-8 and 7 ft higher, filmed another object, hence no triangulation possible, viewed to the E for 74 frames (14.6 secs) moving uniformly to the N from azimuth 86° 9' 9.2" to 85°47' 9.2" and elevation 25°48' 0" to 25° 7'50". (Sparks) | 15+ secs | multiple | | films by cinetheodolites |
| 376. | | May 29, 1950. About 7 miles W of Mt. Vernon, Virginia (at about 38°42.5' N, 77°13' W). 9:20 p.m. Capt. Willis T. Sperry with about 10,000 flying hours, copilot Bill Gates, flight engineer Robert Arnholt, a stewardess and 2-3 or 8 passengers on a DC-6 airliner headed 230° (about SW) out of Washington, D.C., en route to Nashville, at 7,500 ft at 250 mph, saw a spindle-shaped 150 ft long metallic object with intense blue light (about mag. -6) on the tail, beginning with Gates who sighted blue light from their DC-6 airliner on headon collision course. Sperry made evasive 45° turn to the right (to 275° heading), object passed from 11 o'clock to 7 o'clock position (about 125° or SE) to the left at slightly higher altitude meanwhile crossing in front of upper part of full moon to the S (at 145° or 159° azimuth 22° or 27° elevation, depending on whether EST or EDT time, 97% full) where submarine-like silhouette clearly seen, about 5 miles away. Sperry turned left back onto original course to get the object back in view, object may have stayed stationary about 30 secs at this point. Gates then noticed object circled around to the right side, Sperry banked right again, while the object paced the airliner about 20-30 secs before climbing to the E at a 30° angle at "fantastic" speed and disappearing. (Sparks, Tom Tulien) | 2-3 mins | 6-12 ? | 2/3 – 3/4 | |
| 377. | | June 16, 1950. E of Tucson, Ariz. (at 32° N, 110°35' W). 8:25 p.m. Air National Guard C-47 pilot Santini saw a triangular object pass the aircraft at 700 mph. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |

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| 378. | | June 17, 1950. Hasselbach, East Germany. 2:30 a.m. Central Europe Time. Town mayor Oscar Linke and daughter Gabriele [Gabriella?] spotted landed 40-50 ft frying pan-shaped object with two rows of 1 ft holes on the periphery, a 10 ft tall black conical tower on top, about 450 ft away, walked towards it until at about 130 ft away saw two "men" in shiny metallic one-piece suits stooped over, and approached to within 30 ft of the "men," when Gabriele called out, the "men" were alarmed and jumped on the conical tower and went inside [object about 80 ft from witnesses?]. The tower retracted, a cylindrical support column shifted position, object turned from green to red, a slight hum was heard, it lifted off the ground and started spinning, sound turned to a whistling as it accelerated and headed off toward Stockholm. Linke found a round dug impression in the ground seeming to match the support column of the object. [Case frequently misdated to June-July 1952 when first published in the press after Linke escaped to the West.] (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 204-6; Davis-Bloecher 1978; Loren Gross June-July 20, 1952, pp. 39-41) | | 2+ | 60 - 70 ? | |
| 379. | | June 21, 1950. Hamilton AFB, Calif. 1:35 a.m. Cpl. Garland Pryor and S/Sgt. Ellis Lorimer saw a disc-shaped object shooting a blue flame, traveling at over 1,000 mph. Case missing. (Sparks; Randle) | | 2 | | |
| 380. | | June 23, 1950. Gulf of Mexico (at 26°50' N, 86° 5' W). 7:40 p.m. (CST). USAF 308th Recon Group, Tinker AFB, Okla., "Pelican" weather recon flight at 10,000 ft heading about 30° (about NNE turned to 326° or about NW at 7:44 p.m.) ground speed 173 knots (199 mph) with crew navigator 1st Lt. Donald D. Sherr, scanner Sgt. Elbert C. Bishop, engineer Tech. Sgt. John W. Horn, radio operator Sgt. Claudio S. Gonzales, saw at relative bearing 80° [to the right to the ESE?, contra other data to the left or NW?] a huge ball of fire descend slowly in 1-1/2 mins in a wavy spiral or erratic elongated "S" shaped path from at least 50,000 ft to 20,000 ft (or from 50-70 miles down to 30 miles per one witness) at estimated position 28°45' N, 89°45' W [apparently estimated by triangulating vapor trail as aircraft flew along a baseline of about 60 miles from a distance of about 270 miles] where it faded, leaving an extremely bright glowing bluish or blue-white smoke or vapor trail that persisted for 20 mins without dimming for 15 mins then finally fading into a soft blur at about 8:00 p.m. Bright object with extremely bright trail flying erratically. Numerous other witnesses in Alabama, Texas, Mississippi [?], including National Airlines pilot Capt. James L. Hansen flying near Mobile, Ala., J. A. Ellis of Rosedale, Ala. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1.5 mins | > 4 + many | | triangulation |

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| 381. | | June 24, 1950. Daggett, Calif. 8:08 p.m. (PST). Numerous observers over Nevada and Calif. United Airlines Capt. E. L. Remlin, First Officer David Stewart, observer Capt. Sam B. Wiper, and crew of 2, plus about 25 of 50 passengers on an airliner at 290 mph at 14,000 ft saw a brilliant bluish-center cylindrical or dirigible-shaped object with orange-tint fly a parallel course with the airliner for 20 miles [3-4 mins duration] at about 20-30 miles distance at 20,000 or 60,0000 or 80,000 ft then fade in the distance. Navy transport pilot sighted dark gray or gunmetal cigar-shaped object 1/8 Full Moon angular size, with faint radiant exhaust at estimated speed 1,000-1,500 mph, altitude 50,000-100,000 ft, 3 mins, traveling N then turned W to disappearance. Lovelock, Nev., airport 30 pilots sighted vapor trail persisting for 20 mins. Witnesses in Ely, Pioche, and Briston Silver Mine, Nev., sighted vapor trail or smoke in a "3" shape to the W for ½ hour. (Jan Aldrich; David Rudiak; Weinstein; UFO Evid.) | 3 mins (1/2 hr duration of contrail) | 100's | 1/8 | |
| 382. | 738 | June 27, 1950. Texarkana, Texas (33.43° N, 94.05° W). 7:50 a.m. Red River Arsenal employees Terrell and Yates saw a bright object shaped like two dishpans face-to-face, fly straight and level at high speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4-5 secs | 2 | | |
| 383. | | June 27 ?, 1950. Louisville, Kentucky (38.24° N, 85.77° W). Movie film of UFO taken by newspaper reporter Al Hixenbaugh. Clandestine investigations initiated by AF Intelligence and AF R&D. (Sparks; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | film |
| 384. | | June 29, 1950. Phoenix to Blythe, Calif. 5:45-8:35 p.m. B-29 pilot. (BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 482) | | 1 | | |
| 385. | | July 11, 1950. Near Osceola, Ark. USN pilots of 2 planes saw a domed disc. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | 2 | | |
| 386. | | July 13, 1950. Fort Peck, Montana. 11:50 a.m. USAF Weather Recon flight crew saw 4 groups of round metallic silver objects. (Sparks; Weinstein) | | 2+ ? | | |
| 387. | 758 | July 13, 1950. Huntsville, Alabama. 5 p.m. 2 Redstone Arsenal employees including Mr. Washburn, saw a polished aluminum object, shaped like a bowtie fly straight and level, then one triangle rotated 1/4 turn in the opposite direction and returned to its original position. Object then made a right-angle turn and accelerated away. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 secs + | 2 | | |
| 388. | | July 15, 1950. Los Alamos, NM. 2:15 p.m. Sighting from Gamma Bld., LANL, of bright metallic aluminum-colored flying-wing-shaped object, no fuselage, with transparent section in middle, 15° above the horizon, heading E to W over mountain range at estimated distance of 15 miles, size about 35 ft, speed about 300 mph, yawing motion in straight flight, seen from window which blocked view of disappearance. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 489-492) | 1 min | 1 | 1/20 ? | |

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| 389. | | July 31, 1950. 12-15 miles NW of Bernalillo, NM (35°22' N, 106°40' W). 11:54 a.m.–12:20 p.m. (MST). NM Air National Guard 188th Fighter Sq, 1st Lt. James F. Savage, in F-51 fighter aircraft at 14,500 ft saw a flash of light about 2,200 ft below his aircraft level about 10° below his horizontal, obejct at about 3,000 ft slant range gradually descended to 9,800 ft as pilot increased speed to 340 (mph?) and descended to 12,200 ft to chase bronze-to-amber colored smooth tear-drop shaped obejct, slightly smaller than F-51, heading 60° gradually turning right to the E, for 26 mins until it disappeared in clouds, at about 34°35' N, 105°35' W. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 493-5) | 26 mins | 1 | 1 | |
| 390. | 773 | Aug. 4, 1950. Approx. 100 miles SE of New York City (39°35' N, 72°24.5' W). 10 a.m. (EDT). Master Nils Lewring, Chief Mate Jacob Koelwyn, and the Third Mate, of M/V Marcala saw a 10 ft elliptical half-egg or cylindrical object, with shiny aluminum or metallic white surface sparkling in sunlight, approach from the SW heading NE at 50-100 ft altitude, approaching to within 1,000 ft or 10 miles (depending on witness) at 25 to 500 mph (depending on witness), flying with a churning or rotary motion, accelerating at end of sighting. (Sparks; CIA Office of Operation OO doc; Carl Feindt Water UFO Catalog; Berliner; Tony Rullan; NICAP website) | 15 secs to 1.5 mins | 3 | | |
| 391. | | Aug. 7, 1950. Near Santa Fe, New Mexico (35.68° N, 105.94° W). 4:50 a..m. USAF fighter pilot 1st Lt. Henry W. Frazier with 93rd FI Sq saw black object fitst thought to be a C-47 or C-54, at 20,000 ft on heading 20° outpace his 620 mph [F-86A] fighter (at 30,000 ft) and disappear in the distance, at about 15 miles range straight and level flight, as he descended to pursue. (Sparks; NARA BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 497-9; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | 1 | 1/10 ? | |

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| 392. | | Aug. 14, 1950. 10 miles N of Cromer, England (52°56' N, 1°19' E). 1:22 p.m. (GMT). RAF Fighter Command Control at Neatishead radar (52°44' N, 1°28' E) tracked an unidentified aircraft designated "85N" at 55° azimuth range 90 miles, located near Cromer at 15,000 ft traveling about 325 knots (375 mph). After 2 mins radar tracking, Neatishead GCI controller scrambled 257 Squadron Red Section leader Flight Lt. Kartley and a wingman at 1:24 p.m. in 2 RAF Meteor jet fighters from RAF Horsham St. Faith (52°40' N, 1°17' E), airborne 1:27 p.m. At 1:28 p.m. Neatishead Type 13 radar tracked target at 40,000 ft and height was radioed to jets which leveled off at 15,000 ft. At 1:35 p.m. jets reached 10 miles N of Cromer climbing in altitude to 25,000 and 30,000 ft where the pilots saw two vapor trails suggesting to them widely spaced engines on a single aircraft to their right at great distance and higher altitude on a heading of 280° on a parallel course to the jets. Jets got "slightly ahead" of the contrails while keeping them in sight, at a radar track range of 5 miles to the target. At 1:41 p.m. Neatishead radar plotted unidentified target and Meteors at 7 miles due N of Hunstanton (52°56' N, 0°29'E) heading WNW. At 1:42-1/2 p.m. pilots saw contrails change heading to the right and they did the same, heading NW or N, all confirmed by Neatishead GCI radar controller. At 1:45 p.m. radar tracked jets and target 5 miles S of Mablethorpe (53°20' N, 0°15' E), when blips faded; at this time pilots were at 38,000 [or 38,800] ft with contrails still above them and behind on the left at 7 o'clock position, estimated visually at 30 miles distance when contrails turned to the right heading due N 360° then disappeared. Jets made 360° right turn while still climbing to 39,500 ft but were unable to see contrails or aircraft. Object always remained too far to be seen. At 1:49 p.m. blips reappeared on GCI Neatishead radar which tracked the jets 10-15 miles E of Grimsby (53°48' N, 0° 8' W), but no unidentified target, and GCI ordered jets to turn right to the S to verify target identity on scope. Two USAF F-84's from Manston (51°21' N, 1°21' E) in the area independently saw the Meteors at about 36,500 ft and also the two unidentified contrails higher above. [Apparently not reported to the USAF, two hours earlier at 11:27 a.m., about 150 miles to the SSW of Cromer area, Flight Lt. David Hubbard at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Eng., after hearing a subdued humming noise like a "model" (?) diesel motor, looked around for the source then sighted a light pearl gray disc almost directly overhead estimated 50 ft diameter at about 5,000 ft altitude (= about 1 Full Moon angular size) heading on course 100° (almost due E) at 800-1,000 mph making S-turn oscillations which reflected sunlight off different parts of the disc, seen for 30 secs.] (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; [UK JTIC/DSI FSWP Report 7, June 1951]) | 23 mins | 5+ | | RV |

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| 393. | 793<br>[783?] | Aug. 20, 1950. Nicosia, Cyprus (35°11' N, 33°23' E). 1:30 p.m. USAF MATS liaison officer Lt. William G. Ghormley, Col. William V. Brown, Lt. Col. Lloyd W. Brauer heard an aircraft overhead (a Turkish C-47 at 9,500 ft heading SE to Beirut) and looked for it but saw a small, round or elliptical, bright object directly overhead traveling W at terrific speed and high altitude moving somewhat erratically passing through the glare of the sun about 15° below zenith with no change in brightness [sun then at 58° elevation 231° azimuth to the SW], until disappearing about 30°-35° above the [W?] horizon, clear weather visibility 50+ miles. Brown called Brauer's attention to object the last 2-3 secs. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 15-20 secs | 3 | | |
| 394. | | Aug. 21, 1950. Echterdingen Air Base (48°41' N, 9°13' E elev 396 m), Stuttgart, W Ger. 9:54, 9:58-9:59 a.m. USAF Cpl. George P. Scarlett, 18th Weather Sq, Det 18-32, Echterdingen AB (Army Air Field), launched a 100-gram pilot balloon tracked by theodolite at 9:30 a.m., briefly noticed a small white object pass across his field of view at about 9:54 a.m., just before the balloon burst at 9:55 a.m. He followed a broken balloon fragment in the theodolite for 3 mins after the balloon burst, when at 9:58 a.m. he spotted a small white object again crossing his 2° field of view of the theodolite, at azimuth 80° (almost due E) 25° elevation headed S for 1 min, appearing as a white oval 15 arcmins in size [1/2 Full Moon with naked eye but possibly 10 Full Moons in theodolite] increasing in size to 50 arcmins [1.5 Full Moons or perhaps 30 Full Moons in optics] then appearing grayish-white with several small lines or shadows on its surface with indistinct outline, when it abruptly changed direction to WSW at high speed and disappeared into the sun [at 99° azimuth 25° elevation]. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 8, pp. 161-2) | ? + 1+ min | 1 | 1.5 [in optics equiv to 30 ?] | theodolite |
| 395. | | Aug. 23, 1950. Philadelphia, Penn. (at 39°57.2' N, 75°10.0' W elev. 40 ft) 9:05 p.m. (EDT). Retired USAF Col. D. Moreau Barringer and mother-in-law Mrs. Albert Newcombe sighted a white point of light 15 to 45 arcsecs in diameter (?) with sharp leading edge, flickering trailing edge with short yellowish flame exhaust trail, to the NNE (?) coming up from the tree-lined horized S (?) towards zenith, getting a little brighter, passed near bright stars including Vega [at 103° azimuth 85° elevation] so its brightness could be estimated at about 0 mag., passing 2° to 3° W of zenith, but noiseless, without altering course, disappeared in the trees on the S (?) horizon, where the ¾ Moon was visible [at azimuth 167° elevation 20° illuminated 85%]. Speed possibly 300 mph if at 6,000 ft or 1,500 mph if at 25,000 ft [angular velocity about 4°/sec]. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 8, pp. 164-7) | 30-40 secs | 2 | 1/40 | |

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| 396. | 787 | Aug. 24, 1950. About 250 miles SW of Bermuda (at 29° 40' N, 67° 28' W). 8:04-8:24, 8:27 p.m. (AST). USAF 373rd Recon Sq (Very Long Range) B-29 from Kindley AFB, Bermuda, piloted by 1st Lt. Frank J. Stockton was flying at 192 knots (221 mph) at 10,000 ft heading 27° (about NNE) when radarman S/Sgt. William W. Shaffer turned on his APQ-13-A radar and tracked a distinct bright unidentified target appearing to travel at same speed and heading as B-29 but about 1,000 ft lower and at 10° left of dead ahead 12 o'clock position about 1-1/2 miles away. Shaffer alerted pilot Stockton who alerted crew to look for visual, without success, possibly due to 50% cumulus cloud coverage; two officers verified Shaffer's radar scope readings. Radar target maintained position for several mins then started to fall behind gradually until overtaken by B-29 passing about 1/4 mile to the left, then holding a trailing position behind the B-29 for about 5 mins, then increased speed passing B-29 on the right at about 1/4 mile, drawing slightly ahead of B-29 then gradually turning away to the right and accelerating rapidly. Pilot turned away 20° left to see if target would follow, but it didn't, instead continuing its gradual right turn until it disappeared off scope at about 400 knots (460 mph) at 8:24 p.m. at 30°15' N, 67°12' W [about 30 miles to the SSW when B-29 was at about 30°37' N, 66°54' W]. At about 8:27 p.m. B-29 crew member saw a bluish streak flash past the left wing from headon position about 1,000 ft below, appearing like a meteor but less bright than lightning. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 20 mins + ? | 3 + 1 | | radar |
| 397. | | Aug. 27, 1950. Near Brockton, Mass. 6:30 p.m. USN radio mechanic John T. Early from Quonset NAS, Rhode Is., who was a licensed civilian pilot, was flying with a passenger Russell Des-Jardins at 1,300 ft when they spotted a shiny white spherical object with no projections or irregularities on its surface about 20 ft diameter at least 1,000 ft below their aircraft flying at high speed, jet speed [600 mph?], to the E cross wind. No exhaust smoke or unusual noise. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | 2 | 2 ? | |

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| 398. | 790 | Aug. 30, 1950. S of Sandy Point/Indian Head, Newfoundland, Canada. 1:30-1:50 p.m. (ADT). 3 civilian Harmon AFB Water Transportation Section employees, John Kaeel, Fred Messervery and John Smith, located [in a boat] about 2 miles S of Indian Head (48°29' N, 58°30' W) saw a black or dark round object the size [shape?] of a barrel resembling a "large balloon" located about 3 miles SW of Indian Head (at 48°27' N, 58°33' W) about 1-1.5 [?] miles offshore [apparently about 2 miles to the W of the observers]. The object was hovering just above the water and after a few mins began to slowly ascend to about 15-20 ft above water, then descended again to just above water, in about a 40-60-sec cycle each time which occurred 3 times. On the last cycle the object remained near the surface about 3-4 mins when it ascended vertically until disappearance at 1:50 p.m. [See similar sighting at 2 p.m. near Kippens.] Helicopter search at 4:20 p.m. negative. [No unidentified ground radar returns were reported yet false explanation of "WX Returns" (weather returns) inserted into BB file listings.] (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 20 mins | 3 | 1/10 – 1/4 ?? | |
| 399. | 790 | Aug. 30, 1950. S of Kippens, Newfoundland, Canada. 2 and 4? p.m. (ADT). William Alexander, son Bill Alexander and nephew Austin Alexander, fishing in a dory boat about 1-1/2 miles offshore from Kippens, saw a black or yellowish-brown object thought to be a submarine, the size of a dory [about 20 ft] about 1-1/2 to 2 miles away [to the S?], about 3 miles offshore about 15-20 ft above the water, the shape of a large aerial gunnery target balloon or a barrel with a pole or periscope trailing from its center line into the water, moving at 3-5 mph to the NNE [towards shore?]. Object disappeared over the horizon; briefly resighted from high ground ashore sometime later [about 4 p.m.?]. Reported to the USAF at 4:10 p.m. No smoke, exhaust, noise or markings. Helicopter search at 4:20 p.m. negative. [See earlier similar sighting from Sandy Point/Indian Head.] (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 5 mins + ? | 3 | 1/5 to 1/4 | |
| 400. | | Aug. 30, 1950. Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico. 10:45 a.m. During a Bell Aircraft MX-776 Shrike missile test at White Sands Proving Ground (for the later Rascal air-to-ground strategic missile) USAF M/Sgt and 8 Bell Aircraft employees on base saw two glaringly bright circular to elliptical unidentified objects maintaining relative position to each other following the B-50 launch aircraft from above on both the dry run and hot run prior to missile release. Objects gave "strong glare at all times" not reflected sunlight, maneuvered at high estimated speeds up to 10x the B-50 or roughly 2,500 mph for short distances, left no vapor trails, hovered, accelerated rapidly, made abrupt "square" turns with apparent size changing to indicate ascent and descent. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; McDonald files) | 30 mins | 9 | | theodolite? |

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| 401. | | Aug. 31, 1950. Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (MST). After V-2 missile launch no. 51 at White Sands Proving Ground, Project TWINKLE Askania theodolite crews tracked and filmed multiple objects sporadically several times from several different directions at very high speeds over the course of 3 hrs. Askania cinetheodolite station P-5 filmed object with major axis varying from 8.65 to 13.243 arcmins (0.1442° to 0.22072°), minor axis 3.493 arcmins (0.05822°), one frame per second on 60 cm focal length camera, 35 mm color film. Tape recording of audio reporting. Frames 593 and 595 (2 secs of nearly 10 mins? of film of object) show elevation angle changing from 53°44' to 52°38' at a rate of 0.37°/sec. Attempted interception by 4 F-86 jets from 93rd FIS, Kirtland AFB, for 1 hr failed to locate objects, which apparently returned after jets left. Cinetheodolite observers noted object with definite shape and 3-D depth but indistinct or not sharp edges, no smoke or trail, object seemed to "rock or oscillate," lost when observer looked away to get angle reading. (Sparks; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich) | 3 hrs intermittent | multiple | 2/5 (0.22072° major axis) | cinetheodolite |
| 402. | | Sept. 1, 1950. McKorryuk, Nunivak Island, Aleutians, Alaska (60° N, 166° W). 7:30-7:35 p.m. Nunivak Island CAA Airways Observer Timothy J. Kenick, George Williams and others saw a strange deep red ball of fire near the horizon to the N towards Siberia "hundreds of feet" high which slowly faded out, followed by sudden appearance of another round red ball of fire above the first skowly fading out repeated another 2 times or so gradually becoming oval shaped and moving toward Siberia, finally disappearing behind clouds. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 5 mins | 2+ | | |
| 403. | 797 | Sept. 3, 1950. Spokane, Wash. (47.66° N, 117.44° W). 2 p.m. Major R. J. Gardiner saw 3 metallic bronze discs, 20-30 ft long, 2-6 ft thick, moving independently and erratically; his wife and neighbor [Fortney?] saw 1 object. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | 3 | | |
| 404. | | Sept. 8, 1950. Germany. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 405. | | Sept. 13, 1950. 5 miles SW of Effingham, Illinois (at 39° 3' N, 88°36' W). 7:30 to 7:40 p.m. (CST). Cessna test pilot D. D. Frye and passenger at 8,000 ft saw 3 dim rosey red lights in triangle formation on collision course, flashed landing lights several times then made sharp right turn to avoid collision, then made climbing turn to the left to observe observe object and saw the triangular arrangement of 3 red lights. Object disappeared before full turn could be completed. Investigated by AFOIN Techncal Capabilities Branch (TCB) Lt Col Milton D. Willis and Maj. Aaron Jeremiah Boggs. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | | |
| 406. | | Sept. 18, 1950. Poplar [Poplar Bluff?], Montana (36.76° N, 90.41° W). 4 p.m. Air National Guard pilot James and another flying F-51's, CAA tower personnel and other ground witnesses saw a round object moving erratically at high speed then hover. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 4+ | | |

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| 407. | 807 | Sept. 20, 1950. Various locations Kit Carson to Akron, Colo., Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, NM, etc. 10:43 or 10:45 or 10:49 p.m. (MST). Multiple fireball-like sightings in central Colorado. Driver between Kit Carson and Cheyenne Wells, Colo., sighted luminous objects reportedly at 500 ft altitude, below cloud cover: 2 larger 3-7 ft saucer or spherical shaped, glowing objects and 3 smaller, internally lit objects; the 2 hovered for 1 min, then moved at 200 mph across the road [in front of the driver], then the 3 smaller objects came from behind or within the 2 larger objects and aligned themselves with the first 2. All sped upward vertically and away at 2,000 mph disappearing by distance or by turning lighting off. USAF B-25 crew with 3416th Training Sq flying at 241° Mag at 8,000 ft aboit 10 mi S of Akron, Colo., at 39°55' N, 103°05' W, saw brilliant white star-like object accelerate and decelerate, emitting sparks, traveling (N to S?) across path missing aircraft by 500 yards (?) 10-30 secs at 10:43 p.m. At least 17+ observers in 6 states. Probable meteor fireball. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Project 1947) | 20-30 secs ? to 1 min + ? | 17+ | | |
| 408. | 809 | Sept. 21, 1950. Bet. Provincetown and Isle of Shoals, Mass. 9:53-9:55 a.m. (EST). MIT research associate/Air National Guard Maj. Myron Herbert Ligda and Joseph V. Connelly tracked on SCR-615B radar at Cambridge, Mass., an unidentified object heading N, during MIT Weather Radar Research Group tracking of USAF flight of 2 Otis AFB F-86 jet fighters at 30,000 ft which were heading 329° True Ground Course straight and level course at 419 mph True Ground Speed (IAS 250 mph) positioned at range 45 miles 105° azimuth initially, at 9:50 a.m. Object detected at 9:53 a.m. at about 55° azimuth at about 21 miles range on a nearly intersecting straight line course heading about 358° at about 1,320 mph, at about 25,000 to 35,000 ft. F-86 pilots were warned by VHF-1 radio but could not see object due to poor visibility haze and uncertain UFO altitude when ground radar showed object crossed about 3 miles [actually plotted about 1-1.5 miles ahead and blips "nearly merged"] in front of jets at 9:54:00 a.m. at about 70° azimuth range 25 miles. Object speed about 1,500 mph as it made a sharp right turn and 5-mile diameter loop of about 270° about 15 g's [~11.5 g's] centripetal acceleration for ½ min, centered about 34 miles range at 57° azimuth, back to the W headed towards MIT at 60° azimuth disappearing at about 22 miles range. (Sparks; BB files; Jan Aldrich; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 139-141; etc.) | 2+ mins | 3 | | MIT radar |
| 409. | | Oct. 12, 1950. Knoxville/Oak Ridge, Tenn. (35.98° N, 83.92° W). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | radar |
| 410. | | Oct. 12, 1950. Oak Ridge, Tenn. Saucer-looking object observed over K-25 area near NEPA Project area. Round, as big as four room house, silver in color, with a blister at the top of the saucer, and windows. Object rose slowly for about 100 feet, moved forward, rose again about 100 ft and then disappeared at a high rate of speed. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website; Knoxville Journal, Oct. 26, 1950). | | | | |

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| 411. | 819 | Oct. 15, 1950. Oak Ridge AEC site, Tenn. (Solway Gate near Kerr Hollow 35°59.0’ N, 84°13.7’ W). 3:25 p.m. AESS (Atomic Energy Security Service) Trooper Edward D. Rymer and John Moneymaker of Univ. of Tenn. Research Farm, saw a strange diving object shaped like bullet with a smoke trail (Moneymaker saw a double pear-shape), the bullet or pear shape turned into a flat 2x5-inch grayish card shape with the smoke trail turning into a 20-ft long flat shimmering light gray ribbon-like streamer with small black line running down middle, which streamer had a pulsating glow on the end 15-ft section which was also partly transparent, which maneuvered at 3 mph to within 210 feet of witnesses, Rymer approached to 50 ft (but object did not seem larger), object at 6-ft height above ground maneuvered over road at Solway Gate to Oak Ridge, jumped over a 9-ft chain link fence with a terrain-following maneuver (object turned vertical to follow the fence), then rose sharply to negotiate a 30-ft willow tree similarly, card shape changed to pear shape with same tail while en route to disappearing at increased speed over top of a ridge to the SE about 1 mile away. Rymer called attention of Hightower, employee of Maxon Construction Co., who was driving up to Solway Gate, who then saw object disappearing. AESS Capt. Joe Zarzecki arrived just after disappearance of first object but saw 2nd and 3rd. Second similar object appeared shortly afterward seen by all 4 witnesses for about 30 secs at 300 ft height with similar shape and maneuvers disappearing over same ridge to SE. Then about 5 mins later a third object with similar shapes and maneuvers, seen for 10 secs at 500 ft height by all witnesses disappeared over same ridge to SE. One object had a double pear shape. (Sparks; Berliner; FBI files; BB AFOSI Microfilm Roll 90, pp. 636-637; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 142-3) | ? mins + 30 secs + 10 secs | 4 | 3/4 ? | |
| 412. | 821 | Oct. 15, 1950. Near Pope AFB, North Carolina. 4:20 p.m. (EST). Miami Airlines DC-4 pilot Capt George A. Woodward and copilot Williams Bradsley (Bardsley?) en route from Raleigh, NC, to Miami, Florida, saw 4 round shiny domed-disc 100 ft objects about 5 miles away, about 25 ft apart from each other in a line, which they pursued. Objects backed away while descending slowly then took off in a “burst of speed.” Ground observer Army Capt Harvey W. Daniel (ret.) ~47 miles away in Chapel Hill, NC, may have seen one aluminum-like object, oblate spheroid, at 4:25:40 p.m. (EST) heading NW in straight flight for 10-12 secs. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3 mins ? | 3? | | |
| 413. | | Oct. 16, 1950. Oak Ridge (Blair Gate), Tenn. 1:30 and 2:55 p.m. (at 36.0° N, 84.2° W) (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 90, pp. 638-9; NICAP) | several mins | 1 + 7 + radar crew | | |

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| 414. | 824 | Oct. 23, 1950. 2 mi W of Bonlee, North Carolina (at 35°39' N, 79°25' W). 12:42 p.m. Ex-USAF pilot Frank M. Risher driving SE on Hwy 421 saw an aluminum object about 2 miles away, below overcast clouds at 600-800 ft altitude, shaped like a dirigible, size of B-36 stacked double thickness, with 3-4 dark portholes, move from SE to SSE, hover 35 secs and fly away to the SSE disappearing into overcast. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner) | 40 secs | 1 | 2? | |
| 415. | | Nov. 5, 1950. Between Great Falls and Raynesford, Montana. 6:00 a.m. (MST). Mr and Mrs Morrisette. Disc came within 100 ft while driving. (Sparks; see BB Great Falls-Ennis July 29, 1952, case) | | 2 | | |
| 416. | 829 | Nov. 5, 1950. Oak Ridge, Tenn. 11:55 a.m. Fairchild Aircraft illustrator Don Patrick saw a semi-translucent object, light grey with dark core, shaped like a pear or bean, flying with rapid darting movements in and out of a cloud over a mountain range, Waldron Ridge, about 6 miles away at 305° magnetic or NW. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 90, pp. 643-5; Berliner) | 5-10 mins | 1 | 1/2 | |
| 417. | | Nov. 7, 1950. E of Lakehurst, New Jersey (40.01° N, 74.31° W). 7:15 p.m. USN pilot Lt. jg Robert Haven flying AD-4Q at 3,500 ft heading W saw a steady white 10-12 inch light to his right at about 4,000 ft 5 miles away heading SE, made a slight climbing turn to the left to get on the tail of the object but it responded by making a headon pass about 100-200 ft over the AD-4Q in a slight dive at high speed. Haven made a tight turn to pursue, noted no wash or slipstream from the object traveling at about 900 mph, which made 5-6 headon passes at the AD-4Q, climb rate >2,000 ft/min, chase abandoned at 11,500 ft., as object outmaneuvered aircraft. When jets arrived object reached about 25,000 ft and disappeared. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 68-70; NARCAP) | | 3 | 1/2 - 1 | |
| 418. | | Nov. 10, 1950. South Ruislip, England, UK. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 419. | | Nov. 14-15, 1950. Key West, Florida (24.58° N, 81.80° W). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 420. | | Nov. 23, 1950. Maxwell AFB, Alabama (32.37° N, 86.36° W). Thompson. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 421. | | Nov. 29-30, 1950. Knoxville & Oak Ridge, Tenn. (35.98° N, 83.92° W). Alpha and gamma radiation unexplainably increased in the Oak Ridge Labs Restricted Zone at 7:00 p.m. Nov. 29 during period of slow-moving radar targets tracked in the same Restricted Zone from 5 to 11 p.m. possibly due to anomalous propagation. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | | | | radioactivity |
| 422. | 845 | Dec. 2, 1950. Nanyika [Nanyuki?], Kenya, Africa (0° 1' N, 37° 5' E). 10:50 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. L. Scott saw a pearly, iridescent object with a flattened top, spin while hovering, making a sound like bees buzzing. Only data in files from East African *Standard* newspaper. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 2 | | |

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| 423. | | Dec. 6, 1950. NE of Limestone AFB, Maine. 10:30-11:04 a.m. (EST). National air defense alert. Search radar CPS-5 and height-finding radar TPS-10A at ADC Lashup radar site L-1, 128th AC&W Sq, Dow AFB, Bangor, Maine, and ADC Lashup radar site L-50 at Limestone AFB, tracked 40 unidentified radar targets like enemy bombers NE of Limestone on a 200° heading at 32,000 ft, which disappeared [near Dow AFB? in the radar blind zone above the site?]. White House notified at 10:32 a.m. President Truman discussed reports in meeting with British Prime Minister Clement Attlee. (Sparks; AF records) | | | | |
| 424. | 848 | Dec. 6, 1950. Ft. Myers, Florida (26.64° N, 81.87° W). 5 p.m. Former aircraft purchasing agent Harry Lamp and 4 boys, using 10x binoculars saw a 75 ft object, 3-4 ft thick, bubble on top, silver with a red rim having two white and two orange jets along it and a center that revolved when the object hovered. Object flew away at very high speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 5 | | binoculars |
| 425. | 849 | Dec. 11 [18?], 1950. 10 miles NW of Gulkana, Alaska. 10:13 p.m. Crew of Northwest Air Lines flight 802 [and military ?] saw 2 white flashes, followed by a dark cloud which rose and split in 2. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 2+ ? | | |
| 426. | | Dec. 14, 1950. Fairbanks, Alaska. 2:26-2:33 p.m. (AHST). Two F-80 jet pilots flying over Weeks International Airport, Fairbanks, at 8,000 ft at 380 mph IAS heading 90° [?] (Mag) sighted smoky contrail or column about 50 miles away near Mt McKinley, apparently emitted by a cigar-shaped or fuselage-shaped object, at estimated height 20,000 to 30,000 ft climbing to 55,000 to 60,000 ft. They turned to 210° Mag and climbed to pursue but could not intercept object clearly seen silhouetted against the sun [low on the horizon about 210° True azimuth], and abandoned chase near Clear, Alaska (at 64°19' N, 149°10' W). (Sparks; AFOSI rpt) | 7 mins | 2 | | |
| 427. | | Dec. 18, 1950. Oak Ridge, Tenn. (36.05° N, 84.20° W). Calkins. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 428. | | Dec. 27, 1950. Lakehurst, New Jersey (40.01° N, 74.31° W). Folean. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 429. | 864 | Jan. 8, 1951. S of Ft. Worth, Texas (32.75° N, 97.32° W). 10:45 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boggus, plus unidentified drivers and passengers in other cars stopped to watch 2 stationary groups of red and green lights in triangular formations which then moved. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | 4+ | | |
| 430. | | Jan. 12, 1951. Los Alamos, NM. 5 a.m. 10 Los Alamos Lba employees saw tear-drop shaped brilliant light with small tail descend slowly, sky lit up for 1 sec. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 85, p. 504; Maxwell Roll 1, p. 904) | 1 sec+ | 10 | | |
| 431. | 868 | Jan. 12, 1951. Fort Benning, Georgia. 10 (11:01?) p.m. U.S. Army 2nd Lt. A. C. Hale saw a light with a fan-shaped wake remain motionless like a star then speed away. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 20 mins | 9 ? | | |

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| 432. | | Jan. 14, 1951. Jolon [S of King City or near Salinas?], Calif. 11:40 a.m. Private pilot Rosenburg of Navion 4582K saw 3 rectangular objects with flat tops. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 433. | | Jan. 14, 1951. Big Bear Lake, Calif. (34°15' N, 116°53' W). 12:38 p.m. Private pilot K. D. Hillman flying Navion aircraft with 3 passengers saw 40-50 ft [150? ft] circular object at 30,000 ft moving W towards Los Angeles. George AFB unable to scramble fighters because of a crashed aircraft on the runway. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index; NICAP) | | 4 | | |
| 434. | 1037 | Jan 16, 1951. Artesia, New Mexico (32.84° N, 104.40° W). 11 a.m. A. V. Swearingen, photographer Raymond Dugan, pilot Raymond E. Stiles, and Alvin H. Hazel, members of a balloon project of General Mills Aeronautical Research Laboratory, while observing the project's 110 ft balloon at an altitude of 112,000 ft spotted a motionless dull white, round object 5/3 larger than the balloon, apparently higher than the balloon, which then flew off at high speed covering 45° in 3 secs [5+ miles/sec]. Other observers included 6 pilots on the ground and a newspaper reporter from Artesia. Shortly thereafter, the balloon crew, the manager of Artesia Airport, 3 pilots and 2 newspaper reporters saw 2 gray flat elliptical objects from the NW flying side-by-side, then circle the balloon and fly away to the NE. Note: In May 1952 AFOSI re-interviewed the witnesses to clarify a 1951/1952 date ambiguity. Vallee reports a still earlier sighting at 9:30 a.m. and that some witnesses to the initial 11 a.m. sighting reported 2 objects not one, which scattered then regrouped. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 9, pp. 743 etc.; Berliner; BB Rpt 6; cf. Hynek UFO Exp ch. 6, case DD-8; Vallee 1966; Loren Gross 1951 p. 4; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Joel Carpenter) | ? + 40 secs | 10+<br>+<br>7+ | 1/6 ? | |
| 435. | | Jan. 20, 1951. Sioux City, Iowa. 9:20-9:26 p.m. (CST). Capt. Lawrence W. Vinther, copilot James F. Bachmeier, passengers AF Colonel and aide, and CAA tower controller John M. Williams. At 9:20 the 2 CAA tower controllers sighted light in the W [NW?]. After Vinther's Mid-Continent Airlines DC-3 took off he was asked by the tower to look for light, then while still in a climbing 360° turn at about 1,000 ft they spotted object to the NNW at about 8,000 ft and 4 miles away that looked like a B-29 fuselage with wings but no engines, which blinked some lights like running lights. Object came at the DC-3, flew across the nose within 200 ft, they had to turn their heads to follow it then suddenly found it instantly appeared on the other side again, paralleled them for 2-3 secs, then flew under them and disappeared in 2-3 secs to the NW. (Sparks; Battelle Unknown No. 3; cf. NARCAP) | 6 mins + [3 mins?] | 6 | 60 ? | |
| 436. | | Jan. 21, 1951. Oak Ridge, Tenn. (36.06° N, 84.20° W). 6:20 p.m. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |

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| 437. | | Jan. 22, 1951. 50 miles SE [ESE?] of Holloman AFB, New Mexico. 10 a.m. (EST [sic; PST?] 11 ? a.m.). Pilots Capt. Ernest W. Spradley of Aerial Photo Lab and Capt. James E. Cocker of All-Weather Flying Division both AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, a General Mills Aeronautical lab project engineer Mr. McAleese and an airman, were flying in a C-47 heading E [ESE?] at about 11,000 ft [10,000-12,000 ft] and tracking a Project GOPHER plastic balloon at about 50,000-70,000 ft [70,000-100,000 ft] when they saw a bright star-like object hovering seemingly next to the pear-shaped balloon or above and to the side. As they approached and flew under the balloon they noticed the object descend to the balloon's level and grow larger in apparent size until about 1/4 to 1/2 the 70 ft balloon, when it appeared to be round and flat like a dime, milky white or silvery in color with a clear outline. Cocker and McAleese left the cockpit, went to the astrodome to observe the object. After 3 mins they saw the object separate from the balloon and head W at high speed, after about 1 min it emitted a series of 3 bright flashes like photo flashes at 1 sec intervals and disappeared from sight. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 8 pp. 956-9; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3-5 mins | 4 | 1/20 – 1/10 | |
| 438. | | Jan. 24, 1951. Westover AFB, Mass. 10:45 a.m. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 15+ mins | | | |
| 439. | | Jan. 26, 1951. Sea of Japan off coast of South Korea (at 36°40' N, 130°50' E). 2:05 p.m. Radar tracking of unidentified target at 3,000 knots (3,500 mph). (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 440. | 886 | Feb. 1 [2?], 1951. Johnson AFB, Japan. 5:10 p.m. [?] Pilot and radar operator of F-82 night fighter saw an amber light make 3-4 360° turns to the right, reverse towards the F-82 then climb out of sight. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 2 | | |
| 441. | | Feb. 15, 1951. Sea of Japan off coast of South Korea (at 38°30' N, 130° 0' E). Early afternoon. Radar tracking of unidentified target at 12,000-14,000 mph. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; BB files) | | | | radar |
| 442. | | Feb. 19, 1951. Near Mt. Kilimanjaro, Kenya. 7:20 a.m. East African Airways Lodestar crew and several passengers saw stationary silvery elongated object. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 17 mins | several | | |
| 443. | | Feb. 19, 1951. Rodeo, New Mexico. USAF? C-54 pilot saw a green flare [fireball?] pass his plane at 9,000 ft moving vertically [up?]. [Meteor?] (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 85, p. 504; Maxwell Roll 1, p. 904; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 444. | 896 | Feb. 21 [26?], 1951. Durban, South Africa (29°53' S, 31° 0' E). 4:55 a.m. 3 men in a truck and several other persons, none named, saw a dark red, torpedo-shaped object with darker center, fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min | 5+ | | |
| 445. | 897 | Feb. 26 [25?], 1951. Ladd AFB, Alaska. 7:10 a.m. USAF Sgt. J. B. Sells saw a dull grey, metallic object, about 120 ft long 10-12 ft thick, hover, puff smoke and speed away. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1-1.5 mins | 1 | | |
| 446. | | March 9, 1951. About 20 miles SE of Tsushima Island, Japan (at 34° 5' N, 129°31' E). 2:25 p.m. Radar tracking of unidentified target at 3,350 mph. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | | | radar |

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| 447. | | March 10, 1951. Chinnampo, Korea. 9:51 a.m. Crews of USAF B-29 bombers, including scanners and tail gunner, saw a large red-yellow glow burst and become blue-white. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 sec | 9 | | |
| 448. | | March 12, 1951. Albuquerque, NM. Two witnesses saw a shining white ball-shaped object descend rapidly to the horizon. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 85, p. 505; Maxwell Roll 1, p. 905) | | 2 | | |
| 449. | 907 | March 13, 1951. McClellan AFB, Sacramento, Calif. (38.74° N, 121.35° W). 3:20 p.m. USAF 1st Lt. B. J. Hastie and Mrs. Rafferty saw a cylinder with twin tails, 200 ft long and 90 ft wide, turn N at incredible speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 mins | 2 | | |
| 450. | 908 | March 15, 1951. New Delhi, India (28°37' N, 77°13' E). 10:20 (9:50?) a.m. 25 members of a flying club, including the chief aerial engineer (Floats?) and his two assistants saw a metallic cigar-shaped object with white exhaust which turned black when it accelerated to about 1,000 mph and made a large loop. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 7 mins | 25 | | |
| 451. | | March 24, 1951. Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico. 5:55-6:00 a.m. (MST). Project TWINKLE personnel photographed with a Leica 3c 50 mm camera an unidentified elliptical object with major axis 8.31 arcmins minor axis 6.343 arcmins (0.1385° and 0.1057°). (Sparks) | 5 mins ? | | 1/4 (0.1385° major axis) | photo by observer network |
| 452. | | April 1, 1951. Los Alamos, NM. Los Alamos Lab employee saw bright oblong object moving slowly horizontally and vertically. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 85, p. 505; Maxwell Roll 1, p. 905) | | 1 | | |
| 453. | | April 14, 1951. Yellow Sea (at 37° 9' N, 123°20' E). 1:22 p.m. Radar tracking of unidentified target at 3,755 mph. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | | | radar |
| 454. | 925 | June 1 [May 31?], 1951. Niagara Falls, New York. 4:20 a.m. [GMT?] M/Sgt H. E. Sweeney and 2 enlisted men saw a glowing yellow-orange, saucer-shaped object with arc-shaped wings, fly straight up. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30-40 secs | 3 | | |
| 455. | | June 7, 1951. Los Alamos area?, NM. 11:10 a.m. Los Alamos Lab employee sighted pointed cylinder with cloth-like construction in vertical orientation fall into a canyon. Search party unable to find traces. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 85, p. 505; Maxwell Roll 1, p. 905) | | 1 | | |
| 456. | | June 8, 1951. Los Alamos, NM. Los Alamos Lab employee sighted large reddish dot that turned bright green. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 85, p. 505; Maxwell Roll 1, p. 905) | 3 secs | 1 | | |
| 457. | | July 1, 1951. Seoul, South Korea (37°30' N, 127° 0' E). 10:50 [10:20?] p.m. USMC pilots flying 4 F4U-5N fighters with 1st Marine Air Wing saw several bright green spheres [fireballs?]. Ground radar confirmation [?]. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 4+ ? | | radar? |

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| 458. | | July 9, 1951. Near Dearing (25 mi W of Augusta) (at 33°28”N, 82°25’W), Georgia. 1:40-1:50 p.m. (EST). 1st Lt. George H. Kinmon, Jr., 160th Tactical Recon Wing, Lawson AFB, Columbus, Ga., flying F-51 fighter at 250-270 mph at 8,000-8,500 ft on heading 247° saw high speed white oval disc about twice size of his plane [or about 75 ft] [or 10-15 ft?] in headon collision from the direction of the sun [sun at about 237° azimuth 72° elevation] suddenly dive underneath narrowly missing his plane. He turned to pursue but couldn't find object, then 15 secs later the object made another headon dive at him, repeated it several times, on last pass climbed upward out of sight. [Conflicting account to AFOSI states after first dive object continued to barrel-roll around the plane for 10 mins, then disappeared under the plane. Pilot states object was 300 to 400 feet from plane and appeared to be 10 - 15 ft diameter.] Object flat on top and bottom, white not aluminum. Front view with rounded edges slightly beveled, and small crater-like spots. Top view as it dived, object appeared round and spinning clockwise. From front view as object dived observer noted no vapor trails or exhaust or visible system of propulsion. Speed that of jet plane. Pilot felt turbulent wake "bump" when object passed under plane. Object left the plane a few miles S of Milledgeville, and 15-20 miles from Macon. (Sparks; Weinstein; NICAP Hall UFO Evid p. 20; Uninvited Guests pp. 328-330; AFOSI files) | 10 mins | 1 | 5? 25? | |
| 459. | | July 9, 1951. Corona, New Mexico. 10:30 p.m. USAF Sgt. Meadows, security guard at Corona Experimental Radar Site, saw red glowing ball about size of full moon to the W descending into the tree line for 30 secs and afterglow seen another 10 secs. [Crescent moon was setting in the W about 268°-272° azimuth about 10-10:30 p.m. depending on height of mountains and tree line to the W. Probable IFO.] (Sparks; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 40 secs | 1 | 1 | |
| 460. | | July 14, 1951. Holloman AFB, New Mexico. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; UFO Evid I, pp. 77, 84) | | | | film |
| 461. | 943 | July 24, 1951. Portsmouth, New Hampshire. 7:10 p.m.? Hanscom AFB Operations Officer Capt. Cobb and Cpl. Fein saw a greyish 100-200 ft tubular object with many black spots, 5:1 length/width ratio, with fins at one end, fly 800-1,000 mph at 1,000-2,000 ft altitude, leaving a faint trail. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 secs | 2 | 12 ? | |
| 462. | | July 30, 1951. Selfridge AFB, Mich. 5:14 a.m. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 18 mins | | | |
| 463. | | Aug. 8, 1951. NE of Port Clinton, Ohio. 2:10 p.m. USAF pilot Skelops (?) in flight and ground witnesses saw a 20 ft dark cigar-shaped object flying at high speed. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 3+ ? | | |
| 464. | | Aug. 21, 1951. Sea of Japan (at 41°55' N, 133°52' E). 12:05 p.m. Radar tracking of unidentified target. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | | | radar |

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| 465. | 955 | Aug. 25, 1951. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 9:58 p.m. (MST). Sandia Base Security guard Hugh R. Young and wife saw a flying wing-shaped craft pass overhead at about 800-1,000 ft altitude and 300-400 mph heading about 160° to 170° True, with no sound. Size estimated at 1.5x wingspan of B-36 bomber, or 350 ft. Dark, chordwise stripes on underside, and 6-8 pairs of soft, glowing lights on trailing edge of "wing." (Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 8 pp. 1324-1358; Berliner; Ruppelt; Grudge Status Rpt 1) | 30 secs | 2 | 40 | |
| 466. | | Aug. 26, 1951. Larson AFB, Wash. (at 47°12' N, 119°18' W). 8:28-8:36 a.m. USAF Capt. Ernest W. Rees, senior radar controller, and other operators of two radars at USAF AC&W 637th Sq, Detachment 1, search radar CPS-1 and height-finder CPS-4 tracked 948 mph unidentified target at 13,000 ft heading N on course 340° Magnetic [= 362° or 002° True approx.] headed into the radar site [evidently from the S]. Tracked 95 miles in 6 mins [=950 mph] evidently the total duration was 8 mins, the accurate time plotting following an initial 2 mins of surprise from 8:28-8:30 a.m. (probably about 30 miles covered in the 2 mins for a total of about 125 miles in 8 mins). Object transmitted IFF Mode 1 signal in response to radar transponder interrogations from Larson AFB's TPX-22 interrogation set (possibly using KY-95 or KY-97 encrypted (?) signal generator) which appeared to be emitted twice by an APX-6 transponder or something simulating it on the UFO, at about 115 miles range and again at about 80 miles range, consistent with 10 sweeps (9 intervals) of the 4 RPM CPS-1 radar or 933 mph (whereas 9 sweeps would be 1,050 mph and 11 sweeps 840 mph). Height-finder CPS-4 briefly detected UFO, which was determined to be at 13,000 ft. CPS-1 low beam tracked the object but not the high beam. The 2-1/2° to 25° high beam only covered down to about 30,000 ft at 80 miles range and thus could not have detected the target at the much lower altitude of 13,000 ft. Object apparently left radar low beam between about 50 and 35 miles from radar station and was lost. Attempted scramble of F-86 interceptor too late, no contact from 17,000 to 25,000 ft [but this was wrong altitude, too high]. BB/Grudge listed case as "possible" electronic interference from another radar – an impossibility since two different radars tracked the same target on different frequencies, and the target was confirmed by IFF Mode 1 transponder signal response. The CPS-1 search radar transmitted between 2700 and 2900 MHz and the CPS-4 height-finder radar at 3200 MHz. (Sparks; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 8 pp. 1382-9; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Grudge Rpt 1; cf. Ruppelt pp. 96-98, 108-109) | 8 mins | 2+ | | IFF transmission, multiple radars |

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| 467. | | Aug. 27, 1951. Vandalia, Illinois. Approx. 8-8:30 p.m. Private pilot Raymond Williams was on the runway about to take off when he saw a large blinding orange light to the SW, radioed the CAA tower but light went out. After takeoff he saw the object again, noticing it was not an airplane, the light was at one end of the object and had a small red light on top, and it came directly at him, circled his plane twice, then headed to W to Greenville. Williams followed, saw object circle Greenville twice then return E towards Vandalia. Commercial pilot at 20,000 ft radioed he also saw the object. (Sparks; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 8 pp. 1396-1401; NARCAP; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Grudge Rpt 2) | | 2 | | |
| 468. | 962 | Aug. 31, 1951. Near Matador, Texas (34.01° N, 100.79° W). 12:45 p.m. (CST). Mrs. Tom Tilson, daughter Mrs. Eugenia T. Bethard were driving N on Hwy U.S. 70 from White Flatt to Matador, all apparently of excellent reputations, saw to the W a pear-shaped object the length of a B-29 fuselage (100 ft) or the size of a Matador railway freight shed (48 ft), aluminum or silver-yellow reflecting brightly in sunlight with a port or some type of aperture on the side, move with smaller end forward, drifting slowly at about 150 ft altitude about 200 ft (Bethard said 375-450 ft) in front of their car, then shot up in a circular fashion and out of sight to the E after a few secs. (Sparks; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 8 pp. 1408-29; Berliner; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; Grudge Rpt 2) | few secs + | 2 | | |
| 469. | 964 | Sept. 6, 1951. Claremont, Calif. (E of Hwy 66?). 7:20 p.m. (GMT?). S/Sgt W. T. Smith and M/Sgt L. L. Deuel (?) saw 6 orange lights in an irregular formation, fly straight and level into a coastal fog bank. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3-4 mins | 2 | | |
| 470. | | Sept. 9, 1951. About 50 miles off coast of North Korea (at 39° 5' N, 128°40' E). 6:50 p.m. Radar tracking of multiple unidentified targets at 900 mph. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | | | radar |

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| 471. | | Sept. 10, 1951. 3 miles NE of Asbury Park, New Jersey. 11:35-11:37 a.m. (EDT) USAF pilots Lt. Wilbert S. Rogers and Major Ezra S. Ballard flying in a T-33 at 20,000 ft from Dover AFB, Delaware, to Mitchel AFB, New York, on a NNE course at 450 mph saw a silvery metallic discus-shaped 30-50 ft object (or up to B-17 size ~100 ft) to their left at the 11 o'clock position below their altitude viewed against the Sandy Point area and silhouetted against the ground. Rogers turned gradually left and descended to intercept the object which then banked, revealing its flat round "discus" shaped profile, no appendages, no trail. UFO sped faster on the turn than the T-33, on the outside of the T-33's turn but accelerating ahead of it, covering an estimated 30-50 n.mi. in 2 minutes (about 1,000-1,500 mph), and seen projected against the ground near Red Bank and Freehold, New Jersey, as the T-33 descended to 17,000 ft, accelerated to 550 mph, covering about 120° of its 360° turn during the sighting. The object passed within about 8,000 ft distance of the T-33, descending from about 12,000 to 5,000 ft and headed at high speed out to sea near Pt. Pleasant at about 120° heading until disappearance. Radar sightings earlier in the morning at Ft. Monmouth Army Signal Corps Labs, ending about 11:18 a.m., were inconclusive. (Sparks) | 2 mins | 2 | 2/5 – 2/3 | |
| 472. | 969 | Sept. 13, 1951. Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (53.33° N, 60.41° W). 9 and 9:15 p.m. (9:30?) (AST). 1932nd AACS Sq, Goose AFB, T/Sgt Warner B. Maupin, Cpl. John W. Green operators of GCA radar tracked 2 objects on a collision course, then one evaded to the right upon the request, by radio, of one of the radar operators (!). No aircraft were known to be in the area except the C-54 en route to landing at Goose AB which arrived during the second radar tracking (the 3rd object at 10:15). First target strong and steady radar return at 4,000 ft and 140 mph covering 7 miles in 3 mins. About 3 mins later 2nd target observed with weak intermittent return above 5,000 ft level of GCA radar, 3rd target similar and with similar speed appeared after first 2 disappeared. No visuals despite efforts by radar crew, tower crew and C-54 crew. (Berliner; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; NICAP; NARA BB-AFOSI Microfilm Roll 89, pp. 1202-6) | 3+ mins + ? | 2 | | radar |
| 473. | | Sept. 17 [16?], 1951. 3 miles NE of Marion, Ohio (40.58° N, 83.13° W). 12:17 p.m. Cessna pilot Grover saw a black swept-wing object at 2,800 ft in near collision with his aircraft. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |

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| 474. | | Sept. 17, 1951. Hudson Strait (at 61°30' N, 68°50' W) to Baffin Island, Canada. 10:20-11:55 p.m. (EST). USAF B-36 radar operator Major Paul E. Gerhart and navigator Major Charles J. Cheever on a flight from Goose Bay, Labrador, to Resolute, North West Territories, heading NW at 208 knots (239 mph) over Hudson Strait, picked up radar interference which came from an unidentified aircraft at relative bearing 130° (to the E) at 28 nmi (32 miles) heading away. Anti-jamming device on the APQ-24 radar was turned on at 11:20 p.m. but did not affect the jamming on the radar scope. At 11:35 jamming covered 120° of the right side of the radar scope and then an unidentified aircraft was seen visually on the right side of the B-36, which was then at 18,000 ft (at 65°40' N, 71°40' W) (over SW Baffin Island). Object had "unconventional running lights" all white instead of red-green, with twin white flashing tail lights, traveling about 30 knots faster than the B-36, crossed the front from right to left heading 334° true towards the NNW, and was in view about 20 mins [to a distance of about 12 miles]. While object was still visible, at 11:50 p.m. the B-36 autopilot and APQ-24 radar set went out, the latter returning after a few mins about when the object disappeared. ECM operators S/Sgt. Donald E. Jenkins and S/Sgt. Doty T. Larimore on 2 B-36 flights from Goose to Resolute while still over Labrador the next day detected carrier wave signals at several frequencies and some radar-like pulses at other frequencies, all below 1,000 MHz. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; USAF AIIR AIR-17-51, Oct. 10, 1951; NARCAP Case 13; cf. Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-11) | 1 hr 35 mins | | | RV, radar jamming |
| 475. | | Sept. 18, 1951. ADC radar sites P-34 (Empire AFS, Mich.), P-31 (Elkhorn AFS, Wisc.), P-69 (Finland AFS, Minn.) 4:35-5:31, 7:10 a.m. USAF CPS-6B and CPS-5 radar tracks of 6,000 mph (intermittent?) targets. (Sparks; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; Grudge Rpt 1; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 hr + | multiple | | multiple radar |

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| 476. | | Sept. 23, 1951. About 30 miles W of Long Beach Airport to Camp Pendleton, and March AFB, Calif. 6:55-9:25 a.m. (PST? PDT?). 2 F-86 jet interceptors were scrambled [launched?] from George AFB, near Victorville, Calif., on a routine mission then vectored by air defense GCI radar [KILL DEER?] to [a target?] at 33°50' N, 118°40' W (off the coast about 30 miles W of Long Beach Airport), where the jets circled and headed E toward Long Beach when an object was seen at 12 o'clock high position at 7:15 [7:55?] a.m. in a left orbit at about 50,000 ft, above the F-86's, appearing to be a bright silvery aircraft with highly swept back 45° wings. The F-86's tried to climb to intercept the object but it climbed away in response. Another 2 F-86's were scrambled from George AFB at about 8:00 a.m. as the first 2 were running low on fuel and were released to return at 8:10-15 a.m. when the 2nd flight arrived. The 2nd pair of F-86's was vectored by GCI radar to 33°20' N, 117°30' W (Camp Pendleton), arrived there at 8:10 a.m. at 43,000 ft [and circled?], spotted the object at 1 o'clock high back to the N toward Muroc/Edwards AFB appearing at about 50,000-55,000 ft in a controlled orbit right and left, appearing as a swept wing aircraft that sped up when the F-86's tried to close and the object was found near March AFB, Riverside, to the NNW but they broke off intercept because of low fuel at about 8:20-25 a.m., landing at 8:45 a.m. 3rd flight of 2 F-86's scrambled [at about 8:45 a.m.??] from George AFB [?] saw the object shortly after takeoff seeming to be heading S as F-86's made climbing turns up to 43,500 ft under the swept-wing object (per one pilot) or round silvery object (per the other pilot) (at 55,000? ft over the San Bernardino Mtns. ?) until breaking off intercept at about 9:25 a.m. [A 7th F-86 was scrambled to the S toward Long Beach but the UFO was gone.] (Sparks; GRUDGE Rpts. 1 and 2; Ruppelt pp. 94-95) | 1.5+ hrs | 7+ ? | 1/2 ? | RV? |
| 477. | 980 | Oct. 2, 1951. Columbus, Ohio (39.98° N, 82.99° W). 6 p.m. Battelle Memorial Institute physicist Howard Cross was in his car parked at Ohio State Univ. when he heard a loud noise from a DC-3 and looked in the sky to where it was coming from. He noticed what he first thought (as he escalated hypotheses) was a light flash like "sun reflecting from mirror," then tried to explain it as a balloon, then a parachute (but object was not falling). The object was in the SE [?], above and to the W of the DC- 3, which was at roughly 1,000 ft height heading E, size "somewhat smaller" than the DC-3 fuselage, flying away from him in straight and level flight at "high speed" to the W into the wind (as checked with weather reporting), appearing as a bright oval with a clipped tail [or a shield or half-moon shape] with curved side always up as it traveled with the flat face forward, changing to an orange color as it faded into the distance. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 9 pp. 231-7; Berliner) | 1 min | 1 | [2-10??] | Battelle physicist Howard Cross |

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| 478. | 984 | Oct. 3, 1951. N of Kadena AFB, Okinawa (radar at 26°24' 55” N, 127°47' 49” E elev. 750 ft). 10:27-10:30 p.m. (1327-1330Z). USAF 529th AC&W Group, GCI Station Site #51 “A” Radar operators Sgt. Melvin W. Watson, Pvt. Manuel M. Gonzales and Senior Radar Mechanic Sgt. James E. Biscanto radar tracked a large, sausage-shaped blip (apparent echo size 4 miles x 2 miles), enlarged possibly due to effects of the blip being a transponder signal from the UFO, logged as Air Defense Control Center (ADCC) Track No. 86, tracked at about 2,520 to 4,800 mph [varying from about 2,400 mph to 4,800 mph] from azimuth 14° (almost NNE) slant range 90 statute miles at 27°42’ N, 128°10’E, to 340° azimuth (almost NNW) slant range 152 statute miles at 29°59’ N, 127°25’ E, [a distance of 60 miles on a heading of 331°] in 7 sweeps of the CPS-1 radar (15-sec sweep rate) high beam (transmitting at 2860 MHz, covering about 3-1/2° to 25° elevation). Watson missed detection on 6th sweep due to adjusting range setting. Then Gonzales tracked target, apparently at about 45,000-49,000 ft transition altitude from high to low radar beams, brighter than average echo and very large in size (3x the size of a B-29 echo, measuring apparent echo size 2-1/2 to 3 miles x 6-8 miles) in about 5-6 sweeps of the low beam (2700 MHz apparently covering 0° to 2-1/2° elevation) swerving to a due N heading disappearing suddenly in the middle of the 2nd pulse in the last sweep, without fading on any sweep, at azimuth 355° slant range 247 statute miles. Gonzales missed about 1-2 sweeps while adjusting range setting. CPS-1 PRF rate 350 pulses/sec, pulse duration 1 microsec, horizontal beam width 0.8° to half power. FEAF (Far East AF) and Philco radar experts believed UFO was amplifying radar echoes by transponder (non-encrypted non-IFF), but only on the CPS-1’s frequencies of 2700 and 2860 MHz and not on the allocated beacon frequency of 2907 MHz or in the L-band and P-band frequencies of other nearby radars, types CPS-4, TPS-1B, and SCR-270DA, which did not detect the UFO. Radar site attempted to radio report of tracking to Itazuke ADCC at 10:35 and 10:50 p..m. but was blocked by “heavy CW [continuous wave] (code) interference” on HF at 5.85 MHz. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 9 pp. 257-332; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Joel Carpenter) | 3 mins | 3 | | radar; possible UFO transponder transmissions |
| 479. | | Oct. 7, 1951. A few miles off coast of Honshu, Japan (at 37°37' N, 137°15' E). 7:37 p.m. Radar tracking of unidentified target at 420 mph. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | | | radar |

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| 480. | 985 | Oct. 9, 1951 5 miles E of Terre Haute, Indiana (39.48° N, 87.42° W). 1:42 [1:43?] p.m. (CST). CAA Chief Aircraft Communicator Roy Messmore at Holman Municipal Airport saw a flash on the distant SE horizon then a growing pinpoint of a rapidly approaching object appearing as a silvery "flattened tennis ball" when directly overhead disappearing to the NW [or SE??] after traveling from horizon to horizon in 15 secs, no sound or trail. Pilot Charles Warren at 5,000 ft flying W from Greencastle, Ind., to Paris, Ill., at location E of Paris (about 15 miles NW of Terre Haute) at 1:45 p.m. CST saw silvery "flattened orange" appearing stationary at first to the left rear (SE? or E? towards Holman Airport?) for a few secs (or longer?) then Warren banked in a tight left turn to pursue the object when it suddenly picked up speed and headed off NE towards the S of Newport, Ind. (Berliner; cf. Ruppelt pp. 112-3; Grudge Rpt 1) | 15 secs + ? | 3? | 4 + ? | |
| 481. | | Oct. 10, 1951. 10 miles E of St. Croix Falls, Wisc. (at 45°24' N, 92°28' W). About 10:10 a.m. Private pilot Jack Donaghue and aero engineer Joseph J. Kaliszewski, Supv. of Balloon Manufacture, both with General Mills Aero Labs, were flying in a light plane at 6,000 ft heading 230° climbing toward a large balloon their team had launched, which was at about 20,000 ft and 6 miles to their SE, when they saw a strange object traveling E to W much higher than the balloon, about 1/4 apparent size of balloon [which itself was about 80 ft??] first at a slight dive, leveling off about 1 min, slowing down, then making sharp left turn and climbing at an ascent angle of 50°- 60° into the SE with a “terrific acceleration,” having covered about 45° (or 40°-50°) of sky total. No vapor trail. See next day’s sightings (below). (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 mins | 2 | 1/15 ? | aero engr |
| 482. | 989 | Oct. 11, 1951. Few miles N of Minneapolis, Minn. (44.97° N, 93.27° W). About 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. General Mills Aeronautical Labs balloon researchers during Project GRAB BAG balloon launch, including aeronautical engineer Joseph J. Kaliszewski, aerologist Charles B. Moore, pilot Richard Reilly in the air heading E at 10,000 ft, and Douglas Smith and Richard Dorian on the ground at Univ. of Minnesota Airport (also Zuckert). Flight crew saw the first object, brightly glowing with a dark underside and halo around it appearing to be SE of UM Airport. Object arrived high and fast traveling E to W at about 5°/sec angular velocity (using fix point of windshield divider for stable reference), then slowed and made slow climbing circles “like falling oak leaf inverted” for about 2 mins, and finally sped away to the E with rapid acceleration. Reported by radio to and confirmed by ground observers Smith and Dorian at Univ. of Minn. Airport using a theodolite, of a cigar-shaped object seen only in brief glimpses due to high angular speed as it sped across the sky. Soon they saw 2nd object (about 8:30 a.m.), traveling W to E. See previous day’s sightings (above). (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; McDonald) | 5 mins + few secs | 6 | | theodolite C. B. Moore |

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| 483. | | Oct. 16, 1951. W of Whidbey Island NAS [S of Port Angeles?], Wash. (at 47°45' N, 123°30' W). 11:01 a.m. USAF pilots flying 3 F-94 fighters and USN ground personnel saw a round medium-grey object at high speed and high altitude, no sound. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 50 mins | 4+ | | |
| 484. | | Oct. 18, 1951. 140 miles from Tsingtao, China over Yellow Sea (at 35°48' 38°?48' N, 123°16' E). 3 a.m. [2:33 a.m.?] Gregory and other USN crew of PBM Mariner type BD-5 saw long orange-red conical flame change to white-orange. Airborne radar tracking [?]. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 16 mins | | | radar |
| 485. | | Oct. 21, 1951. 20 miles E of Battle Creek, Mich. (at 42°19' N, 84°55' W). 12:50 p.m. [10:25 a.m. CST?] Private pilot N. Manteris flying Navion aircraft (s/n N21424) at 4,000 ft saw a silver oval domed disc-shaped highly polished object closing at high speed on collision course at about 3,000 ft, pass underneath his plane, he turned 180° to pursue but it was gone. No trail or vents, upper surface had an indentation for a crown or dome. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list; GRUDGE Rpt 1; NARCAP) | 3-5 secs | 1 | | |
| 486. | | Oct. 21, 1951. North Truro, Mass. 11:18-11:22 p.m. (EST) [1:30 and 9:30 p.m.?] (Sparks; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4 mins + 2 mins | | | |
| 487. | | Nov. 2, 1951. E of Abilene, Texas. 7:15 a.m. Crew of American Airlines DC-4 flying Los Angeles to Dallas, at 4,500 ft, saw a bright green projectile-shaped object, about same size as DC-4, streak past at about same altitude and same E heading. Object left trail then exploded, shooting red balls of fire in all directions. Green fireball sighted in Ariz., NM, Texas, Okla. Radiant about 3.5 hrs RA, 0° Dec (Taurid fireball? 3.5-4 hrs RA, +13° to +22° Dec.). (Sparks; LIFE Incident 10?; Saunders/ FUFOR Index?; Keyhoe 1955, pp. 92-93) | | 165+ | | |
| 488. | | Nov. 2, 1951. 30 (35?) miles N of Mojave, Calif. (35.06° N, 118.16° W). 11 p.m. Bromley and another forest observer in a canyon saw a 30 ft disk-shaped flying object in the SW, 10 ft thick, blue-green, well-defined, surrounded with a glow of same color. Stopping their jeep, they signaled to the object, which approached within 10 [?] ft, flew away, seemed to play with them, vanished "like a magician's trick." (Vallée Magonia 85; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | 120 ? | |
| 489. | | Nov. 18, 1951. Washington, D.C. 3:20 a.m. Crew of Capital Airlines Flight 610 and Andrews AFB senior air traffic controller Tom Selby saw an object with several lights, follow the DC-4 for about 20 mins [miles?] then turn back, with ground radar tracking [?]. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 20 mins | 2+ | | RV? |
| 490. | | Nov. 24, 1951. Mankato, Minn. (44.16° N, 93.98° W). 3:53 p.m. One of 2 USAF pilots flying P-51 fighters flying W at 25,000 ft, 210 knots IAS, Capt. William Fairbrother, saw a white 8 ft flying-wing-shaped object hovering then pass 100 ft over and 100 ft to the left of his fighter, he immediately turned 180° to follow but could not find object. (Sparks; Project 1947; NARCAP; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 6 secs? | 1 | 8 | |

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| 491. | | Nov. 24, 1951. Coopersville, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek and Selfridge AFB, Mich. 6:24 p.m. (EST). Capital Airlines Flight 94 pilot and several control tower and other ground observer(s) saw a large round object flying at 500-1,000 ft height at about 1,000 mph in the ESE headed W. Possible meteor fireball. (Sparks; BB files; Grudge Status Rpt 2; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5-6 secs | 7+ | | |
| 492. | | Nov. 26, 1951. 25 miles E of Milwaukee, Wisc. (43.03° N, 87.93° W). 4:23 a.m. (CST). Capital Airlines DC-3 pilot Larry Schroeder and copilot, and another pilot and copilot on a different Capital flight, saw an orange ball of fire with blue tail flying on a level trajectory. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10-35 secs | 4 | | |
| 493. | | Dec. 1951. NW of Peru, Nebraska. 3 a.m. Mr. Barry from Lincoln driving to Indiana saw a blue light in the NW, vanish to the SE. He missed a turn, went back toward Auburn, when NW of Peru he saw an orange glow in the sky from a cauldron-shaped object on the ground, about 40 ft from the road. He stopped to examine the 30 ft diameter cast-iron object, with a row of 10-inch round windows 1 ft from the top, glowing orange; on the other side a blue flamelike glow. No noise, no sign of life or activity, no antenna or protrusion. Witness drove away. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 86; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | 80 | |
| 494. | 1021 | Dec. 7, 1951. Oak Ridge, Tenn. (at 35°56' N, 84°25' W). 8:15 a.m. AESS guard J. H. Collins in Tower #14 W of K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant, ORNL, [at about 700-800 ft MSL] saw a 20 ft square object, white-grey but not shiny, like a piece of canvas with no markings, to the NNW about 300 ft above ridge anout 1 mile away [Blackoak Ridge, height about 1,000-1,100 ft MSL], fly vertically into the clouds at about 6,000 ft MSL and back again 300 ft above ridge, taking 30-40 seconds each time traveling at constant speed like that of conventional aircraft [roughly 100 mph at about 4,600 ft in 30-40 secs]. On second rise object climbed at 45° angle to the left and into the clouds then emerged out of the clouds diving straight down to 300 ft above ridge. Object circled slowly as it rose a third time at a 20° angle into the clouds again finally disappearing. Always kept broadside to witness. No sound or smoke. Report mistakenly treated as ground intrusion, thus GCI radar not alerted until 10:02 a.m., and F-47 fighters dispatched found nothing. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 9, pp. 640-4; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 mins | 1 | | |
| 495. | 1023 | Dec. 7, 1951. Sunbury, Ohio. 4:30 p.m. Amateur astronomer Carl Loar saw a silvery sphere through telescope; 2 specks sighted at sides, object seemed to explode was then replaced by a dark cloud and many specks. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30 mins | 1 | | telescope |

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| 496. | | Dec. 12, 1951. 5 mi SE of Hastings, Minn. 3:50 p.m. (CST). USAF 133rd FI Wing pilot Donald K. "Deke" Slayton [future NASA astronaut] flying F-51 fighter at 10,000 ft at 280-300 mph heading [NW] back to Wold-Chamberlain Field, Minneapolis, Minn., saw a 1-1/2 to 2 ft white (or gray) object off his left wing about 1 mile away and 1,000 ft below flight level [about 10° below local horizon or 8° below earth's horizon] at (about 8 o'clock position) looking like a kite at first, then like a weather balloon then 2 rapidly counterclockwise revolving discs overlapping with centers about 1 ft apart. He went into left 180° turn to intercept, approached to about 1,500 ft [heading SE] with object at about 1 o'clock (level ?) position, object accelerated to about 380-400 mph turning to the left, Slayton made 30° bank to turn left with object, but object outpaced him on the outside of turn [heading roughly SW at end of turn], changed appearance to look like a single object, then it made a sudden 45° climbing left turn, accelerated and disappeared. In 1980 Slayton estimated angular size as grapefruit at arm's length or about 11° but size/distance data indicate about 0.1°. Wing Intell officers told Slayton a balloon research team [General Mills] sighted the same or similar UFO traveling 4,000 mph near a large balloon [Skyhook?] launch. (Sparks; Maxwell Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 537-8, 563-4, Roll 9, pp. 660-5; BB Grudge Status Rpt. 2, pp. 3-4, Rpt. 3, pp. 5-6; Project 1947; Richard Haines; Slayton autobiography; etc.) | 3-4 mins | 1 [several?] | 1/6 | future astronaut Deke Slayton; possible independent sighting by research balloon crew |
| 497. | 1011 | Dec. 18, 1951. Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C. Civilian pilot. [Nov. 18, 1951, case??] (Sparks; NARA) | | 1? | | |
| 498. | | Dec. 22, 1951. Near Reynoldsburg (near Port Columbus), Ohio. 10:30 a.m. (EST). USAF F-84C pilot Capt Walter J. Koby, 166th FI Sq, Lockbourne AFB, at 15,000 ft 225 knots (260 mph) heading W at 270° saw an aircraft like an F-84 but without a tail rotating on its longitudinal axis and flashing in the sun at a rate of about once every 5 secs, 10+ rolls in 1 min. Object was at 2 o'clock position high, to the WNW on a reciprocal heading about 100° (about ESE) at estimated speed 300+ mph over initial spot 5 mi E of Columbus at 82°50' W, 39°59' N near Port Columbus, at about 20,000+ to 25,000 ft [distance about 5-6 miles] if the size of an F-84. Koby turned to intercept object but lost it in sun's glare (in the SE) still "rolling" or "tumbling." Koby conducted a search but could not find object. Kaby had radioed his squadron but none of their aircraft were in his area. Weather balloon launched at 10:00 a.m. from Columbus Airport evidently burst at about 9,000 ft at about 10:09 a.m. and would have been on the ground for about 20 mins when sighting occurred. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; GRUDGE Rpt 3; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 to 1-1/2 mins | 1 | | |
| 499. | 1013 | Dec. 24, 1951. Mankato, Minn. Military witness(es). [Nov. 24, 1951, case??] (Sparks; NARA) | | | | |

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| 500. | | Jan. 1952. Weston, Wyoming. 10:30 p.m. 38-year-old rancher saw a "shooting star" suddenly stop in mid-air between him and a mountain, spinning clockwise, with one red window periodically facing the observer, went down toward the Little Powder River, come up again. He turned his car to send light signals, object seemed to respond by stopping its red window to face witness. Spinning resumed, object rose and came down. Similar object arrived, then both went into the deep valley out of sight. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 88) | | 1 | | |
| 501. | | Jan. 20, 1952. Fairchild AFB, near Spokane, Wash (at 47.62° N, 117.67° W). 7:20 p.m. 2 M/Sgts. in Intelligence saw a large bluish-white spherical object with long blue tail in the E about 2 miles away traveling N on a horizontal path below and seen against solid overcast cloud cover at 4,700 ft, speed later estimated at 1,400 mph, no sound, disappearing in the W. (Sparks; Ruppelt pp. 12-3; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 15 secs | 2 [3?] | | |
| 502. | | Jan. 21, 1952. 3 miles ESE of Mitchel AFB runway 30, New York (40.73° N, 73.59° W). 9:50 a.m. (EST). USN pilot Lt. James R. Zeitvogel, USN Special Devices Center, Long Island, flew USN TBM-3W bomber heading 45° (NE) at 160 knots (200 mph) at 6,000 ft shortly after takeoff from Mitchel AFB, sighted a 20-30 ft white circular domed or parachute-shaped, with parachute-like segmentation and dark underside, about 1/3 ratio thickness to diameter, which appeared to be about 1-1/2 miles to the WNW or half way between TBM and end of runway 30 at Mitchel AFB, silhouetted against the ground at a depression angle of about 45° at a very low altitude of 200-300 ft (consistent with ground range of 1-1/2 miles from TBM at 6,000 ft height). Pilot then chased object which was at first traveling about 300 knots (350 mph), by turning left in the TBM in a sharp 2-3 g turn, having to bank at almost 90° to see the low altitude object about 1-1/2 mins into sighting when TBM about completed 360° turn, object cutting on inside of TBM's turn apparently accelerating. Object at about 2 mins into sighting started climbing in altitude while still accelerating, disappearing suddenly not due to distance about 7 miles to the SW at 500+ knots (600+ mph) and about 10° above TBM's horizontal level. (Sparks; GRUDGE Rpts. No. 3, p. 8, No. 4, pp. 9-11ff.; Project 1947; NICAP) | 2-1/2 mins | 1 | 1/3 to 1 | |

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| 503. | | Jan. 22, 1952. S of Nenana, Alaska (64°35' N, 149°05' W). 12:18-2:03 a.m. (AHST).<br><br>USAF Lt. Arthur L. Boyd, Jr., and 2nd Lt. John G. Frost, CPS-6B radar operators at ADC radar site F-2 Murphy Dome AFS (at 64°57'07" N, 148°21'24.5" W, elev. 2,900 ft, about 19 miles WNW of Fairbanks, Alaska), tracked an outbound target at 210° (True) [209°] azimuth at 62°22’N, 151°25’W [about 202 mi range] traveling at about 1,500 to 2,400 mph, and after 10-12 radar sweeps 12 secs each [actually after 7 mins or ~35 sweeps], urgently called twice (at 12:25 and 12:26 a.m.) for interception, and a USAF F-94A jet, pilot Lt. Clyde E. Garrett and radar observer Capt. Verl D. Ramey, call sign “Concrete Red,” was scrambled from 449th Fighter Interceptor Sq, Ladd AFB, airborne at 12:33, and directed by Murphy Dome radar site GCI to head towards Nenana (Point J or Jig) at 215° Mag [~240°-245° True depending on exact location].<br><br>Unidentified target reversed direction to inbound at about same azimuth at maximum range reached at 12:20 a.m. [at ~61°56’N, ~151°57’W, range ~237 mi, azimuth 210°] at high speed [average velocity 12:18 to 12:25, about 205-210 mi in 7 mins = 1757 to 1800 mph], reversing direction multiple times, reaching minimum azimuth 207° azimuth at 12:45 a.m., till disappearing at 12:47 a.m. at 212° azimuth at 63°25’N, 150° [24’] W [~123 mi range].<br><br>There were two intervening periods of target disappearance from 12:25 to 12:32 then from 12:35 to 12:40 a.m. [when the target possibly moved at 1500+ mph to S of Nenana closer to the F-94], with target reappearing each time within a few miles of the disappearance points. Possible confirmation by Fire Island CPS-6B radar site F-1 (at 61°08.5' N, 150°13' W, elev. 300 ft).<br><br>At about 12:37-12:39/41 a.m., a separate and more local unidentified target was tracked by Murphy Dome which vectored the F-94 along F-94 heading of about 255° to 260° [this was possibly the distant target during its seeming disappearance from about 30 mi NE of Mt McKinley, which may have moved at 1500+ mph to the S of Nenana then back again to 30 mi NE of McKinley]. At about 12:41 the F-94 was vectored to a 2nd local target by Murphy Dome. F-94 turned S and then onto a heading of 150° (about SSE) to attempt to intercept until about 12:45 when target was lost and also F-94 itself was lost from Murphy Dome radar.<br><br>(Continued in next entry) | 1 hr 45 mins | 4+ | | ground and airborne radars |

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| | | Jan. 22, 1952. S of Nenana, Alaska (Continued)<br><br>At 12:52 to 12:53 a.m., unidentified target was tracked inbound heading N [NNE] towards Murphy Dome radar from 210° [±5°] azimuth at 45 miles range for about 1 min [48 secs], shortly confirmed by F-94's APG-33 airborne fire-control radar as F-94 flew on heading of about 18° (about NNE), including one brief lockon. On a counterclockwise sweep, the UFO target reversed course with 180° turn over an 8-mile radius [actually diameter chord of circle] of turn [roughly 11 to 17 g's] and headed outbound at 1,500+ mph heading 210° [±5°] and away from radar site. [Diameter chord of 8 mi hence with circle arc of ≈25 mi in two radar sweeps of 24 secs would mean target speed ≈1900 mph, better fits UFO target speeds, whereas quarter-circle chord of 8 mi with circular arc of ≈18 mi would mean a speed ≈2700 mph.]<br><br>At same time, 12:52-12:53 a.m., F-94 at 30,000 ft altitude, detected at range 24,000 yards (≈13.6 mi) 2 UFO targets at about 25,000 ft, one faint the other very bright on airborne radar scopes, immediately to rear of main blip was the "ghost like image" of the main blip of identical size, both sharp and well-defined [only the bright target was detectable on the Murphy Dome radar], at 40° to the right [~58° azimuth about ENE at about 12:52:20 a.m.] rapidly crossing over to the left to disappear at range 200 yards 55° left of heading [thus ~323° azimuth, about NW, at about 12:52:48 a.m.], in exact agreement with Murphy Dome radar at the same time. F-94 closure rate with UFO was too rapid to follow by hand control of F-94 radar antenna hence was unable to lock on except at one point briefly. UFO disappeared at about the same time on both Murphy Dome and F-94 radars.<br><br>An hour later, after patrolling the area pursuing vectors from Murphy Dome radar control, F-94 headed NE about 35 miles SSW of Nenana to return to base when both pilot and radar observer picked up a target on their radar scopes [at about 1:59-2:03 a.m.] at 12 o'clock low (10° below) position at 24,000 yards (≈13.6 mi). Radar observer immediately obtained lock-on, pilot dropped F-94 to 25,000 ft with 100-knot closure rate [at about 450 mph], no visual contact, slowed F-94 at range 2,000-3,000 yards (≈1.1 to 1.7 mi) to try to reduce closure rate, but unsuccessfully. At 800 yards (≈0.5 mi) pilot pulled up slightly and UFO was at 5° low, dead ahead 12 o'clock position.<br><br>Pilot then had to pull up abruptly at 200 yards (≈0.1 mi) distance to avoid collision, UFO still at 5° below, dead ahead, broke radar lock-on, about 15 miles S of Nenana [at about 12:52:48 a.m.], and target vanished. F-94 circled area twice then released to return to Ladd AFB at 2:13 a.m., landing at 2:29 a.m (Sparks; Pages mostly illegible: Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 9, pp 817-9; AFOSI report NARA-PBB92-520 to 526; BB Status Rpts 6+7; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index; cf. Ruppelt) | 1 hr 45 mins | 4+ | | ground and airborne radars |

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| 504. | | Jan. 29, 1952. 30 miles SW of Wonsan, South Korea. 11 p.m. USAF crew of B-29 flying at above 20,000 ft and 148 knots (170 mph) ground speed saw an orange luminous rotating and pulsating 3 ft sphere [or disc?], with blue flame halo, follow the B-29 at a distance of about 600 ft at the 8 o'clock position advancing forward to 9 o'clock then falling back to 8 o'clock [at one point almost withdrawing from view then returning?]. (Sparks; LIFE Incident 9; Project 1947; Loren Gross) | 5 mins<br>[1 min?] | 3 | 1/2 | |
| 505. | | Jan. 29-30, 1952. Sunchon, South Korea. 11:24 p.m. USAF crew of B-29 at 20,000 ft and 125 knots (144 mph) ground speed saw an orange sphere follow the B-29 at their level or slightly below [sun-like in brightness and 600 ft away?]. (Sparks; LIFE Incident 9; Project 1947; Loren Gross) | 1 min<br>[5 mins] | 2+ | | |
| 506. | | Feb. 1, 1952. 10 miles W of Terre Haute, Indiana. 9:30 p.m. Military aircraft pilot saw a close group of moving lights changing color from blue to green to yellow. (Sparks; Project 1947; BB files??) | | 1 | | |
| 507. | | Feb. 2, 1952. About 40 miles E of Pusan, South Korea (at 35° 0' N, 129°40' E). 10:30 and 10:40 a.m. Radar track of 767 mph unidentified target. 2nd track from position 35°30' N, 129°40' E, at 10:40 of 1,257 mph unidentified target. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | | | radar |
| 508. | | Feb. 2, 1952. E of South Korea (at 37°44' N, 130°30' E). 7:35 p.m. USS Philippine Sea heading S 180° at 13 knots (15 mph) tracked approaching radar target from the N 0° azimuth at 25 miles, veered off in a wide left turn to the E radius about 12 miles (when visual observers spotted exhaust trails), reversing course on radar away from the aircraft carrier accelerating from 600 mph to 1800 mph at 52,000 ft altitude, split into 2 targets 5-12 miles apart on a slightly zigzag wavy course headed due N 0° to disappearance at about 110 miles. Visual observers sighted 3 exhaust flames at 30° azimuth [?]. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 126-8) | 10 mins<br>? | 4+ | | RV |
| 509. | 1052 | Feb. 11, 1952. Pittsburgh, Penna. (40.44° N, 79.97° W). 3 a.m. USAF Capt. G. P. Arns and Maj. R. J. Gedson flying a Beech AT-11 trainer saw a yellow-orange comet-shaped object pulsing flame for 1-2 secs in straight and level flight. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 min | 2 | | |
| 510. | | Feb. 12, 1952. Bet. Friendship Airfield and Baltimore, Maryland. 9:30 p.m. USAF MATS C-47 pilot and copilot saw a bright white object move slowly then speed away. Then at 10 p.m. they saw 10 miles S of Baltimore a similar object. (Sparks; GRUDGE/BB Rpt; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2+ mins | 2 | | |
| 511. | | Feb. 13, 1952. Granite City, Illinois (38.73° N, 90.14° W). 10:30 p.m. Radar. (Sparks; McDonald list; BB Rpt 6) | | | | radar |

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| 512. | | Feb. 16, 1952. About 60 miles E of Pusan, South Korea (at 35° N, 130° E). 2:40 and 3:50 p.m. USMC GCI Sq 3 at Yongil (36° N, 129° E) CPS-5 radar tracking of unidentified target traveling at 4,320 knots (5,000 mph). 2nd track at 3:50 at position 36°30' N, 129°30' E (a few miles off the coast of South Korea) of large target equivalent of 6-8 jet aircraft, traveling 1,380 knots (1,600 mph) target heading 170°, faded momentarily, then continued on 120° heading until lost. Visual sighting of contrail in direction of radar track. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; McDonald files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 513. | | Feb. 17, 1952. 25 miles SE of Roswell, New Mexico (at 33°15' N, 104°10' W). 1:45 a.m. (MST). USAF crew of B-29 bomber saw 3 ft [?] greenish-blue ball of fire flying straight at 15,000 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | | | |
| 514. | | Feb. 20, 1952. Mt. Diablo, Calif. 11:30 p.m. USAF pilot Montgomery and copilot of B-25 bomber saw bright yellow light on collision course climb and accelerate. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | | |
| 515. | 1061 | Feb. 23 [24?], 1952. Sinuiju [Antung?], North Korea (40° 4' N, 124° 25' E). 10:15 [11:15?] p.m. USAF 345th Bomber Sq Captain/B-29 navigator saw a bluish cylinder, 3x long as wide, with a tail and rapid pulsations, come in high and fast, make several turns and level out under B-29 which was evading mild antiaircraft fire. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 45 secs | 1? | | [radar?] |
| 516. | | Feb. 27, 1952. Ft. Stockton, Texas. B-29 and radar. (Sparks; McDonald list; BB Rpt 5) | | | | radar |
| 517. | | March 1, 1952. Goose Air Base, Newfoundland. Two officers of Goose AB flying in C-47 observed vapor trails high overhead formed at high rate of speed developing in NE direction. No known aircraft. (Sparks; NICAP; NEAC History; Jan Aldrich) | | 2 | | |
| 518. | | March 4, 1952. 15 miles W of Ashiya AFB, Japan (at 33°53' N, 130°40' E). 10:35 a.m. USAF C-54 crew with 53rd Troop Carrier Sq saw a bright orange oval object at 10,000 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | < 2 mins ? | | | |
| 519. | | March 7, 1952. Bet. Claremore and Tulsa, Okla. 1 a.m. USAF copilot of C-54 transport saw a bright light pass from right to left, lose altitude and blink out 3 times. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 520. | | March 15, 1952. Sandia Mtns. [Kirtland AFB?], New Mexico. 4:30 p.m. (MST). USAF 1st Lt. sighted a dull aluminum metal, flat, oval-shaped object the size of a B-29 fuselage in horizontal flight at 10,000 feet [altitude? or height above ground?] at 330° azimuth from [observer's location?] at 35°03' N, 106°37' W (Kirtland AFB), would stop with a vertical motion or "maneuver," then continue in level flight at about 150-200 mph. (Sparks; McDonald list; BB Rpt 7) | 5 mins<br>[15 mins] | 1 | | |

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| 521. | 1074 | March 20, 1952. Centerville (Queen Anne's County), Maryland. 10:42 p.m. CIA clandestine employee [OPC?] who was WW1/WW2 Army veteran and pilot with extensive flight experience, A. D. Hutchinson, and son (Hutchinson Jr.), saw a dull orange-yellow saucer-shaped light, lighting looking like that of old-fashion light-bulb and about 2-3x size of aircraft wing light [or about 4-6 ft?], fly straight and level very fast from SW to SE about half way between horizon and zenith [or roughly 30° to 45° elevation], possibly about 5 miles away [better estimate about 1 mile], then made 2 sudden vertical jumps on order of 2° upwards each jump, jumps being like a "basketball bounce," before disappearing behind trees. No sound. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Roll 9, pp. 1097 to 1100; Berliner; Randle) | 30 secs | 2 | 1/3 ?? | CIA |
| 522. | 1076 | March 23 [22?], 1952. 20 miles S of Yakima, Wash. 6:56 and 7 [6:05? 6:33?] p.m. USAF pilot and radar operator of F-94 jet interceptor made 2 sightings of a stationary red fireball that increased in brightness then faded over 45 secs. Note: Project Blue Book Status Report #7 (May 31, 1952) says target was also tracked by ground radar at 78 knots (90 mph) at 22,500 ft and 25,000 ft altitude. (Sparks; Berliner) | 45 secs x 2 | 3+ ? | | RV ground and air radars |
| 523. | 1077 | March 24, 1952. 60 miles W of Pt. Conception, Calif. 8:45 a.m. [p.m.?] B-29 navigator and radar operator Hancock tracked unidemtified target on airborne radar at about 3,000 mph. (Sparks; Berliner; Shough; Randle) | 20-30 secs | 2 | | radar |
| 524. | 1082 | March 29, 1952. 20 miles N of Misawa AFB, Japan (40°42' N, 141°23' E). 11:20 a.m. Lt. David C. Brigham, pilot of AT-6 trainer flying at 150-160 mph at 6,000 ft, saw a small, very thin, shiny metallic 8-inch diameter disc with no vapor trail or exhaust fly alongside the AT-6, then make a pass at an F-84 jet fighter, flip on edge, flutter 20 ft from the F-84's fuselage for 2-3 secs and flip in the slipstream,, then cross in front, pulling up in a steep almost vertical climb to disappearance. (Sparks; Aldrich/Project 1947; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 secs | 1? | | |
| 525. | | March 29, 1952. Elizabethville, Belgian Congo. Two fiery discs were seen over uranium mines gliding in curves, changing orientation many times thus appearing as plates, ovals and lines. Discs suddenly hovered then took off in a zigzag to the NE. Commander Pierre of Elizabethville airfield took off in a fighter aircraft in pursuit and came within 120 meters (400 ft) of one disc. (Sparks; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich) | | many | | |

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| 526. | | March 29 [April 24?], 1952. Glen Burnie, Maryland. 10:45 p.m. Donald F. Stewart [Steward?] and George Tyler III saw 50 ft flat silver disc with cupola/dome to one side, a porthole and hatch on the dome, neon-like lighting around the edges [strangely pulsating?], approaching car from ahead to the NE about 60° elevation, then hovered and "wavered slightly" for 3 [2?] mins several hundred feet off the ground, whirring sound like a vacuum cleaner, car engine died while object hovered. Witness got out of car with Thompson submachine gun considering whether to shoot the disc, companion urged him not to. Object suddenly turned up on edge seeming to "roll across the sky" faster than a jet to the SW disappearing about 3-1/2 miles away. Witness claimed car wires "magnetized" and paint cracked. Secy. AF Finletter interest, AFOSI investigation. Hoax? (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 196-8; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Loren Gross Jan-May 52 p. 75) | 3 mins + | 4 | 10-20 ? | EM |
| 527. | | April 3, 1952. Marana, Ariz. 8:15 [8:23-9:15? MST] a.m. Pilot of T-6 aircraft and 6 pilots on ground saw a bright aluminum shiny oblong object above 54,000 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 52 mins | 7 [4?] | | |
| 528. | 1095 | April 4, 1952. Duncanville, Texas (32°38.8' N, 96°54.3' W). 8:30 p.m. (CST) USAF Cpl. Billy D. Greer and PFC John W. Harrington of the Radar Maintenance Section, 147th AC&W Sq, tracked unidentified target by FPS-10 radar first to the NW at 310°-315° azimuth at about 70 nautical miles (80 miles) moving at high speed of about 2,160 knots (2,500 mph) until it disappeared off scope at maximum range of 260 n.mi. (300 miles). Height-finder reading not taken, estimated at 42,000+ ft due to radar beam coverage at max range. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 9, pp. 1288-9; BB Rpt 7l Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5+ mins | 2 | | radar;<br>radar maint personnel |
| 529. | 1096? | April 5, 1952. Phoenix [Glendale?], Ariz. (33.45° N, 112.05° W). 10:40 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ryan, R. L. Stokes, and D. Schook saw a large, dull grey circular object, followed by 2 more, fly straight and level at high speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 4 | | |
| 530. | 1097 | April 5, 1952. Miami, Florida (25.78° N, 80.21° W). 9:15 p.m. L. E. VanDercar and 9 year old son saw 4 dark circular objects with mostly fuzzy edges, cross the face of the Moon [in the S at 175° azimuth 77° elevation, 83% illuminated or almost full], each 1/2 the angular size of Moon [one with a sharp leading edge and more plainly seen?]. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle) | | 2 | 1/2 (crossed face of moon) | |
| 531. | 1144 | April 5-6, 1952. Kadena AFB, Okinawa. 2400 hrs [just past 11:59 p.m. = April 5, 12:00 a.m. April 6]. Crew of B-29 bomber, on ground saw erratic maneuvers at estimated speed 1,000 kts. (Sparks; NICAP website/Dan Wilson; BB files – BB Record Card / File wrongly conflates 2 cases April 5 & 22 as one; Berliner; Randle) | 10 mins | 4 | | |

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| 532. | 1099 | April 6, 1952. Temple (Draughan-Miller AFB), Texas (at 31°09'N, 97°24'30"W). 2:59 p.m. Herman L. Russell saw 50-75 greyish-white metallic disc-like shapes to the NNW about 30° – 40° elevation in random arrangement within a circular formation covering area of only 1 Full Moon [hence each object probably <3 arcmins would have been too small to resolve disc-like details]. Objects would flash in unison every 12-15 secs for a period of 2 secs as if tilting on horizontal axis. After 2 mins cluster became less dense in the center and more dense at the outer rim. Formation estimated at distance of 15-25 miles [hence height about 50,000 ft] moved upwards in elevation by about 5° and laterally by 10° to 15° (direction not specified) until disappearing by fading into distance. [Possible shattered plastic fragments of Skyhook balloon fluttering in the sunlight.] (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 9, pp. 1303-4; Berliner) | 3.5 mins | 1 | 1 (whole formation) | |
| 533. | | April 9, 1952. Bet. Shreveport and Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. 2:30 p.m. (CST). USAF C-46 crew [pilot and copilot] flying E at 90° heading at 9,000 ft saw a 30-40 ft cream color disc-shaped object ahead of the plane at about 4,000 ft, object reversed course heading E [but was overtaken by C-46 and passed under it ??], C-46 and object both [?] made 360° turns, object climbing into clouds at 12,000 ft at 200-400 mph. Similar sighting at 2:45 p.m. by another C-46 5-6 miles N of Barksdale AFB of an object disappearing on a N heading at 11,000 ft. (Sparks; BB Status Rpt 6; cf. NARCAP) | | 2? | 1/2 ? | |
| 534. | | April 9-10, 1952. 6 miles W of Pecos [near Lackland AFB? 29.39° N, 98.61° W], Texas. 10:40 p.m. (CST). Bethune. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 43; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins (+ ?) | | | |
| 535. | 1108 | April 12, 1952. North Bay CFS, Ontario, Canada (46.30° N, 79.46° W). 9:30 [11:30?] p.m. RCAF Warrant Officer E. H. Rossell, Flight Sgt. R. McRae saw a round amber object fly in from the S at 2x speed of F-86 at low level, stop, reverse direction, climb away at 30° angle. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle) | 2 mins | 2 | | |
| 536. | 1109 | April 13, 1952. Moriarty AFS, New Mexico (35° 1'50" N, 105°49' 0" W, 6,700 ft MSL). 4:45 p.m. (MST). 4 USAF airmen of the 768th AC&W Sq ADC radar station, Staff Sgt. John R. O'Neal, A/1c David C. Miller, A/2c Earl O. Cormier, Airman Basic Charles E. Baker, saw silver disc-shaped (or egg-shaped) object to the E estimated altitude 40,000+ ft traveling very erratically at high speed, disappeared making a turn to the N due to its flatness in profile, then reappeared further N, then disappeared again in vertical dive, reappeared further S, and finally disappeared heading S. No trail, exhaust or sound. [Possible CPS-5D radar tracking denied but uncertain?] (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 9, pp. 1368-1405; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; BB Rpt 6; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3-5 mins | 4? | | |
| 537. | 1113 | April 14, 1952. La Crosse, Wisc. 12:35 p.m. Unidentified CAL (Central Air Lines) pilot saw several light colored objects fly in V-formation [and change position?]. No further details in files. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle) | | | | |

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| 538. | 1112 | April 14, 1952. Memphis, Tenn. (35.14° N, 90.03° W). 6:34 p.m. U.S. Navy pilots Lt. jg. Blacky, Lt. jg. O'Neil flying on 18° (about NNE) heading at 2,000 ft over NAS Range Station saw to their left an inverted bowl glowing bright red, 3 ft long and 1 ft high, with vertical slots, approaching at high speed on 300° heading, straight and level at 2,000 ft, passing 300 ft from their aircraft and below overcast at 4,200 ft. [Red glowing exhaust trail?] (Sparks; Berliner; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; cf. NARCAP; Randle) | 45-60 secs | 2 | 1 | |
| 539. | 1115 | April 15, 1952. Santa Cruz, Calif. (36.97° N, 122.04° W). 7:40 p.m. Mr. Hayes [Hays?], brother of Master Sgt., saw 2 faint circular objects flying fast along the horizon through 20x spotting telescope. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle) | 6-8 secs | 1 | | telescope |
| 540. | | April 16, 1952. Shreveport, Louisiana (32.50° N, 93.76° W). 9:28 p.m. (CST). Senior USAF pilot Capt. Eugene R. Mathis, and Jack Touchstone, saw a brilliant circular object flying overhead at high speed on a heading of 100°. Object suddenly made a 180° turn, and passed over the entire city of Shreveport. Object appeared flat, no sound, no exhaust. (Sparks; NICAP website; Willy Smith pp. 25-29; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 70 secs | 2 | | |
| 541. | 1127 | April 17, 1952. 3 mi S [SW] of Yuma Test Station (now Yuma Proving Ground), Ariz. (at approx. 32.83° N, 114.5° W). 3:05-3:10 p.m. (MST). Large group of 9575th Test Station Unit, Yuma Test Station, 6th Army, consisting of Army and ex-USAF meteorological observers, including several graduate engineers, while on a hiking trip on the E bank of the Colorado River, saw a flat-white, non-shiny, circular object fly from nearly overhead about 80°-90° elevation heading 60° (about ENE), with an erratic non-perfectly-linear trajectory emitting an intermittent non-persistent thin contrail or vapor trail about 1-2 object diameters in length [thus about 0.5° to 1° long]. No sound. Weather CAVU. 2nd Lt. Bernard J. Gudenkauf with 11 years' experience in military meteorology, development of weather equipment, and upper air observation and balloon launches of different types and sizes, led the group on the hike. Cpl. Weiss spotted object overhead and called attention of the group (including Lt Gudenkauf), all of whom immediately spotted the object without difficulty, including former USAF flight engineer MSgt Lowell, graduate engineer with propeller design experience Cpl. McDowell, and graduate engineer PFC Slater, plus Sgt Linden, Cpl Bailey, Cpl Cannon, Cpl Wuerderman, Cpl Jones, Cpl Ueberroth, PFC Alfonso, and PFC Davis. Disappeared at or beyond horizon at about 6°-8° elevation (canal bank terrain obstacle). Moved too fast and erratically to use theodolite tracking had one been available on the hike. See next sighting by 2 of the same group. (Sparks; BB files; BB Rpt 6 wrongly conflates 2 cases April 17 & 18 as one; Berliner) | 7 secs | 13 | 1 | meteorological observers |
| 542. | 1124 | April 17 [13?], 1952. Longmeadow, Mass. 8:30 p.m. S. B. Brooks and chemical engineer J. A. Eaton saw a round, deep orange object fly fast and erratic, occasionally emitting a shaft of light to the rear. [Star color and shape??] (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Randle) | 40 mins | 2 | | |

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| 543. | | April 17, 1952. Nunivak Island, Alaska, and Newfoundland-New Brunswick, Canada. 12:58 a.m. (EST). Four high-altitude contrails heading ESE toward Alaska and Continental U.S. were seen by defense observers at Nunivak Island. At 5:10 a.m. (EST) Presque Isle, Maine, ADC radar (Caswell Air Force Station FPS-10) tracked 5 Unknowns headed SW into the U.S. (3 were later identified as off-course civilian airliners, 2 remained unidentified, 2 additional Unknowns were detected later but identified). Nationwide Air Defense Readiness Alert was declared at 5:11 a.m. and cancelled 7:40 a.m. EST. SAC was notified to prepare launch of nuclear bomb-carrying bombers. Not in BB files or not yet found. (Sparks; ADC History Jan-June 1952; Schaffel 1991 pp. 169-171; Loren Gross Jan-May 1952 Supp.; NICAP website; R. Todd/Jan Aldrich; etc.) | hours | | | multiple radars |
| 544. | 1127 | April 18, 1952. Yuma Test Station (now Yuma Proving Ground), Ariz. (at airfield ? approx. 32.87° N, 114.4° W ?). Daytime. Cpl. McDowell, graduate engineer with propeller design experience, and graduate engineer PFC Slater, Army meteorological observers at 9575th Test Station Unit, Yuma Test Station, 6th Army (from among group in preceding Yuma sighting) saw a similar dull-white, circular object fly an irregular trajectory heading E, but with no contrail. Attempted to track with theodolite but object moved too fast and erratically. See previous sighting. (Sparks; BB files; BB Rpt 6 wrongly conflates 2 cases April 17 & 18 as one; Berliner) | 5-10 secs | 2 | 1 ? | meteorological observers |
| 545. | 1128 | April 18, 1952. Bethesda, Maryland (38.99° N, 77.09° W). 11:30 [1:30?] a.m. (EST). R. Poerstal [Parstel?], Mrage, Watkins and another man [Young?] saw 7-9 circular, orange-yellow lights in a 40° V-formation fly overhead silently from S to N in straight and level flight. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Randle) | 4-8 secs | 4 | | |
| 546. | 1129 | April 18, 1952. Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada (48.95° N, 57.96° W). 4 [3:30?] a.m. Janitor C. Hamilton saw a yellow-gold object make a sharp turn, leaving a short, dark trail. 2nd sighting 18-1/2 hours later. Described as round or elliptical objects, yellow-gold in color, at estimated altitude of 2,000 ft, speed about 500 mph heading NE. (Sparks; NEAC History; NICAP, Jan Aldrich; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min + ? | 1?<br>(2?) | | |
| 547. | 1131 | April 18, 1952. Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada (48.95° N, 57.96° W). 10:10 [9:40?] p.m. Reporter Chic Shave saw a round, yellow-gold object fly S [disappearing?] then return. Reporter had published article debunking subject of UFO's the day before. (Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Randle) | 1.5 mins | 1 | | |
| 548. | 1130 | April 18, 1952. 50 miles NW of Kyushu, Japan (at 34°19' N, 129°51' E [34°30' N ?, 129°30'E ?]). 12:07 p.m. [9:07 p.m.?] A radar operator tracked unidentified target at 2,700 [2,100?] mph. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min | 1 | | radar |

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| 549. | | April 20, 1952. [Flint, Mich.? 43.00° N, 83.70° W?] 9:15-9:40 p.m. (EST?) Naval aviation student [Kohut ? Choot?], wife and several others at a drive-in movie saw about 20 groups of 2-9 aircraft-shaped objects fly over enveloped in a red glow, mostly on straight-line course, except for occasional standard aircraft-like turns. (Sparks; Battelle Unknown No. 2; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 25 mins [80 mins?] | several | | |
| 550. | | April 22, 1952. Condon, Oregon. 12:15 p.m. Housewife saw 3 fast-moving saucer-shaped objects moving E, to the N of Condon, in formation with the largest in the lead and "revolving" (rotating). Gray-brown on the underside and shiny metallic on all other sides. (Sparks; Loren Gross UFO History; BB files; NICAP website/Rich Vitello) | 2 mins | 1 | | |
| 551. | 1144 | April 22, 1952. Naha AFB, Okinawa. Bet. 9 and 10 p.m. Crew of B-29 bomber, on ground, saw an elliptical object, about 2-3 ft long [?] heading E to W passing over the base at about 1,000 to 1,500 ft underneath overcast clouds at 2,000 ft, crossing sky in about 5-10 secs, followed 1 min later by another 2 objects on same course then 5 mins later another 2 objects on same course, each with a white light that blinked every 1-2 secs as they performed erratic maneuvers at estimated speed 1,000 kts. (Sparks; NICAP website/Dan Wilson; BB files – BB Record Card / File wrongly conflates 2 cases April 5 & 22 as one; Berliner; Randle) | 6 mins | 7 | | |
| 552. | 1147 | April 24, 1952. Bellevue Hill, Vermont (at 40°30' ?? N, 72°15' ?? W [Atlantic]). 5 a.m. Crew of USAF C-124 transport plane frrom Biggs AFB, Texas, saw 3 circular, bluish objects in loose "fingertip" formation, 2 flying parallel to the plane, all straight and level flight. C-124 at 11,000 feet heading 73° Mag. Crew noticed the 3 objects 20° degrees to the right, just above the horizon, for 2-3 mins. Immediatelv thereafter off to the left of the C-124 more objects were seen for another 1 minute before disappearing; round blue objects. Objects capable of very high speed since they disappeared due to distance at estimated distance of 50 miles. (Sparks; NICAP website/Rich Vitello; Loren Gross UFO History; BB files; Berliner; Project 1947; Randle) | 3-4 mins [2+ mins?] | 2+ | | |
| 553. | 1148 | April 24, 1952. Great Blue Hill near Milton, Mass. (at 42°12.7' N, 71° 7.0'W, elev. 635 ft). 2:30 p.m. (EST) AF Cambridge Research Center, Radar Systems Lsb, Electronics Research Div, electronics engineers, Alfred P. Furnish and Herbert J. Brun, and MIT electrical engineering senior Joseph Page, were in an observation tower on top of Great Blue Hill and saw to the NW 2 very thin flat, dull reddish orange squarish objects with no corners or "ovals pulled in at the waist" about 10-15 ft wide, with a lip around outer edges, fly wobbly in consistently undulating "swooping" motion in horizontal flight at about 2,000 ft altitude. Objects then climbed about 15° elevation at an estimated 240 mph, then flew away and disappeared due to distance. No trail or exhaust, no sound, visibility 70+ miles. [Unclear whether observers used 6x aircraft tracking telescope.] (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Loren Gross Jan-May 1952 p. 57) | 1.5 mins | 3 | | AFCRL-MIT elect engrs; telescope? |

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| 554. | 1151 | April 24, 1952. Clovis, New Mexico (34.40° N, 103.21° W). 8:10 p.m. USAF Flight Surgeon Maj. E. L. Ellis saw many orange-amber lights in a “blob” formation, sometimes separate, sometimes fused, behave erratically, varying speed from motionless to very fast. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Randle) | 5 mins | 1 | | flight surgeon |
| 555. | | April 25, 1952. Thule Air Base, Greenland. 1 a.m. (AST). USAF Lt. Kenneth R. Boyle, Thule Air Base Operations, and a civilian USAF Arctic Rescue expert, Jorgen Busch, sighted vapor trail estimated at 30,000 ft above the base, emitted by an unseen object which could not be resolved in binoculars by Busch. Arctic daylight CAVU conditions. No known aircraft in area capable of generating vapor trail. NEAC C-54 was in the area at the time, but below the 12,000 ft minimum altitude for vapor trail formation. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP; NEAC History; Jan Aldrich) | | 2 | | |
| 556. | | April 25, 1952. Rheim-Main AFB, [Darmstadt ?], West Germany. 9:20 [9:15?] p.m. 2 USAF C-47 pilots [Wisnieski ?] had near-collision with white circular object heading NW. (Sparks; Weinstein; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 mins | 2+ ? | | |
| 557. | 1160 | April 27, 1952. Roseville, Mich. (42.49° N, 82.93° W). 4:15 p.m. H. A. Freytag [Freitag?] and 3 male relatives, including a minister, saw an silver oval roll, [change shape?], descend and stop. 2 silver cigar-shaped objects appeared, one departing to the E, one to the W; 3rd silver cigar flew by at high speed. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; cf. Randle) | 45 mins | 4 | | |
| 558. | | April 27, 1952. Waskish, Minnesota. 7:20 p.m. (CST). Ground Observer Corps Area Coordinator Roy Auney sighted cigar-shaped object with no wings, no sound, reflecting sunlight like polished aluminum. Object traveled about 30 miles due N at estimated altitude of 10,000 ft [apparently below the 25,000 ft scattered cloud layer] during 1-minute period of sighting [= ~1,800 mph]. (Sparks; NICAP / Rich Vitello; BB files; Loren Gross History Jan-May 1952) | 1 min | 1 | | |
| 559. | | April 27, 1952. Selfridge AFB. 8 p.m. (EST). USAF Asst. Intelligence Officer, 4508th Defense Wing, Capt. Anthony W. Rosinia, sighted a kelly green fireball at about 45° elevation angle move horizontally and “trailed to a point” to disappear in the N. (Sparks; BB files) | 3-4 secs | 3 | | |
| 560. | 1163 | April 27, 1952. Yuma, Ariz. (32.72° N, 114.62° W). 8:30 p.m. Off-duty control tower operator M/Sgt. G. S. Porter and wife saw bright red or flame-colored discs, appearing as large as fighter planes; 7 sightings of one disc, one of 2 in formation. All seen below 11,000 ft overcast. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 hrs total | 2 | | |

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| 561. | | April 27, 1952. 4 miles E of Birmingham (NW of Detroit near Pontiac) (at 42.55° N, 83.07° W), Mich. 10:45-11:15 p.m. (EST). Family of 4 of John C. Hoffman in a car saw a brilliant white round-flat object with 2 tiers of windows descend from the NE, hover with rocking motion at about 15° elevation, stop and start at 100 mph drifting to NW. Witnesses pursued in car, lights went off and on 4 times changed color to white-orange, got 4 other witnesses, called police, *Detroit Times* newspaper and at 11:06 p.m. Selfridge AFB. Followed object in his car on 15 Mile Rd. (runs almost due W) to a point about 6.5 miles W of Birmingham (at about 42.54° N, 83.34° W) when it disappeared over treetops to NW. Moon was seen in the sky separately and did not set until about 11:38 p.m. yet sighting ended about 23 mins too soon if it had been the moon: Hoffman could have followed the moon if it had been the moon, for an additional 7 miles on 15 Mile Rd until about 11:25 p.m. when road would have curved S and away from object, yet that did not happen. [Same witness(es) or relative as in May 25, June 18, 1952, cases.] (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 70-73; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins | 8 | 2 ? | |
| 562. | 1167 | April 29, 1952. Marshall, Texas (32.54° N, 94.36° W). 3:30 p.m. (CST). Private pilot R. R. Weidman [Weedsman?] saw a round, white object fly straight, with a side-to-side oscillation. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1.5 mins | 1 | | |
| 563. | 1168 | April 29 [28?], 1952. N of Goodland, Kansas (at 39°38' N, 101°40' W). 10 p.m. (CST). B-29 bombardier Lt. R. H. Bauer saw a white fan-shaped light pulsing 3-4 times per second. (Sparks; Berliner; Project 1947) | 2 secs | 1 | | |
| 564. | | April 30, 1952. Moriarty AFS, New Mexico (35° 1'50" N, 105°49' 0" W). 7:40 and 7:46 a.m. (MST). Radar Controller Capt. Guy N. Hunter, Crew Chief A/1c William T. Pennington, Radar Operator Francis X. Bohn, and Airman Basic Larry L. Harper, at 768th AC&W Sq, tracked on CPS-5D radar targets at 4,000 mph. First target at 230° azimuth (about SW) at 149 miles range moving 11 miles per 10-sec sweep for 4 total sweeps heading into the radar site at slightly curving azimuths 228° (139 mi), 225° (129 mi), 223° (119 mi). 2nd track at 7:46 a.m. of 4,000 mph target at 280° azimuth (about W) at 140 miles moving 11 miles per 10-sec sweep for 6 total sweeps toward the radar until disappearing at about 74 miles range. Possible deliberate (hostile?) ECM spurious target generation, thus IFO's of non-real targets, radially moving targets that do not cross to other side of scope, no visual or other radar confirmation. (Sparks; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index; BB files) | 30 secs<br>+ 50 secs | 3 | | |
| 565. | | North Atlantic. Airborne radio interference. (Jan Aldrich; AFOIN files) | | | | radio interference |
| 566. | 1174 | May 1, 1952. Moses Lake, Wash. (47.13° N, 119.29° W). 5:32 a.m. (PST). AEC employees Eggan and Shipley saw a silver object without wings fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1.5 mins | 2 | | |

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| 567. | | May 1, 1952. Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz. 9:10 a.m. (MST). Base Intelligence Officer Major Rudolph Pestalozzi, M/Sgt. Edmund L. Bouton, Jr., and several others saw 2 shiny round 20-28-foot objects rapidly overtake then pace a B-36 in E-W flight at 20,000 ft at about 50° ±10° elevation, then depart at high speed, one object stopping to hover briefly, before disappearing, no sound, no trail. B-36 crew also saw objects and interrogated on landing. (Sparks; Case file was not missing, McDonald did not have a date or even the precise year.) (Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 10, pp. 332-341; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 109-112; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3 mins | 10+ | 1/10 | |
| 568. | 1176 | May 1, 1952. George AFB and Apple Valley, Calif. 10:50 a.m. (PDT?). 3 men on the arms range, plus Lt. Col. Lyle Albert Silvernail 4 miles away in Apple Valley saw 5 flat-white discs about the diameter of a C-47's wingspan [95 ft] or length of P-51 [32 ft] fly fast about 1,000 mph at about 4,000 ft height, make a 90° turn in a formation of 3 in front and 2 behind, and dart around. Silvernail reported the sighting and was told radar was tracking the object(s) and fighters were being scrambled. (Sparks; Berliner; NICAP) | 15-30 secs | 5+ | 2 ? | RV? |
| 569. | 1183 | May 5, 1952. Tenafly, New Jersey. 10:45 p.m. Mrs. M. M. Judson saw 6-7 translucent, cream-yellow objects, one moved in an ellipse, others moved in and out. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 570. | 1185 | May 7, 1952. Keesler AFB, Mississippi (30.42° N, 88.94° W). 12:15 p.m. (CST). Capt. Morris, a M/Sgt., a S/Sgt., and an Airman 1/c saw an aluminum or silver cylindrical object dart in and out of the clouds 10 times. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5-10 mins | 4 | | |
| 571. | | May 8, 1952. Atlantic, 600 miles E of Jacksonville, Florida (at 31°20' N, 70° W). 2:27 a.m. (EST?) Pilot Capt. Cent and copilot 1st Ofcr Gallagher of Pan Am Flight 203 flying DC-4 airliner at 8,000 ft on 180° heading from NYC to San Juan, Puerto Rico, saw brilliant white approaching from the left below the solid overcast at 10,000 ft. and streak by the left [?] wing at 1/8 to 1/4 mile, followed by 2 smaller orange balls of fire. (Sparks; NARCAP; McDonald list; Project 1947; Ruppelt pp. 133-4) | secs | 2 | | |
| 572. | 1194 | May 9, 1952. George AFB, Calif. 10:30 a.m. 2 USAF F-86 pilots (Crown and another) in the air and a witness on the ground saw a round silver object. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 3 | | |
| 573. | 1194 | May 9, 1952. George AFB, Calif. 5:20 [12:50?] p.m. USAF A/1c G. C. Grindeland saw a dull white, arrowhead-shaped object fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 secs<br>[4 mins?] | 1 | | |

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| 574. | | May 10, 1952. Albuquerque, New Mexico (at 35°03.6' N, 106°36.3'W). 3:00 p.m. (MST). USAF Lt. Col. Maurice G. Bechtol and wife in the yard of their home saw 2 silvery disc-shaped objects one after the other in the SW of Kirtland AFB heading to NE at above 20,000 ft, first object seeming to waver on axis or "flop over," was about size of B-36 bomber [230 ft] at 25,000 ft [about Full Moon], 2nd object followed similar path but at higher altitude appearing 10 mins after the 1st disappeared [thus at about 3:15? p.m.]. Bechtol alerted Lt Wagner of 135th AC&W Sq radar station but which was unable to track the 2nd object. 2 F-86's were in the air at 35,000 ft, unknown if they spotted UFO's; 2nd UFO much higher than 35,000 ft. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins + 5-10 mins | 2 | 1 | |
| 575. | | May 10, 1952. Paphos, SW Cyprus. 8:30 p.m. British scientist and others saw a luminous circular object rise from sea level, waver back and forth for an interval before fading from sight directly overhead. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | | | |
| 576. | 1198 | May 10 [12?], 1952. New Ellenton, South Carolina. 10:45 [11:45?] p.m. 4 DuPont employees at the Savannah River AEC nuclear plant saw up to 4 yellow, disc-shaped objects on 5 occasions between 10:45 and shortly after 11:15. One object pulled up to avoid hitting ground objects [terrain?]. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle; Bruce Maccabee) | 5 x ?<br>[4 mins?] | 4 | | |
| 577. | | May 11, 1952. George AFB, Calif. Grendilund. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 578. | | May 12, 1952. Roswell, New Mexico (at 33.3975° N, 104.5262° W). 8:45 p.m. (MST). Walker AFB USAF Tech Sgt Raymond Bare was in a car in downtown Roswell when he saw a blue-green light, first star-like then apparently round, at an estimated altitude of 20,000 to 30,000 feet and estimated distance of 40-50 miles over some [low] mountains E of Ruidosa at about 270° due W of Sgt Bare. The object traveled three times over approximately the same S-N, E-W "swaying" triangular course at a speed that seemed faster than a jet. Object ascended vertically to about 40,000 to 50,000 ft then back again to 20,000-30,000 ft [elevation angles ~10° to ~5°] at a descent angle of about 25° from horizontal. Contrary to BB's explanation of "PROB VENUS," Venus waas on the other side of the Earth. (Sparks; Fran Ridge/NICAP; BB files) | 25 mins | 1 | | |
| 579. | | May 13, 1952. George AFB, Calif. 1:55 p.m. (PST). T-6 case. [Same as May 14?] (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins | 2 | | |
| 580. | | May 13, 1952. Greenville, So. Carolina. 10:33 p.m. (EST). Richardson and 3 other amateur astronomers set up telescopes at dark area of Furman University when they saw a diamond formation of 4 oval reddish-yellow or reddish-brown luminous objects nearly overhead and disappeared after 3 secs motion through 12° arc [or at 12° elevation?]. Apparent size of half dollar at arm's length, 1/.4 turned and wobbling in flight. (Sparks; BB Status Report 8, Dec 1952, p. 25; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3 secs | 4 | 4 | |

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| 581. | | May 14, 1952. George AFB, Calif. 1:05 p.m. (PST). [Same as May 13?] (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 25 mins | 2 | | |
| 582. | 1213 | May 14, 1952. Mayaquez, Puerto Rico. 7 p.m. Attorney and ex-USAF pilot Mr. Stipes and Sr. Garcia-Mendez saw 2 shining orange spheres: one was stationary, while the other darted away and back for 30 mins. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30 mins | 2 | | |
| 583. | | May 15, 1952. S of Changsong-ni and N of Nangnim Mountain, North Korea. 11 a.m. USAF Lt. McCarthy and another pilot flying two F-86E jets, 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing, 25th FI Sq, at 30,000 ft, airspeed 500 knots, on 280° heading. Sighted a silvery oval-shaped object larger than a MiG jet airplane at 9 o'clock position below, to the S, at estimated altitude of 8,000-10,000 ft, about 1,200-1,500 mph, and about 20 miles away. Object on S to N straight flight path in a "rolling maneuver," disappeared at about 3 o'clock position to N. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 3-5 secs | 2 | | |
| 584. | | May 15, 1952. S of Changsong-ni and N of Nangnim Mountain, North Korea. 6:35 p.m. USAF F-51 fighter pilot of 18th Fighter Bomber Group flying F-51 at 9,000 ft on 180° heading at 240 mph sighted 50 ft diameter silver object at 1 o'clock position moving to 3 o'clock at 1,000 mph at about the same altitude, which then started a steep climb, but at the top of the loop the object resumed a horizontal course (heading 360° or N) wavered momentarily, descended and disappeared into the haze which reached an altitude of about 7,000-8,000 feet. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 15-25 secs | 1 | 4 - 6 ? | |
| 585. | | May 15, 1952. Georgetown, Washington, D.C. 9:35 p.m. (EDT). USN Ens. H. W. Taylor, Ens. Paul G. Russell, civilian employee of AF Intelligence Kathleen O'Donnell, and WAF assigned to HQ USAF Joan Farrell saw soft golden glowing oval object possibly 5-6 ft in size on straight level path heading S moved through 70° arc, suddenly disappeing at about 20° to 30° above horizon. (Sparks; McDonald files; BB files; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10-15 secs | 5+ | | |
| 586. | | May 19, 1952. 30 miles SW of San Angelo, Texas (at 30°37' N, 100°47' W). 8:05 [7:46?] p.m. (CST). USAF 31st Strategic Recon Sq pilot and crew of RB-36 flying at 18,000 ft on a 301° heading at 214 mph TAS, Capt. Gerard A. Sharrock, Capt. Jack L. Bailey, Capt. Bernice O. Bowers, 1st Lt. Constantine G. Kollinzas, 2nd Lt. Norman V. Stewart, S/Sgt. John J. Fisher, S/Sgt. William O. Warr, A/1c Robert Schick, saw 7 bright white circular or doughnut shaped white contrails, like lenticular clouds, stacked vertically about 10°-20° elevation estimated distance 50-75 miles height ranging from 25,000 to 60,000 ft about 1 mile wide. Sighted through 6x binoculars and photographed in 6 frames with 35 mm camera by Bailey, also seen by radar station ground observer alerted by radio. Contrails persisted for at least 15-20 mins possibly 1 hr. Last seen when RB-36 was at 30°53' N, 101°20' W. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 15-20 mins | 9 | | |
| 587. | | May 20, 1952. George AFB, Calif. 1:25 p.m. (PST). (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | | | |

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| 588. | 1219 | May 20, 1952. Houston, Texas. 10:10 p.m. USAF pilots Capt. J. Spurgin and Capt. B. Stephan [Steven?] saw a bright or white [orange-white?] oval object move from side-to-side while making a gradual turn [towards them?]. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Randle) | 90 secs | 2 | | |
| 589. | | May 22, 1952. Falls Church [or Alexandria], Virginia, (at 38°52' N, 77°10' W). Bet. 1 and 2 a.m. Top CIA official and several dinner guests, including a retired general, noticed noiseless red light approach from W at about 5,000 ft then suddenly climb almost vertically in the SE, stop, level out for a few secs, go into near vertical dive, level off, disappear to the E. (Sparks; Ruppelt pp. 135-6; BB Status Rpt 7; Jan Aldrich). | | 6+ | | CIA |
| 590. | | May 23, 1952. Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 35° 2.9' N, 106°32.6' W. 4:00-4:45 p.m. (MST). USAF CO of 135th AC&W Sq ADC radar site, Lt. Col. Orlando W. Stephenson Jr., and other staff of radar site, Senior Director Lt. William J. Hopkins, Capt. Clarence R. Holloway, Lt. Edwin G. Kenyon, Philco radar tech rep John B. Cooper, and at least one other witness (door guard), saw a silvery or aluminum color flat on the bottom, slightly rounded on top, the highest part off center to the left, in the W at 268° azimuth 2° elevation at an estimated height of about 1,000-3,000 ft at 10-20 miles distance, seen through transit telescope, 7x 50mm binoculars and possibly theodolite [?]. Object reflected sunlight at varying irregular intervals of brightness for 3 secs to 2-3 mins and then dark or invisible for similar periods, headed to the right descending below the horizon at 271° azimuth about 0° elevation. Radar and 93rd FI Sq F-86D fighter interception unsuccessful. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 45 mins | 6+ | 1/50 ? (0.1° equiv in binocs, telescope ?) | transit telescope, binoculars, (theodolite ?) |
| 591. | | May 24, 1952. Zuni, New Mexico. 1:27 a.m. Pilot of TWA airliner Brass saw 2 reddish torpedo-shaped objects appear in front of the aircraft. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 18 secs | 1 | | |
| 592. | | May 25, 1952. Randolph AFB, Texas. 9:27 p.m. (CST). USAF navigator in charge of navigation section of Combat Crew Training School, Capt. J. S. J., his wife, and pilot Lt. P. H., saw a group of about 12 orange-white tear-drop shaped lights, points forward, in 3 groups of 4 objects moving from W to E at high speed 2,000 mph at 10,000 ft at 70° elevation. Heard deep soft intermittent noise. (Sparks; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; cf. Ruppelt p. 140; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3 secs | 3 | | |
| 593. | 1227 | May 25, 1952. Walnut Lake, Mich. 9:15 p.m. John Hoffman, family, friends [and others?] saw and followeed in their car a large white [white-yellow-orange?] circular object having dark sections on its rim, fly straight and level, appearing red when behind a cloud. [Same witness(es) as in April 27, June 18, 1952, cases??] (Sparks; Berliner; Randle) | 30 mins | 7 | | |

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| 594. | | May 26, 1952. W or NW North Korea. 3:20 a.m. (local). USAF 319th FI Squadron pilot 1st Lt. John W. Martin and radar observer 1st Lt. Edward A. Monard, flying N to S from an intercept mission near the front lines of the Korean War in an F-94C jet fighter at 2,500 ft altitude saw an unidentified brilliant white or blue light above them and in front. F-94 made about 7 passes in an attempt to identify the light, first to within 600 ft distance and then succeeding passes at different cardinal directions to within 50 ft range but could not see a shape due to the brightness of the light and airborne radar could not detect object. [Possible balloon since passes occurred over 5 mins as altitude increased to about 7,000-7,500 ft or at roughly standard weather balloon rise rate of 1,000 ft/min.] At 3:25 a.m. ground radar site "Bromide" told F-94 there was an unknown target on their tail, and F-94 radar observer visually sighted an aircraft behind them, while pilot saw that the original bright light was still visible too. Pilot turned right to come around behind the new target and radar observer detected on airborne APG-33 radar and locked on the object nearly dead ahead and slightly above at about 5°-10° elevation, range 7,000 yards, overtake speed 50 knots, F-94 at 250 knots and 7,000-7,500 ft altitude now heading NE [after ~50 secs of sharp turn]. Pilot went into shallow climb, closing range to object to 6,000 yards [after ~35 secs] when object started to rapidly pull away. F-94 went on afterburner [to ~500 knots] while object steadily accelerated in shallow climb to high speed [peak velocity of ~6,700 mph at about 21 g's] in 14 secs increasing range from 6,000 yards to 24,000 to 26,000 yards, till breaking radar lock, while F-94 accelerated on afterburner from 250 knots [to roughly 500? Knots], and object evidently still being tracked by ground radar site "Bromide." No visual contact made with object, no exhaust observed, no evasive maneuvers other than high acceleration. Flight crew timing was calibrated afterwards and found to be about ±2 secs in 60 secs or about ±0.5 sec in 14 secs. (Sparks; Weinstein; Saunders/FUFOR Index; NICAP) | ~7 mins | 3+ | | RV ground and air radars |
| 595. | 1232 | May 28, 1952. Saigon, French Indo-China (10°46' N, 106°43' E). 10:30 a.m. Many in crowd watching a ceremony saw a white-silver disc-shaped object fly straight and fast. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle) | 2 mins | many | | |
| 596. | 1233 | May 28, 1952. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 1:45-2:40 [1:30?] p.m. (PST). City fire department employees Romero and Atterbury saw 2 circular objects, one shiny silver and the other orange or light brown, come in from the NE at high speed, stop to circle, 3 times performing fast maneuvers, then climb out of sight. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle) | 55 mins | 2 | | |
| 597. | 1233 | May 28, 1952. E of Albuquerque, New Mexico [and Okla. ?]. 8:10 [8:20? 8:40?] p.m. (MST). USAF crews of 5 B-29 bombers saw green spherical objects [fireballs?]. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 5+ | | |

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| 598. | | May 29, 1952. S of Florida Keys, U.S. 5-5:30 p.m. Vickers electronics engineer aboard USS Oriskany aircraft carrier CV-34 headed S to Cuba was alerted by radar officer that there were two saucers in the sky. Using the ship's telescope on the navigation deck he observed the two elliptical outlines with a bubble on top of each, leaving white vapor trails, estimated at 10,000-15,000 ft altitude in the W about 30°-40° above horizon traveling supersonic headed S, larger than jet fighters (50 ft) possibly as large as flying wings (200 ft). AFOSI report sent to BB but not found in BB files. (Sparks; AFOSI BB NARA Microfilm Roll 90, pp. 1166-7) | 15-20 secs | 2+ | ½ ? | RV, telescope |
| 599. | 1236 | May 29, 1952. San Antonio, Texas. 7 p.m. USAF pilot Maj. D. W. Feuerstein [Weinstein?], on ground, saw a bright tubular object tilt from horizontal to vertical for 8 mins, then slowly return to horizontal, again tilt vertically, accelerate, appear to lengthen and turn red. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Randle) | 14 [8?] mins | 1 | | |
| 600. | | May 30, 1952. Japan Sea, S of Oshima island, Japan (at 34°15' N, 139°30' E). 7 p.m. 3 USAF crew members of C-54 transport plane saw a round black object first motionless then moving rapidly to the W. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5+ mins | 3 | | |
| 601. | | May 31, 1952. S of Chorwon, South Korea (at 37°55' N, 129° 7' E). 3:45-55 a.m. Bright object to NE fell from about 3,500-3,600 ft to 2,000-2,600 ft height then ascended to 3,000-4,000 ft, headed E about 1/2 mile with jerky motion, stopped, reversed coursed to NE again at a speed of about 100-150 mph, reversed again heading E, climbed at 25° angle increasing to 45° angle away in 3-4 secs accelerating with jerky motion to disappearance. Second guard at different location Post 6 saw same but also heard "pulsating sound" and saw disc shape. Duration 2 mins. At about 3:50 a.m. 319th FI Sq F-94 interception of white-bluish round object on airborne radar for 9 mins at 500 mph at 6,000 ft height heading 90° initially, maneuvering down to 1,000 ft then up to 28,000 ft. disappearing on 45° heading. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 87-90; Project 1947) | 9 mins | 3+ | | RV |
| 602. | 1243 | June 1, 1952. Rapid City, South Dakota. 6 p.m. USAF A/1c Beatty and two civilians. At least 5 long silver objects flew in a neat box formation with a leader. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15-20 secs | 3 | | |
| 603. | 1245 | June 1, 1952. Walla Walla, Wash. 1 p.m. Ex-military pilot Reserve Maj. W. C. Vollendorf saw an oval object with a "definite airfoil" perform a fast climb. (Sparks; Berliner) | 7 secs | 1 | | |
| 604. | 1246 | June 1, 1952. Soap Lake, Wash. >3 p.m. [?] Ray Lottman saw 3 glimmering objects fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | 1 | | |
| 605. | 1249 | June 2, 1952. Bayview, Wash. 5:02 p.m. Larry McWade saw a purple object for unknown length of time. No further information in files. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 606. | 1250 | June 2, 1952. Fulda, West Germany. Time unknown. 1st Lt. John Hendry, photo-navigator on an RB-26C recon bomber, saw a porcelain-white object fly very fast for an unknown length of time. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |

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| 607. | | June 4, 1952. Stuttgart Radio Range Station, West Germany (near 48°47’ N, 9°12’ E). 9:04 p.m. (GMT). USAF pilot Lt Col E. D. [G?] Whitman, Jr., AFOIN Pentagon, and an (unnamed) copilot, in C-47 transport heading 345° saw a white light at about 75° azimuth crossing in front in 3 secs about 2,000 ft higher than the C-47 at about 7,000 ft on a heading of about 270° (W), speed as great or greater than jet fighter at cruise speed. Object then estimated at 1-2 miles W of the C-47 when it made fairly tight turn of about 145° [right turn, heading about 55° roughly NE]. Pilot Jones turned to intercept the object, which approached rapidly, changing from brilliant (steady) white light to blinking red to blinking green back to (steady) white light. At this time directly over city of Stuttgart, Jones briefly observed silhouette of object against city lights as circular with white lights on the leading edge, with shimmering haze on trailing edge that “fogged” city lights seen through it. Object made a sharp turn to the left heading 270° and disappeared under the nose of C-47 at 2107Z. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website; Weinstein) | 3 mins | 2 | | |
| 608. | 1255 | June 5, 1952. Lubbock, Texas. 11 p.m. Dan Benson and Mr. Bacon saw a total of 8 yellow circular objects, like large stars, the first 2 in a trail formation, the others seen singly. (Sparks; Berliner) | 45 mins | 2 | | |
| 609. | 1256 | June 5, 1952. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 6:45 p.m. S/Sgt T. H. Shorey saw a shiny round object fly 5-6x as fast as an F-86 jet fighter. (Sparks; Berliner) | 6 secs | | | |
| 610. | 1257 | June 5, 1952. Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska. 11 p.m. 2nd Lt. W. R. Soper, a Strategic Air Command TOP SECRET Control Officer, former AFOSI agent; and 2 others saw a bright red stationary object for 4.5 mins before speeding away with a short tail. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4.5 mins | 3 | | |
| 611. | missing | June 6, 1952. Kimpo AFB, Korea. 8:42 a.m. RAAF (Royal Australian AF) combat pilot Flight Sergeant Kenneth D. Smith and Flt Sgt Kenneth Fawner, 77th RAAF Sq, on ground saw cylinder-section flat (dull) silver disc-shaped object, like a coin shape about 50-60 ft diameter, width/diameter ratio 1:7, dark blue edges (2x as dark as blue sky), with several dark or black concentric lines on top flat surface, doing a series of erratic 12-second spinning and 7-second tumbling motions. Approached from the N at about 8,000 to 10,000 ft, spinning clockwise, then tumbled end over end spinning like a top, in level flight at 350 mph increasing speed, hovering, shooting straight up, level flight, tumbling, changing course, disappearing into the sun in the E, reappearing back and forth across the sun. At one point an F-86 fighter passed in front of object. Case file missing (Hynek’s copy found 2016). (Sparks; CUFOS/Mary Castner; Battelle Unknown No. 7; Randle) | 4 mins | 2+ | | |
| 612. | 1260 | June 7, 1952. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 11:18 a.m. Crew of B-25 bomber #8840 at 11,500 ft saw a rectangular aluminum object, about 6 ft x 4 ft, fly 250-300 ft below them. (Sparks; Berliner) | | | 2 | |

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| 613. | 1263 | June 8, 1952. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 10:50 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Markland saw 4 shiny objects fly straight and level in a diamond formation. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 2 | | |
| 614. | missing | June 9, 1952. Minneapolis, Minn. Case file missing. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle) | | | | |
| 615. | 1269 | June 12, 1952. Ft. Smith, Ark. 7:30 p.m. U.S. Army Major and Lt. Colonel using binoculars saw an orange ball with a tail fly with a low angular velocity. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 2 | | binoculars |
| 616. | 1270 | June 12, 1952. Marrakech, Morocco. 11:26 a.m. T/Sgt. H. D. Adams, using an SCR-584 radar set, tracked an unidentified target at 650 knots (750 mph) at 60,000+ ft altitude. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | radar |
| 617. | 1273 | June 13, 1952. Middletown, Penna. 8:45 p.m. (EST). R. S. Thomas, Olmstead AFB employee and former control tower operator, saw a round orange object travel S, stop for 1 sec, turn E, stop 1 sec, and drop down. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 mins | 1 | | |
| 618. | 1285 | June 15 [16?], 1952. Louisville [Boundsville?], Kentucky. 11:50 p.m. Edward Duke, ex-U.S. Navy radar technician, saw a large, cigar-shaped object with a blunt front, lit sides and a red stern, maneuver in a leisurely fashion. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 15 mins | 1 | | |
| 619. | 1295 | June 16, 1952. Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico. 8:30 p.m. (MST). USAF B-29 maintenance specialist S/Sgt. James C. Sparks, 6th Bomb Wing (Heavy), Walker AFB, walking between buildings #590 and T-588 saw first 1 object in the SE about 1 mile distance resembling the shadow of a landing B-29 or B-50 then as it passed overhead noticed 5-7 silverish-grey round objects, in a half-moon formation, fly at estimated 500-600 mph at about 5,000 ft in a line heading to the NW disappearing at about 1-2 miles. When nearly overhead, the object on right or E broke formation by 10° further to the right. No engine or other noise and no aircraft on flight line to obscure sound. No visible means of propulsion. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website; Berliner) | 30 secs | 1 | 1-2? | |
| 620. | 1299 | June 17, 1952. Cape Cod, Mass. 1:28 a.m. USAF pilot of F-94 jet interceptor saw a light like a bright star cross the nose of the jet. No further information in the files. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 secs | 1 | | |
| 621. | 1298 | June 17, 1952. McChord AFB, Wash. Between 7:30 and 10:20 p.m. Many witneses saw 1-5 large silver-yellow objects flying erratically, stop and start. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 mins | many | | |
| 622. | 1302 | June 18, 1952. Columbus, Wisc. 9 a.m. R. A. Finger saw a crescent-shaped object hover then speed away. (Sparks; Berliner) | several secs | 1 | | |
| 623. | 1305 | June 18, 1952. Walnut Lake [Pontiac], Mich. 10 p.m. Marron [Marion ?] Hoffman and 4 relatives, using 4x binoculars, saw an orange light zigzag then hover for an unspecified length of time. [Same witness(es) as in April 27, May 25, 1952, cases??] (Sparks; Berliner) | | 5 | | binoculars |
| 624. | | June 18, 1952. 100 miles E of March AFB, Calif. UFO paced a USAF B-25 bomber. (Sparks; Ruppelt p. 146; etc.) | 30 mins | | | |

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| 625. | 1308 | June 19, 1952.  3-4 mi N of Goose Air Base, Labrador, Canada.  2:07 a.m. (AST).  USAF? 373rd Signal Section [and 373rd Transportation Major Port?] 2nd Lt. A'Gostino saw a red light in the ENE about 5 miles away at 60° azimuth heading NE to SW [towards observer?], which turned white while wobbling.  Estimated apparent size that of planet Venus.  Goose AB GCA radar tracked a probably unrelated stationary target in the E at 5 miles range, size of return similar to that of C-54 aircraft, altitude under 4,000 ft (based on radar beam elevation coverage ? [presumably 0°-9° vertical width of a PAR Precision Approach Radar such as MPN-11 or CPN-4, but unexplained why no height-finding]) for nearly 2 hours from 12:25 a.m. to 2:18 a.m., which suddenly enlarged then returned to previous size.  Uninvestigated by BB or the AF.  [Unrelated radar return possibly spurious stationary anchored boat, perhaps in the mouth of Churchill River near village of Mudd Lake 5 mi E of Goose AB, or to the NE in Goose Bay ??].  (Sparks;  BB files;  NICAP;  NEAC History;  Jan Aldrich;  Berliner) | 1 min (1hr53m ??) | 2 | | |
| 626. | 1310 | June 19, 1952.  Yuma AFB, Ariz. (32°40' N, 114°36' W).  2:30 p.m. (MST).  USAF pilot John E. Lane in a base swimming pool sighted a white, round object traveling in a straight line from W to E heading aboiy 70° True, initially at 45° elevation, then passed across the face of the Sun [at 64° elevation, azimuth 256°], lost to sight at about 30° elevation.  (Sparks;  Basterfield/NICAP;  BB files;  Berliner) | 10 secs | 1 | 1/5 | |
| 627. | 1313 | June 20, 1952.  Central Korea.  3:03 p.m.  4 USMC Capts. and pilots of F4U-4B Corsair fighters with 7302nd Sq saw a 10-20 ft white or silver oval object make a left-hand orbit at terrific speed.  (Sparks;  Berliner) | 60 secs | 4 | | |
| 628. | | June 20, 1952.  Near Paulette, Mississippi (at 33° 2' N, 88°26' W).  8:26 p.m.  USAF pilot Lt. Milo Roberts and bombardier Lt. Julius Prottengeier with 308th Bomb Sq, 310th Bomb Wing, Forbes AFB, Kansas, flying a B-29 bomber (s/n 44-62204) at 190 mph at 17,000 ft saw a cone-shaped object approach on collision course from the 2 o'clock position, before evasive action object made sharp left left and disappeared, followed by a 2nd object [?].  Object's length/width ratio 3:1, about 8-10 ft long at 1,200-1,500 ft away or 100 ft if at 15 miles away.  (Sparks;  NARCAP;  BB files??) | | 2 | 1/10 – 1/2 | |

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| 629. | | June 20, 1952 (June 21 GMT Z-time). 10 mi NNE of Maryville, Tenn. 10:58-11:15 p.m. (EST). Oak Ridge GOC post spotted target, confirmed [?] by ADC 663rd AC&W radar, Lake City, Tenn. [?]. F-47 fighter on combat air patrol protecting Oak Ridge AEC base (USAF Lt James W. Wilson) sighted 6-8-inch [?] aircraft jet-like [?] white blinking light which made ramming attacks on the F-47 at 10,000 or 15,000 ft (?) to 22,000 ft by dropping down 4,000-5,000 ft, F-47 indicated air speed ~290 mph. Light became steady when doing power maneuvers. Final attack run from UFO came from estimated 28,000 ft down to F-47 at 22,000 ft. Attempted BB explanation of lighted weather balloon “dog-fight” failed as the lighted 100-gram pilot balloon was launched from McGee-Tyson Airport near Maryville at 10:00 p.m. and was tracked by weather observers until light failed at 10:13-10:15 p.m. at 14,000-16,000 ft (43-45 mins before the UFO sighting) who saw no F-47 or UFO or “dog-fight.” (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 10, pp. 1481-1497; Ruppelt pp. 43-44; Menzel 1963) | 17 mins | 3+ | | radar |
| 630. | | June 21, 1952. Goose Air Base, Newfoundland (53°19’ N, 60°25’ W). Officer of the 373rd Transportation Major Port [Signal Service?] saw disk shaped object traveling at a very slow rate of speed at about 1,000 ft moving N to S. No sound as it gradually gained altitude. Object appeared white in color with light radiating from it. (Sparks; NICAP; NEAC History; Jan Aldrich) | 5 mins | 1? | | |
| 631. | 1319 | June 21, 1952. Kelly AFB, Texas. 12:30 p.m. T/Sgt. Howard Davis, flight engineer of B-29 bomber at 8,000 ft altitude, saw a flat object with a sharply pointed front and rounded rear, white with a dark blue center and red rim, trailing sparks as it dove past the B-29 at a distance of 500 ft, in 1 sec. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 sec ? | 1 | | |
| 632. | 1323 | June 22, 1952. Pyungthek, South Korea. 10:45 p.m. 2 U.S. Marine Sgts. saw a 4 ft diameter orange object dive at a runway from the N dropping from 800 ft to 100 ft altitude over W end of runway, shooting 2-5 ft red flames, then head W at about 300-450 mph for 2-3 secs, hover briefly over a hill, turn 180° in 45-60 secs, flash, head E 1/2 mile, flash again and blink out. No sound. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 82-83) | 60 secs + | 2 | 1/2 | |
| 633. | 1331 | June 23, 1952. Spokane, Wash. 4:05 p.m. Airport weather observer Rex Thompson saw a round disc with a metallic shine flash, and flutter like a flipped coin. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5-7 mins | 1 | | |
| 634. | 1332 | June 23, 1952. McChord AFB, Wash. 9 p.m. 2nd Lt. K. Thompson saw a very large light fly straight and level. No further information. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | 1 | | |

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| 635. | | June 23, 1952. Kirksville AFS, Missouri Kirksville, Missouri (at 40°17’52”N, 92°34’34”W). 1:30 and 1:35 a.m. (CST). USAF ADC 790th AC&W Sq FPS-10 radar (=CPS-6B minus early-warning search beam) radar operators Lt. A. N. Robinson, Jr., and Airman Ray H. Foote, plus 5 other controllers, officers and maintenance technicians, tracked single unidentified targets with a clear sharp return about the size of a B-29's (or B-50 or B-36). First target suddenly appeared 88 NM (101 stat. miles) at azimuth 357° (almost due N) of radar site, and continued outward from the radar site on an approximately straight line with blips appearing on 15-second sweeps of the rotating radar beam at 88, 100, 114, 132, 146, 158, 174, 180, and 205 NM from radar site (intervals in jumps of 12, 14, 18, 14, 12, 16, 6, and 15 NM), thus moving at a highly variable speed of about 1,650 to 5,000 mph, or about an overall average of 4,000 mph. Second target suddenly appeared at 1:35 a.m. at 94 NM (108 stat. miles) again at azimuth 357° (almost due N) of radar site, and continued outward from the radar site on an approximately straight line with blips appearing on 15-second sweeps of the rotating radar beam at 94, 109, 124, 141, 154, 168, and 187 NM from radar site (intervals in jumps of 15, 15, 17, 13, 14, 19 NM), thus moving at a variable speed of about 3,600 to 5,200 mph, or about an overall average of 4,300 mph. Possible radar interference with radial outward high-speed tracks on identical azimuths not crossing to other side of scope. But identity of interfering radar is unknown, the failure of tracks to extend into center of scope and to the outer edge (contrary to erroneous initial teletype report claiming the latter) is unexplained, failure to appear for 3 minutes between tracks (1:32 to 1:35 a.m.) is unexplained, and great variability of apparent speed (contrary to one erroneous report) is also unexplained. No other ADC radar site reported interference, which should have been mutual and equal, and none again from the 357° azimuth despite new incidents at all compass directions on July 12, 1952. Missing BB case file was in Hynek's files at CUFOS. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS files) | 2 + 1.5 mins | 7 | | radar |
| 636. | 1334 | June 23, 1952. Oak Ridge, Tenn. 3:30 a.m. Secretary Martha Milligan saw a bullet-shaped object with burnt-orange exhaust fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30-60 secs | | | |
| 637. | | June 23, 1952. Location unknown, but information came via Japan Hq “CV 4359.” 6:08 a.m. USAF pilot Wermack of the 18th Fighter-Bomber Group saw a black coin-shaped object, 15-20 ft in diameter, at 6,000 ft approach to within 1,500 ft, then make an irregular descent. (Sparks; Berliner; Project 1947) | | 1 | 1 – 1.3 | |
| 638. | 1335 | June 23, 1952. Near Owensboro, Kentucky. 10 a.m. National Guard Lt. Col. O. L. Depp heard sound, saw 2 objects looking like “giant soap bubbles” reflecting yellow and lavender colors, fly in trail. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle) | 5 secs | 1 | | |
| 639. | 1340 | June 25, 1952. Tokyo, Japan. (Sparks; Berliner) | | | | |
| 640. | 1344 | June 25, 1952. Chicago, Illinois. 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Norbury and Mr. Matheis saw a bright yellow-white, egg-shaped object, sometimes with a red tail, make 7 circles. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1-1/2 hrs | 2 | | |

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| 641. | | June 25, 1952. Michigan. (Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 642. | 1347 | June 25, 1952. Japan-Korea area. Military witness(es). Case missing [?]. (Sparks; NARA; Randle) | | | | |
| 643. | 1348 | June 26, 1952. Terre Haute, Indiana. 2:45 a.m. USAF 2nd Lt. C. W. Povelites saw an undescribed object fly at 600 mph then stop. No further information in files. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 644. | | June 26, 1952. Padloping Island Weather Station, Baffin Island, Canada (at 67°06'N, 62°45'W). 0343Z. Object noticed when it entered first weather observer's field of vision of theodolite while tracking a pibal weather balloon at azimuth 162° (about SSE) moving to the SSW at the same altitude. Object bright silver or silver blue of peculiar shape, elliptical shaped or pear-shaped, or oblong and flat object. 2nd weather observer and a maintenance airman confirmed sighting through theodolite. Object picked up speed and faded from sight during last minute of sighting about 0347-0348Z. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP; NEAC History; Jan Aldrich) | 5 mins | 3 | | theodolite |
| 645. | 1351 | June 26, 1952. Pottstown, Penna. 11:50 p.m. Assistant manager of airport Mr. Wells made 3 sightings of flashing lights: (1) 2 lights separated by 2 miles, with the leader flashing steadily and the other irregularly; (2) 2 similarly flashing lights, but with 1 mile separation; (3) Finally a single light. Speed estimated at 150-250 mph. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1/2 hr total | 1 | | |
| 646. | 1355 | June 27, 1952. Topeka, Kansas. 6:50 p.m. Forbes AFB USAF pilot 2nd Lt. K. P. Kelly and wife saw a pulsating red object change shape from circular to a vertical oval as it pulsed, first stationary then moving. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 2 | | |
| 647. | | June 28, 1952. Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico. 1:20 p.m. 2 observers with CARCO air service saw 2 silvery disc-like objects high in the sky moving slowly to the S, noiseless, suddenly climbed nearly vertically at high speed, one going SSE the other almost due E. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 6, case DD-7) | 30 secs | 2 | | |
| 648. | 1361 | June 28, 1952. Lake Koshkonong, Wisc. 6 p.m. G. Metcalfe saw a silver-white sphere over the lake become an ellipse as it turned 180° and climbed away very fast. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle) | 10 secs | 1 | | |
| 649. | 1363 | June 28, 1952. Nagoya, Japan. 4:10 p.m. Capt. T. W. Barger, USAF Electronics Counter Measures officer, saw a dark blue elliptical-shaped object with a pulsing border fly straight and level at 700-800 mph. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | ECM officer |
| 650. | | June 28, 1952. Pacific bet. Hawaii and Calif. (at 29° 0' N, 145°20' W). 10:50 p.m. USAF C-47 pilot saw a very bright light pass across the flight path from left to right. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | | |

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| 651. | 1364 | June 29, 1952. O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois. 5:45-6:30 p.m. (CDT). 3 USAF air policemen, 83rd Air Base Sq, Air Police Detachment, S/Sgt. Lopez, A/1c Weber, and A/3c Korkowski, saw a bright silver, smooth surfaced, flat oval 30 ft [150? ft] object estimated at about 500 to 1,000 ft height about 7 miles [2-3 mi?] away to the WSW reflecting sunlight surrounded by a blue circle of haze for the first 20-25 mins, hovering. Object appeared between or just above radio towers for stations WGN and WBBN 7 miles away and about 1 mile apart [at 42° 0' 42" N, 88° 2' 7" W, and 41° 59' 32" N, 88° 1' 36" W] to the WSW at about 2° elevation and to the left and S of the setting sun (which was at 284° azimuth, 20° elevation, at 6:30). Then move very fast [about 3 mi or 20°] to the right and left, and up and down relative to the radio towers, moving almost instantaneously and much faster than any jet fighter. Object rocked on its longitudinal axis, appeared oval (major/minor axis ratio about 2.2) when oriented vertically, thin and difficult to see when horizontal. Object receded at high speed then disappeared "like shutting off a light." No trail, no noise. Independently witnessed by Chicago firemen several miles away. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 11, pp. 260-265; unpublished Ruppelt manuscript). | 45 mins | 3+ | 1/5 – 1/3 (~0.4 from drawing) | triangulation? |
| 652. | | June 30, 1952. Columbia, Missouri. 1:46-3:54 a.m. (CST). U.S. Weather Bureau observer tracked by theodolite an object at extreme distance irregularly changing color from red to green, seeming to move away, to the NNE making only "small" angular movement in the 14 recorded measurements of position in 2 hrs. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 2 hrs 8 mins | 1 | | theodolite |
| 653. | | June 30 [July 1?], 1952. Phoenix, Ariz. Gaudet [and Wolf?]. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2? | | |
| 654. | | June 30, 1952. Sea of Japan. 7 p.m. 3 USAF crew members of C-54 transport saw circular object flattened on top and bottom. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | 3 | | |

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| 655. | | July 1, 1952. Boston, Lynn and Bedford, Mass. 7:25/7:30 a.m. (EDT). 2 F-94's scrambled (at 7:25?) to intercept UFO that a GOC spotter saw heading SW over Boston, no radar contact and F-94's searched area found nothing. Erwin W. Nelson and wife at Lynn (9 mi NE of Boston) at 7:31-7:34 noticed two vapor trails from the climbing jets, looked around, saw in the W a bright silver "cigar shaped object about six times as long as it was wide" heading SW over Boston at a very high altitude, speed a little faster than the two jets. An identical UFO was following the first some distance back. No vapor trails. Witnesses watched the F-94's search back and forth far below the UFO's. At 7:30 AF Capt. Robert E. Metcalf, Petroleum Officer, 6520th Supply Sq, 6520th Test Support Wing, and USAF air policemen MSgt James Stiner and MSgt Joseph R. Bosh, 6520th Air Police Sq., near Hangar B, Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass. (15 mi NW of Boston, W of Lynn) saw the two jets, looked for what they were intercepting and saw to the E [?] a 100 ft long silvery ellipse “fatter than a cigar” traveling SW but did not spot the 2nd UFO. At two points object seemed to hover for a few secs, then continued at about 40,000 ft. Object path intersected contrails of the two jets heading SE. Metcalf lost sight of object on his way to the Tower after a few (2-3?) mins then caught sight again at about 7:40, noting it had increased distance “considerably,” but lost it at the Tower and unable to see it with unaided eye or 7x50mm binoculars. (Sparks; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 11, pp. 485ff.Ruppelt) | 15+ mins | 7+ | | |
| 656. | | July 1, 1952. Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey (40°31’ N, 74°05’ W). 9:30 a.m. 3 radar instructors and 12 Army Signal Corps radar students tracked 2 slow-moving UFO targets in the NE heading SW on SCR-584 radar while tracking 9 military jets [evidently a SAC exercise of 9 B-36’s from 7th Bomb Wing, Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas, a high-altitude formation radar-camera flight to conduct simulated attack on NYC after circling around Cape St. Francis, Newfoundland]. UFO radar targets were much slower than the jets [400 mph B-36’s] then hovered nerared Ft. Monmouth at 50,000 ft for about 5 mins then took off in a “terrific burst of speed” to the SW. An instructor and some students went outside shortly after the UFO targets appeared, searched sky for about 1 min and spotted 2 shiny objects in the same location painted by the radar, watched the objects for several minutes and saw them disappear in the SW with a burst of speed at same time radar showed the acceleration. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Ruppelt) | 5+ mins | 15 | | radar |
| 657. | | July 1, 1952. Washington, DC. George Washington Univ. Physics Professor saw “dull, gray, smoky colored” object in the NNW sky hovering motionless about 30°-40° above horizon, which occasionally moved through arc of about 15° right or left, and gradullay descended from the sky until hidden by buildings on skyline. Angular size ½ of a quarter (coin) at arm’s length [=1°]. He estimated at least 500 other witnesses in the streets, confirmed by brief newspaper reporting. (Sparks; Ruppelt) | 8 mins | 500+ ? | 2 | physics prof |

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| 658. | 1380 | July 3, 1952. Selfridge AFB, Mich. 4:15 a.m. Witnesses not identified (civilians?) saw 2 big lights, about 20 ft diameter, fly straight and level at tremendous speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 2+ ? | | |
| 659. | 1382 | July 3, 1952. Chicago, Illinois. 11:50 p.m. Mrs. J. D. Arbuckle saw 2 bright pastel green discs fly straight and level very fast. (Sparks; Berliner) | 6 secs | | | |
| 660. | | July 5, 1952. Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. (Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 661. | | July 5, 1952. Hanford Atomic Works, Richland, Wash. 6 a.m. Conner Airlines C-46 pilot Baldwin, another pilot and 2 copilots saw a perfect circular white disc above the Hanford site. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 4 | | |
| 662. | 1390 | July 5, 1952. SSE of Norman, Okla. 7:58 p.m. Oklahoma State Patrolman Hamilton in State Patrol airplane saw 3 dark discs [at 4,000 ft?] hover then fly away, silhouetted against a dark cloud. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 secs | 1 | | |
| 663. | | July 6, 1952. Berkeley, Calif. (elevation 925 ft, near Claremont Hotel). 9:30 a.m. (PDT). Dr. Henry Ehrenberg saw an elliptical object the size of the Full Moon hovering in midair with no sound, about 40° elevation in the West about 5,000 ft over Golden Gate Race Track about 5 miles away. Object faded away without apparent motion. (Sparks; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 11, pp. 567-570) | 30 secs | 1 | 1 | scientist |
| 664. | 1397 | July 6-12, 1952. Governors Island, New York [Elizabeth, NJ?]. 11:00 p.m. Charles Muhr [and Neff?] took 4 photos of some indistinct light admittedly not seen visually, not known until film was developed. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Randle) | | | | photos |
| 665. | 1405 | July 9, 1952. 1 mi N of Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo. (at 38°52'N, 104°48'W). 12:45 p.m. (MST). USAF senior pilot Maj. Claude K. Griffin, Budget Office, Hq ADC, saw an object shaped like an airfoil less its trailing edge, luminous white, move slowly and erratically like a corkscrew, estimated 100 ft size at 15-20 miles away at 30,000 ft, at about 45° [20°] elevation heading NW. Griffin stopped car and got out. USAF senior pilot, Major E. R. Hayden, ADC Personnel Services Office, and wife came out of their house and observed object in 4x rifle scope, described as rectangular, silver on one side black on the other. fluttering as it moved, heading slowly NNW above 20,000 ft at about 20 miles distance, then steadied while gaining altitude, gradually diminished to a black dot, then accelerated to high speed and disappeared. (Sparks; NICAP website; BB files; Berliner) | 12 mins | 3 | 1/10 [4/10 in 4x scope] | rifle scope |
| 666. | 1409 | July 9, 1952. Kutztown, Penna. 6:30 p.m. Farmer John Mittl saw an aluminum, oval-shaped object change direction and attitude, finally tipping on end then departing. Case file includes three vague photographs. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 secs | | | photos |

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| 667. | | July 9, 1952. Rapid City AFB, South Dakota. 3:30 p.m. (MST). USAF Airman/1 Howard W. Hoff and another airman of 717th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, at E end of the E-W runway sighted grayish-white disc at 20,000+ ft, traveling faster than any jet, in the SW headed N, crossed over the NW corner of airfield. Object stopped, hovered N of the E-W runway taxiway. The airmen were located just S of the E end of the E-W runway thus object hovered about 2/3 mile distance to their NNW, "arcing" curved motion up and down “very steep and violent.” Disappeared when airmen looked away for a moment. (Sparks; BB files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3-4 mins | 2 | | |
| 668. | | July 9, 1952. Rapid City AFB, South Dakota. 3:35 p.m. (MST). USAF S/Sgt. Daniel P. Foster, Jr., and 3 airmen of the 717th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, reported 3 separate milky white discs at 30,000 to 40,000 ft. The 3 airmen were lying on their backs off the edge of the East-West runway when they saw the first object moving faster than a jet in the S heading N, passing overhead. Objects seen one at a time about 1 min between sightings about 5 secs duration each, with same appearance and motion. (Sparks; BB files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 + 5 + 5 secs | 4 | | |
| 669. | | July 10, 1952. Near Quantico, Virginia. 8:18 p.m. Pilot of National Airlines Flight 42, a C-60 aircraft, saw a very bright amber glow, stationary then climbing slowly till disappearance. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1? | | |
| 670. | 1431 | July 12, 1952. Annapolis, Maryland. 3:30 p.m. Insurance company president William Washburn saw 4 large, elliptical-shaped objects fly very fast, stop, turn 90° and fly away. (Sparks; Berliner) | 7-8 secs | | | |
| 671. | | July 12, 1952. Montrose Beach, Chicago, Illinois. 8:42 p.m. (CDT). O’Hare AFB weather observer AF Capt. W. J. Shea and a civilian Jane Morrison sighted 3 lights, main red light with smaller white lights on each side, traveling 500 mph at 40,000 to 50,000 ft from the WNW, accelerate and to the S make a 180° turn, heading NNW when disappeared. Sighted by 400+ people, with 14 others making reports to 4706th Defense Wing. (Sparks; BB files) | several mins | numerous | | |

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| 672. | | July 12, 1952. Arlington Heights, Illinois. 9:04 p.m. (CDT). USAF pilot Capt. Robert W. Casey, Jr., of F-86 fighter leading flight of 2 F-86's, with wingman 1st Lt. Richard C. Panter, both with 62nd FI Sq, 4706th Defense Wing, O'Hare AFB, Chicago, leveled out of a right turn, heading 200° at 18,000-19,000 ft, saw an oblong yellowish lighted object larger than a fighter but smaller than a C-54 [thus about 100 ft] with a trail separated from main object and 1-1/2 its length, flying in a straight course heading 240° about 20 miles away estimated at 15 miles S of Elgin at 22,000 ft traveling 700 knots, passed from port (left) to starboard (right) side of jet. F-86 turned slightly to the right [to 240° heading] to pursue UFO at max speed [700 mph] but object pulled away. Both pilots heard a strange radio transmission on their restricted "Foxtrot" comm channel (133.20 MHz) during the pursuit saying the name of the lead pursuit pilot, "Casey" in "ethereal" "ghost-like" "monotone." Foxtrot channel only monitored by Casey's own unit, 62nd FIS, and by two fighter squadrons at Truax AFB, Wisc. Apparently this was a prank by Casey's fighter pilot buddies at the 62nd evidently monitoring his channel, though later officially denied by the 62nd. Numerous long-duration level-flight fireball-like sightings over Illinois-Ohio. (Sparks; Project 1947; BB files) | 20 secs | 2 | 1/10 to 1/4 | unexplained radio message; radar? |
| 673. | | July 12, 1952. Near Greenfield, Indiana. 9:05 p.m. American Airlines Flight 395 Convair pilot and copilot saw an object paralleling the plane heading 300° then dropping down 15°. (Sparks; BB files; Project 1947) | | 2+ ? | | |
| 674. | | July 12, 1952. SE edge of Dayton, Ohio. 9:13 p.m. (EST). USAF pilots of 2 F-86's flying at 20,000 ft heading 180° at 250 knots, Capt. Clifford Winters and 1st Lt. A. W. Sanders, both with 97th FI Sq, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, saw 2 extremely brilliant round white lights hovering at 21,000 ft about 2 miles away to their 2 o'clock position which then disappeared like "somebody turned out a light." (Sparks; BB files; Project 1947) | 20 secs | 2 | | |

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| 675. | 1436 | July 12, 1952. Kirksville, Missouri (at 40°17'52"N, 92°34'34"W). 9:00 + 9:15 + 9:20 + 9:30 +11:04 + 11:07 p.m. (CST). Many FPS-10 radar controllers at 790th AC&W Sq tracked large radar blips at 1,500+ knots (>1,700 mph) to 4,800 knots (5,600 mph) [actual speeds about 5,000 to 6,000 mph in all 6 tracks] inbound and outbound on nearly identical straight-line azimuths in about the 124-293 mile range [suggestive of real objects below about 20,000 ft within the Vertical-Lower beam of FPS-10 but not caught within higher-aimed Vertical-Center or Vertical-Upper beams limited to >2° elevation angle]. 6 single targets each tracked at following azimuths (at times listed above) coming to/from 142°-134°, 001°-354°, 220°-202°, 321°-320°, 320°, and 004°, with none crossing to other side of scope, a classic interference pattern except none extended to center of scope or to outer edge but disappeared like a real object in and out of radar blind zones. Checks with regional radar stations found none with antennas "in opposition" (matching direction of Kirksville radar antenna at the same moment). No visual sighting, or other confirmation of targets by other radars [apparently not even by the other component radars within the FPS-10 operating on different frequencies, such as the Slant-Lower beam which would have given height data, none reported, which suggests interference or selective radar emissions or ECM]. Radar targets registered only every other sweep (every 30 secs of the 4 RPM sweep rate) suggesting interference by a 2 or 6 RPM sweep rate radar. Possible IFO non-real radar interference. (Sparks; Berliner; BB files) | ca 2 mins each | 14+ | | radar-only (scope photos) |
| 676. | | July 13, 1952. 60 miles SW of Washington, D.C. 4 a.m. (EDT). National Airline Flight 611 Capt. William Bruen piloting airliner heading N from Jacksonville, Flor., saw round ball of bluish-white light hovering to the W then ascend to airliner altitude of 11,000 ft, then parallel course off left wing at about 2 miles distance, took off upwards at 1,000 mph when Bruen turned on all aircraft lights. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 90-91; NARCAP) | | 2+ ? | | |

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| 677. | | July 14, 1952. White Sands / Holloman AFB. 10:20-10:55 (MST). Land-Air Inc. radar-visual tracking of UFO's over the missile test range at Holloman AFB, during a Hughes Aircraft project mission. UFO's were sighted over the AF Missile Test Center range at Holloman AFB, 6540th Missile Test Wing.<br>At about 10:20 a.m., H. R. Morris and Floyd Fannon of Land-Air Inc. site X-Ray-1 (1.8 mi NNW of center of Holloman runways) tracked an object on their S-band Modified SCR-584 tracking radar on the A scope at 30° elevation and 340° azimuth about 3 mi N of radar site near the B-29, which appeared like a jet in size and speed if at 35,000 ft, going in opposite direction from the B-29, but no such aircraft should have been in the vicinity. After a few mins they continued tracking the Hughes mission.<br>At 10:30 a.m., cameraman Marion D. Richmond at the Mike 9 optical tracking site (4.3 mi NW of center of Holloman runways) saw a maneuvering UFO to the W with vapor trail about ¼ mile long if at 35,000 ft (actual distance not determinable) [balloons have no vapor trails]. At about 10:40 a.m. Richmond used Mitchell camera using 35 mm Plus X film (at F-8 in 40-in focal length lens) to take about 200 ft of 35 mm film of one maneuvering object at high elevation angle to the NNE, and of 2 other UFO's for a few feet of film, until about 10:45 a.m. All objects were like flat-top spheres, with one of the 2 smaller objects highly reflective. At about 10:40 a.m., R. S. King saw a bright circular metallic object passing through his field of view in the optical tracking 20x monocular scope at Site P-3 near the X-Ray-1 radar site. Object was above the B-29 and going the same general direction but much faster.<br>At 10:55 a.m., at the Hughes Blockhouse (2.9 mi NNW of center of Holloman runways) Hughes technician Allen L. Gruber watched the B-29 aircraft on the mission with 6x binoculars, then saw a round white metallic object cross in front of the B-29 nearly overhead, heading ENE, with the same image size and apparent speed as an F-86 jet as if at 35,000 ft [about Full Moon equivalent in binoculars] but was not the F-86 that overtook the B-29 soon thereafter. Gruber lost the object after a few secs to continue watching the B-29 mission.<br>Nothing was seen by the crews of the B-29 or the F-86. The meteorological balloon was launched from Holloman at 10:30 a.m. and went W for the first 20 mins then rapidly towards the E in the winds above 25,000 feet but the UFO's were seen in addition and separate from the balloon. Note Holloman incident soon after (see below). (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website/Dan Wilson) | 25 mins | 4+ | 1 [equiv. in 6x binocs] | radar-visual |

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| 678. | | July 14, 1952. White Sands / Holloman AFB. 11:30 a.m. (MST). Soon after Land-Air Inc. radar-visual tracking of UFO's over the missile test range (see incident above), Captain J. J. Binkley, Holloman AFB Asst. Operations Officer, at N end of Base Operations Office, saw object like a (flat) round (disc) tilted to appear oval, to the NNW at about 75° elevation emitting a light vapor trail [thus impossible to be a balloon] with a (small) gap between UFO and trail. Object moved at rapid angular rate until faded from view, before F-86 jet interceptor could take off. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website/Dan Wilson) | few mins | 1 | | |
| 679. | 1444 | July 14, 1952. 20-25 miles N of Norfolk, Virginia. 9:12 p.m. (EDT). Pan American Airways FO William B. Nash, Second Officer William H. Fortenberry, in a DC-4 airliner at 8,000 ft heading 200° magnetic, sighted a total of 8 large, round, glowing red coin-shaped objects, 100 ft diameter 15 ft thick, maneuvering in two groups of 3 then joined slightly after by another 2. Objects approached headon at high speed estimated at about 12,000 [27,000] mph at about 2,000 ft altitude [about 2° depression angle] silhouetted against the ground, to a position almost directly below their airliner, in a stack formation then suddenly making a 150° hairpin turn like balls bouncing off a wall, joined by 2 more identical but much brighter red objects which came from behind on the right under the aircraft at about the same 2,000 ft altitude as the first 6 objects joining formation by falling in behind, all silhouetted against the black background of bay water, with one moment when all 8 objects blacked out then reappeared. At about 10 miles S of Newport News objects ascended as a group in fixed formation in an arc to the right towards Newport News to about 10,000 ft altitude [about 0.4° above level or about 2° above horizon line] out to disappearance by blinking out randomly, after covering a total distance of roughly 90 miles from start to finish (35 miles on approach, 55 miles to departure). Possibly 7 ground observers. (Sparks; McDonald; Tom Tulien; Joel Carpenter; etc.) | 12 secs | 2 + 7? | 2 | |
| 680. | | July 15 [16?], 1952. 20 miles S of McChord AFB, Wash. 12:50 [7:50?] a.m. (PDT). USAF pilots of 2 fighters from 318th FI Sq saw a strange object with red and green lights slowly rolling between the aircraft. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2? | | |
| 681. | 1451 | July 15, 1952. West Palm Beach, Florida. 10:10 p.m. J. Antoneff and 2 others saw a discus-shaped object, greyish, except when hovering, when it appeared muddy. Hovered over Palm Beach International Airport, then followed an SA-16 twin-engined amphibious aircraft and flew away. (Sparks; Berliner) | 40-60 secs + ? | 3 | | |
| 682. | | July 16, 1952. Hampton Roads, Virginia. 8 p.m. NACA aeronautical engineer Paul R. Hill saw 2 amber-colored objects approach from the S, turn W, reach overhead, begin a maneuver to revolve around a common center, change to a vertical plane [?] after a few orbits, were joined by 2 more objects and flew off to the S. (Sparks; McDonald list; Tom Tulien) | | | | NACA aero engineer |

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| 683. | 1501 | July 16, 1952. Beverly, Mass. 9:35 a.m. U.S. Coast Guard photographer Seaman Shell R. Alpert saw several bright lights through a window screen (no glass) from his position inside the air station photo lab while cleaning a camera, watched them for 5-6 secs, called out to another Coast Guardsman, Hospitalman 1st Class Thomas E. Flaherty from sick bay to see. Objects dimmed then brightened suddenly, Alpert grabbed a camera and filmed 4 roughly elliptical irregular blobs of light in formation through the screen, on Super XX cut film 4 x 5 inch format, lens set at infinity, aperture f/4.7, 1/30 sec exposure. (Sparks; Berliner; etc.) | 5-6+ secs | 2 | | photo |
| 684. | 1502 | July 17, 1952. White Plains, New York. 3:10 p.m. Mrs. Florence Daley saw 2 round objects, bluish-white with brighter rims, fly in formation, making a sound like bombers, only softer (witness later said she heard many feminine voices coming from the objects). (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 685. | 1476 | July 18 [17?], 1952. Lockbourne, Ohio. 9:10 p.m. T/Sgt. Mahone and A/3c Jennings saw an amber-colored, elliptical-shaped object with a small flame at the rear, periodically increasing in brightness, move very fast giving off a resonant beat sound. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1-1/2 mins | 2 | | |
| 686. | 1479 | July 17, 1952. Rapid City, South Dakota. Military (USAF?) witness(es). | | | | |
| 687. | 1482 | July 18 [17?], 1952. Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. 11 a.m. Air National Guard employees saw a light like a big star that disappeared when an aircraft approached. Also seen the night[s?] of July 20, 22 and 23. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3 hrs | multiple | | |
| 688. | 1483 | July 18, 1952. Miami, Florida. 11 a.m. E. R. Raymer and daughter saw an opaque, silvery bubble fly very fast at a right-angle to the wind direction. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 secs | 2 | | |
| 689. | 1485 | July 18, 1952. Patrick AFB, Florida. 9:45 [10:45 ?] p.m. (EST). 3 USAF officers and 4 enlisted men saw a series of hovering and maneuvering red-orange lights moving in a variety of directions. (Sparks; BB Status Report 8, Dec 1952, p. 26; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 hr | 7 | | |
| 690. | | July 19, 1952. Centerville, Va. 12 midnight. Part-time farmer Constatine (Constantine?) and hired hand Davis saw 2 cigar-shaped objects, one hovering the other moving to the E then come back, both ascending vertically until disappearing. Both objects transparent (translucent?), lit from within, and emitted an exhaust from one end. Object shapes possibly more like elongated footballs. (Sparks; Battelle Unknown No. 4; BB Index Maxwell Microfilm Roll 2, p. 293) | 3-4 mins | 2 | | |
| 691. | 1492 | July 19, 1952. Williston, North Dakota. 2:55 a.m. Experienced civilian pilot saw an elliptical-shaped object with a light fringe, descend fast, make a 360° then a 180° turn. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 1 | | |
| 692. | 1494 | July 19, 1952. Elkins Park, Penna. 11:35 p.m. USAF pilot Capt. C. J. Powley and wife saw 2 star-like lights maneuver, hover and speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5-7 mins | 2 | | |
| 693. | | July 19-20, 1952. Andrews AFB and Washington National Airport, Washington, D.C. 11:40 p.m.-6 a.m. (EDT). Numerous visual, radar and radar-visual sightings by ground observers and pilots in the air. (Sparks) | 6 hrs 20 mins | many | | RV |

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| 694. | 1504 | July 20, 1952. Lavalette, New Jersey; yacht at 40°N, 75°W (Delaware River near Philadelphia) and Elk Park, Penna. 12:20-12:25 a.m. 3 independent groups of witnesses, including Seton Hall Univ. chemistry professor Dr. A. B. Spooner, saw 2 large orange-yellow lights with some dull red color fly in trail, turn and circle observers. First seen to the S at about 40° elevation, then E, N, W, and S again but at elevation 80°. Stellar magnitude about -3 to -5. AF pilot in Elk Park estimated 10°/min angular velocity accelerating up to 2°/sec. No sound. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 73-77) | 5-6 mins | 10 | 1/2 ? | Seton Hall Univ Chem Prof |
| 695. | | July 21, 1952. Dobbins AFB, Georgia. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 696. | 1514 | July 21, 1952. Wiesbaden, West Germany (50° 5' N, 8°15' E). 7:25 p.m. (GMT). USAF pilot Capt. Edward E. Dougher and WAF Lt. Josephine J. Stong, separated by 1 mile on the ground in Wiesbaden. Dougher saw 4 bright yellowish lights in the NNW at about 15° elevation heading SSE (towards him) seemingly climbing [but could simply be effect of approaching and in level flight]. The lights "burst" apart to Dougher, with 2 climbing and disappearing behind tree branches, and the other 2 flying away level flight in opposite directions E and W. The light headed E disappeared in about 1 minute behind a small hill. Dougher saw the W-heading light for a total of about 15 mins and was able to drive home about 2 miles [to the W ??] and was joined by Mrs. Dougher as they watched the light get very dim and disappear behind small hills to the E. [At about 7:28 p.m. and after 2 of Dougher's 4 lights had already disappeared] Stong first saw 2 reddish lights flying in opposite directions E and W at about 30° elevation from a position about 1 mile closer to the objects than Dougher's downtown Wiesbaden position [hence a vertical triangulation of about ½ mile altitude about 1 mile from Stong and 2 miles from Dougher]. The E-heading light disappeared behind building in about 2 mins [about 7:30 p.m.]. The W-heading light was seen for about 10 mins, covering about 45° arc in 5 mins (3°/min angular velocity) and then [in the NW or WNW?] nose-dived and disappeared in clouds as seen from her vantage point [now almost 3 miles from Dougher's home and new position unbeknownst to Stong]. No noise or unusual features. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner) | 15 mins | 3 | | triangulation |
| 697. | 1522 | July 21, 1952. Randolph AFB - Converse, Texas. 4:30 p.m. Wife of USAF Capt. J. B. Neal saw an elongated, fuselage-shaped object fly straight and level, make a right-angle turn, fly out of sight at 300+ mph. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-5 secs | 1 | | |

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| 698. | 1533 | July 21, 1952. Rockville AFS, Indiana (at 39°46’29” N, 87°15’16” W). 8:10 p.m. (CST). USAF officer and 2 enlisted men at 782nd ACW Sq radar station saw an aluminum or silver, trinagular object with triangular fin or “rudder,” fly straight and level, about the size of a C-47 aircraft. Speed 0 to 60 mph, stopped at 1/2 mile from NW corner of radar station and hovered about 1/2 minute before disappearing in haze to the N. UFO probably too slow to be picked up by the radar if running MTI (moving target indication) equipment. (Sparks; NICAP website; Berliner) | 3 min | 3 | | |
| 699. | 1516 | July 21, 1952. San Marcos AFB, Texas. 10:40 p.m. Lt., 2 Staff Sgts. and 3 Airmen saw a blue circle with a blue trail hover then accelerate to near-sonic speed (700+ mph) after 1 min. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 min | 6 | | |
| 700. | 1524 | July 21 [22?], 1952. Holyoke, Mass. After midnight. Mrs. A. Burgess saw a round, yellow, flashing light fly downward. No further information in files. (Sparks; Berliner) | | | | |
| 701. | 1538 | July 22, 1952. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 10:50 [11:05] a.m. Control tower operator Don R. Wiens and 2 CARCO pilots, Jack E. Chinn and F, Dew, and fireman I. V. Rowland, saw 8-10 large, round or bell-shaped, bright aluminum objects fly straight and level, then dart around erratically. First overhead then headed SW where one object disappeared into or behind a cumulus cloud about 10-15 miles away over James Mtns. (Sparks; Berliner; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 12, pp. 1012-6, etc., Misc Roll 1, pp. 506-8) | 25 mins | 4 | | binoculars |
| 702. | 1654 | July 22 [?], 1952. Stafford, Virginia. 12 p.m. USAF pilot of C-54 transport saw a bright ovoid object hover then move in stops and starts, first approaching the plane then paralleling it. (Sparks; Berliner; Loren Gross) | | | | |
| 703. | | July 22, 1952. Brookley AFB (30°40' N, 88° 5' W), Mobile, Alabama. 2 p.m. USAF Tech Sgt. and a civilian employee saw a barrel-shaped black object 3.5-4 ft diameter, emitting black smoke trail and a black puff of smoke flying about 5,000 ft above ground 1 mile away heading E then flying "perpendicular" (vertical?). (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files) | 2 mins | 2 | 1/15 | |
| 704. | 1536 | July 22, 1952. Uvalde, Texas. 2:46 p.m. Don Epperly, Trans Texas Airlines station manager and weather observer, saw a large, round, silver object fly at 1,000+ mph while gyrating. (Sparks; Berliner) | 45 secs | 1 | | |
| 705. | | July 22, 1952. 12 miles E of Peterson Field, Colo. 6:45 p.m. USAF ADC personnel in Cessna 140 and the pilot saw a round silver object disappear into clouds. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | several | | |

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| 706. | 1556 | July 22, 1952. Near Braintree, bet. Boston and Provincetown, Mass. (at 42°10' N, 71°01' W) 8:47 p.m. (EST) [?]. USAF F-94 with pilot Lt George N. Leitner and radar observer Lt Wintford L. Bazzell [sp??] intercepted for 24 mins white blinking or flashing light with something hanging below with a cord [like a balloon?] slowly ascending from 12,000 to 22,000 ft while F-94 orbited in an attempt to identify object, then object descended from 22,000 to 8,000 ft where it was lost in undercast. Closest range 200 yards [determined by airborne radar?]. [Same or different?] F-94 intercepted 2 objects with flickering white light and swishing circling blue light which passed the jet, with airborne radar tracking and ground visual observation. [See cases below.] (Sparks; BB files; Berliner; cf. Weinstein) | 24 mins | 2 | | RV ? |
| 707. | 1556 | July 22, 1952. Near Braintree, bet. Boston and Provincetown, Mass. (at 42°10' N, 71°01' W) [?]. 10:20-10:30 p.m. (EST). 3 F-94 crews at 15,000 ft, all 5 men aboard saw a large round spinning white flickering object at estimated 26,000 ft throwing off a swishing circling blue light, or considered to be 2 objects. One F-94 climbed to 35,000 ft at 250 knots with afterburner obtained radar contact for about 1 min at 10:47 p.m.<br>Lt. Emil Lemieux and radar operator Lt Richard A. Schaffer of F-94B jet interceptor at 10:20 p.m., at 42°10' N, 71° W, heading 90° at 200 knots at 20,000 ft sighted object at same height or slightly higher on the left heading 270°, which passed at about 1 mile distance. F-94 made 180° turn to pursue and kicked in afterburner, but UFO also made 180° turn and passed immediately above F-94 when it was seen to be a large white spinning object throwing off a blue light. F-94 went into extremely loose Lufbery ("Luftberry") defensive air combat maneuver, but UFO was above and flying faster and climbed and turned out of sight (at 38,000 ft?) at 10:30 p.m. Lt Schaffer unable to detect object on APG-33 radar.<br>U.S. Weather Bureau Observer Guy M. Bailey at Balloon Observation Tower, Logan Airport, Boston, tracked object at estimated 7-10+ miles distance by theodolite from 10:15 to 10:26 p.m. (EST) remaining at relatively constant elevation 22° and moving 22° arc from azimuth 118° to 140° at about 25,000 ft climbing to 35,000 ft, changing color from bluish-white to red when decelerating then back to bluish-white when extremely rapidly accelerating, making 3 separate 360° elliptical circling movements near pibal balloon at about 200 mph between 20.0° to 20.5° and 23.0° elevation and between 118° and 130° azimuth. Not visible with naked eye, first seen while tracking weather balloon using theodolite telescope, and had to abandon UFO to continue weather duties. Single object consisted of 4 small red and green rounded-rectangular lights at times completely enveloped by single bkuish-white light brighter that +1 magnitude star. [See previous cases above, next case below, and July 23 case.] (Sparks; BB & AFOSI files; Berliner; cf. Weinstein) | 10 mins + 11+ mins ? | 6+ ? | | RV ? |

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| 708. | 1556 | July 22, 1952. Quincy, Mass. (42° N, 71° W). From 10:45 to 10:48 p.m. (EST) Officer of the Day, Navy Lt Cdr W. J. Adams, with Marine Air Detachment S/Sgt Anthony Di Nallo, at Squantum Naval Air Station, Quincy (and Navy Seaman Rolf Hellum 1 mile to S and possibly 1-2 other base personnel) received calls from 6 civilians in area (total duration 7-8 mins apparently beginning about 10:40 p.m.) then looked and saw 2 blue-green lights brighter than magnitude +1 stars maneuvering and passing over base, possibly at 800-900 mph at 40,000 to 50,000 ft, first seen in SE at 45° elevation then moved directly overhead [90°] reversed course back to SE to 45° elevation without noticeable turning, then again passed overhead this making wide arc to NE without changing altitude. Not dimmed by distance, disappeared suddenly as if switched turned off one light then the other at 10:48 p.m. (EST).<br>At 10:47 p.m. (EST) 2nd UFO sighting by USAF pilot Lt Charles R. Hearn and radar observer Lt Charles E. West in F-94B jet fighter at 35,000 ft and 210 knots IAS heading 180° (at 42°10' N, 71° W) sighted green object with visual for about 30 secs then pilot kept eyes on instrument panel, kicked in afterburner to chase, got airborne radar tracking of F-94-sized target for 4 mins starting at about 10,000 to 12,000 yards range (about 6-7 mi) with 50 knot closure rate keeping UFO at 5° high and 5° to left then got radar lockon but at 3,000 yards (about 2 mi) UFO broke lock with hard right downward turn and disappeared. [See previous cases above, next case below, and July 23 case.] (Sparks; BB & AFOSI files; Berliner; cf. Weinstein) | 7-8 mins + 24 mins? | 9 + 2 ? | | RV ? |

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| 709. | | July 22, 1952. MacDill AFB, Florida. 10:30 p.m. (EST). MacDill AFB air traffic control tower operator sighted for ½ hour a red-greenish-blue object to the WSW at about 45° elevation with 2 other [similar?] objects to the N of it, smaller and/or farther away and lower in elevation angle (?). Tower operator sighted another object to the SSE about 30° elevation at 11:30 p.m. MacDill AFB Detachment 21, 3944th Radar Bomb-scoring Sq (RBS), radar tracked object at 12:03 a.m. (July 23) at azimuth 160° range 65,000 yards (37 mi) at 41,200 ft altitude on a heading of 310° True [almost directly towards MacDill AFB] speed 462 knots [532 mph]. Tampa Radar Bomb-scoring Sq also tracked object at 160° azimuth [about SSE] altitude 41,000 ft [reportedly, in 1998 account, Navy and CAA radars also tracked object]. At 12:08 a.m. USAF pilot and copilot of B-29 bomber with 364th Bomb Sq on landing approach were vectored by MacDill tower operator to investigate, saw high speed object at 40,000 ft heading towards MacDill AFB on a heading of 308° traveling faster than the B-29. 4 airmen at MacDill AFB radar site sighted object as it passed close [nearly overhead?]. (According to 1998 report of B-29 pilot, an AF Lt Col, they were flying at 20,000 ft; the B-29 fire control radar locked on to object at 40,000 ft and prepared to fire when UFO changed course and disappeared at 4,000 knots speed.) MacDill RBS lost object on radar at range 145,000 yards [82 mi] azimuth 310° (about NW) [at about 12:15 a.m.]. Civilians near base sighted object(s) visually. (Sparks; Robert Klinn; Project 1947; McDonald list; BB files; NICAP; NUFORC) | 1-3/4 hrs | 10+ | | RV |
| 710. | 1572 | July 22-23, 1952. Trenton, New Jersey. 10:50 p.m. - 12:45, 1:28-3:47 a.m. Crews of several USAF F-94 jet interceptors from Dover AFB, Del., made 13 visual sightings and one radar tracking of blue-white [orange?] lights. White, green and blue lights were seen by ground observers and F-94 pilots moving in arcs and blinking out suddenly. F-94 crew got radar lockon at 30,000 ft away of object the size of an F-94, at 9,000 ft away the object made a sharp right turn, suddenly dropped in height and disappeared. Other sightings in the Dover-Trenton area. (Sparks; Berliner; Loren Gross) | 2 hrs + 2 hrs | several | | RV |
| 711. | | July 23, 1952. Near Boston, Mass. 1:15-1:18 a.m. (EST). Watch duty CG Seaman Henry Arnpriester, Nahant Coast Guard Station, sighted 2 bluish flat disc-shaped objects side-by-side estimated 5 ft in diameter (at 1,100 to 2,000 ft altitude?) in the SE at about 45° elevation descending and headed NW towards him until reaching distance of about 1-1/2 miles when suddenly reversed direction like "a ball bouncing off a wall" returning to SE and climbing without any change in apparent speed until gradually disappearing due to distance. [See July 22 sightings near Boston / Braintree, Mass.] (Sparks; AFOSI files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3 mins | 1 | 1/6 to 1/3 ? | |
| 712. | | July 23, 1952. Jamestown, Rhode Island. 7:36 a.m. USN radar tracked high speed target heading N at 42,000 ft and confirmed by ADC radar at Camp Hero, N.Y. F-94's and F-86's scrambled unsuccessfully. (Sparks; McDonald list; Loren Gross) | | | | radar |

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| 713. | | July 23, 1952. E of Misawa AFB, Japan. 8:20 p.m. USAF pilot flying F-94 jet fighter chased blue-green fireball. (Sparks; Weinstein) | | 2? | | |
| 714. | 1554 | July 23, 1952. Pottstown, Penna. 8:40 a.m. 2-man crews of 3 USAF F-94 jet on training mission saw a large silver object 50-300 ft in size, shaped like a long pear with 2-3 squares beneath it, flying at 150-180 knots (170-210 mph) headed W, while a smaller object, delta-shaped or swept back, flew around it at 1,000-1,500 knots (1,150-1,700 mph) for 1-4 mins. Possible Skyhook balloon with high-speed UFO. (Sparks; BB Maxwell files, roll 12, pp. 1173-1175; Berliner) | 35-40 mins | 6 | | |
| 715. | 1567 | July 23, 1952. Altoona, Penna. 12:50 p.m. 2-man crews of 2 USAF F-94 jet interceptors at 35,000-46,000 ft altitude saw 3 cylindrical objects in a vertical stack formation fly at an altitude of 50,000-80,000 ft. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 mins | 4 | | |
| 716. | 1578 | July 23, 1952. South Bend, Indiana. 11:35 p.m. USAF pilot Capt. H. W. Kloth saw 2 bright blue-white objects flying together, then the rear one veered off. (Sparks; Berliner) | 9 mins | 1 | | |
| 717. | 1584 | July 24, 1952. Carson Sink, Nevada. 3:40 p.m. (MST). USAF HQ Directorate of Operations Lt. Cols. John L. McGinn (Deputy of Ops, Fighter Br) and John R. Barton (AFOOP-OP-D) flying E in a B-25 bomber at 11,000 ft and 185 knots airspeed saw 3 silver white, delta-shaped or arrowhead-shaped objects at their 1 o'clock position slightly larger than the size of F-86's (40 ft), each with a ridge along the top, in V-formation, cross in front of and above the B-25 from right to left (S to N) at about 1,200 to 2,400 ft away at about 1,800+ mph. (Sparks; Berliner; NARCAP; cf. Ruppelt pp. 10-1; NICAP) | 3-4 secs | 2 | 2 - 4 | |
| 718. | 1588 | July 24, 1952. Travis AFB, Calif. (Sparks; NARA) | | | | |
| 719. | | July 25, 1952. Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. (Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 720. | | July 25, 1952. Wilmington, Delaware. Afternoon. VA employee saw 2 discs reflecting light in a climb. | | 1 | | |
| 721. | | July 26, 1952. Hampton, and bet. Newport News and Langley AFB, Virginia. 12:15-12:45? a.m. Ground observers saw a brilliant luminous alternately bright silver, red and green object hovering over the James River Bridge at about 1,500 ft for 1/2 hour, then ascend towards the E where seen by Langley AFB tower. USAF crews of 2 F-94's and ground observers saw 4 round silver/bluish objects in V-formation shoot straight up and disappear at 5,000 ft, one tracked by USN ground radar at Norfolk and by airborne radars. (Sparks; Weinstein; Project 1947? Condon project?) | | | | RV ground and air radars |
| 722. | 1628 | July 26, 1952. Kansas City, Missouri. 12:15 a.m. USAF Capt. H. A. Stone, men in control towers at Fairfax Field and Municipal Airport, saw a greenish light with red-orange flashes descend in the NW from 40° to 10° elevation. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 hr | 3+ | | |
| 723. | 1637 | July 26, 1952. Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. 12:05 a.m. Airman 1st Class J. M. Donaldson saw 8-10 orange balls in triangular or V-formation flying fast. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-4 secs | 1 | | |

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| 724. | 1732 | July 26, 1952. Langley AFB, Virginia. 2:30 p.m. USAF Capt Daniel G. Moore, military air traffic controller with 1909-7 AACS Detachment, and Tech Sgt. Edward N. Rosner [Roaner?], tracked on MPN-1C radar an unidentified object from about 15 miles [probably NM] S to disappearance 8 miles [probably NM] S of site, speed about 2,600 mph [7 mi in 0.2 min is 2,100 knots or 2,400 mph], below 5,000 ft altitude, headed towards the air base. Duration of 2 mins in report must be typo for 0.2 min. No visual. Possible radar interference (high-speed target moving radially inward towards radar not crossing center of scope). See similar case below. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle; NICAP) | 0.2 min | 2 | | radar |
| 725. | | July 26, 1952. Langley AFB, Virginia. 2:50 p.m. Capt Daniel G. Moore, military air traffic controller with 1909-7 AACS Detachment, and Gilfillan electronics technician William Yhope [Thorpe?] tracked a radar target moving E away from radar site at an unstated initial distance [possibly 8 NM if like case above], stopping for 2 mins [probably 0.2 min] at 12 miles [probably NM] E, again moving extremely fast, speed not estimated, disappearing at 15 miles [probably NM] E. Possible radar interference (high-speed target moving radially outward away from radar not having crossed center of scope). See similar case above. (Sparks; Berliner; NICAP) | 4 mins ? [0.4 min??] | 2 | | radar |
| 726. | missing | July 26, 1952. Williams, Calif. 5:15 p.m. (PST). Case file missing. (Sparks; Randle) [N Calif. F-94C intercept case involving large orange-yellow object moving fast and slow, tracked by airborne and ground radars?? (Weinstein)] | | [3?] | | RV ground and air radars |
| 727. | | July 26, 1952. Plainview, Texas. 7:17 p.m. USAF pilot and copilot of T-33 saw a stationary object move in a slight descent changing color from white to blue. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2 | | |
| 728. | | July 26, 1952. Atlantic 200 miles S of New York City, New York. 8:30 p.m. USAF B-29 gunner, 301st Bomb Wing, saw 3 amber edged [?] white flashing objects traveling at Mach 1. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | | |
| 729. | | July 26, 1952. Florence, South Carolina. 10:04 [10:10?] p.m. Eastern Airlines Flight 606 Constellation pilot and 2 crew members saw a steady white light traveling at high speed in a straight line at 22,000 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 3 | | |
| 730. | 1661 | July 26-27, 1952. Andrews AFB and Washington National Airport, Wash., D.C. 8 p.m. [9:50? p.m. EDT] until after 12 midnight [1:00? a.m. EDT]. Radar operators at several airports, airline and F-94 fighter pilots, sighted and tracked many unidentified blips and/or lights all over Washington area, at varying speeds. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3 hrs 10 mins | 20+ | | RV |
| 731. | 1664 | July 27, 1952. Wilmington, Delaware. 7 p.m. (EDT)?). James R. Thomas saw a cylindrical object with domed top and bottom moving NW to SE in an upright position, disappearing suddenly. (NARA; NICAP) | 90 secs | 1? | | |
| 732. | | July 27, 1952. 10 miles SSW of Columbus, Ohio. 12:05 a.m. USAF pilot of B-25 with 3 Pentagon Colonels on board saw a white light with 4 flashing lights stationary then move. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 4 | | |

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| 733. | 1680 | July 27, 1952. Selfridge AFB, Mich. 10:05 a.m. 3 B-29 bomber crewmen on ground saw many round, white objects fly straight and level, very fast. Two at 10:05, one each at 10:10, 10:15, 10:20. [Possible Exercise SIGNPOST SAC B-36's from Carswell AFB en route to simulated attack run on Detroit, Mich.??] (Sparks; Berliner) | 4 x 30 secs | 3 | | |
| 734. | 1684 | July 27, 1952. Wichita Falls, Texas. 8:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Ellis saw 2 disc-shaped objects, illuminated by a phosphorus light, fly at an estimated 1,000 mph. [Possible returning B-36's of Exercise SIGNPOST??] (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 secs | | | |
| 735. | | July 27, 1952. Manhattan Beach, Calif. (Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 736. | 1708 | July 28, 1952. McChord AFB, Wash. 2:15 a.m. T/Sgt. Walstead and S/Sgt. Calkins of the 635th AC&W Sq ADC radar site saw a dull, glowing, blue-green ball, size of a dime at arms' length, fly very fast, straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 2 | 2 | radar? RV? |
| 737. | | July 28, 1952. Hallock, Minn. (Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 738. | 1707 | July 28, 1952. McGuire AFB, New Jersey. 6 a.m. GCA radar operator M/Sgt. W. F. Dees, and persons in the base control tower. Radar tracked a large cluster of very distinct blips. Visual observation was of oblong objects having neither wings nor tail, which made a very fast turn, at one time in echelon formation. (Sparks; Berliner) | 55 mins | 3+ | | RV |
| 739. | 1700 | July 28, 1952. Heidelberg, West Germany (49°25' N, 8°42' E). 10:20 p.m. Sgt. B. C. Grassmoen and WAC PFC A.P. Turner saw a saucer-shaped object having appearance of light metal giving off shafts of white light, flying slow, make 90° turn and climb away fast. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4-5 mins | 2 | | |

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| 740. | | July 29 [28?], 1952. 20 miles W of Port Huron, Mich (at 43.0° N, 82.8° W). 9:40-10 p.m. (EST). One of 3 USAF F-94B's on an ECM exercise at 9,000-9,500 ft from 61st FIS at Selfridge AFB climbed to 20,000 ft on a 270° heading when it was vectored to a UFO headed S [or SE?] at 625 mph from Saginaw Bay by GCI air defense radar [apparently FPS-3, Port Austin AFS, Mich.] (callsign “Avenger”) [tracked about 7 mins evidently]. Ground radar told pilot Capt. Edward J. Slowinski (Sloan) to look at his 3 o’clock low position for a target (to the N), but found nothing, then told to look at 3 o’clock high (radar man recalled “low” then “high,” pilot said he was told “high” then ‘low”). F-94 turned right to pursue [~9:47 p.m.]. Object suddenly reversed course with a tight 180° turn back N on ground radar scope [evidently at 300 mph to match F-94’s speed, in a visible loop on the radar scope on a right turn paralleling the F-94’s right turn but tighter]. As the F-94 continued right turn, radar observer Lt. Victor Helfenbein picked up target at 4 miles range on APG-33 airborne radar, level with jet altitude, at 60° relative or 2 o’clock (about 330° to 360° azimuth depending on how far into the turn) (pilot said Helfenbein reported 2:30 o’clock). Airborne radar contact made [for possibly 20 secs during the turn] then at dead ahead 12 o’clock position radar got lockon for 30 secs until target “jumped lock” when it apparently almost doubled its 4-mile [or 4-5 mi] distance in one sweep of the ground radar accelerating to 1,400 mph average speed [4-mile jump in 10-sec sweep of radar, thus reaching peak 2,600 mph at about 20 g’s]. Jet briefly put on afterburner to try to close distance with object on 360° heading at 21,000 ft increasing speed with afterburner to about 350 knots IAS (about 490 knots TAS or 560 mph) [for about 3 mins?], but object would put on a burst of speed and pull away from the jet. F-94 pilot first saw multiple lights ahead as if from a jet aircraft, but no exhaust or trail, and followed the GCI vectoring to target ahead between 12 o’clock and 1 o’clock positions. Object appeared “many times larger than a star” then “took on a reddish tinge, and slowly began to get smaller, as if it were moving away,” and changed color from reddish then bluish-green then white then red again in sequence (both crew members in agreement) low on the horizon to the N (possibly the star Capella and unrelated to radar target, though Helfenbein was an expert celestial navigator since 1943 with 1,400 flying hours and had never seen anything “like this before”; also another F-94 followed same N route about 10:30 p.m. with Capella still visible but did not see it as unusual or anything else). F-94 continued N heading [for about 5 mins] at about 300 mph as object maintained lead at 6-10 miles range, with GCI telling F-94 crew they were not gaining on the target on scope. Chase ended with F-94 about 5 miles N of peninsula (map shows 10 mi ENE of Burnt Cabin Point at 44°07’ N, 82°45’W) return due to low fuel, object then slowed to 200-300 mph before disappearing after another 1-2 mins. (Sparks; McDonald 1968 & papers; Mary Castner / CUFOS; Loren Gross July 21-31, 1952 Supp pp. 71-77; Ruppelt pp. 171-172, 190; BB Status Rpt 8, pp. 27-28, in NARA Roll 85,pp.701-2,Maxwell Roll 1,pp. 674-5; Todd Lemire) | 20 mins | 3+ | | RV |

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| 741. | 1731 | July 29, 1952. Osceola, Wisc. 1:30 a.m. Radar operators on ground and pilot of F-5l Mustang in flight. Several clusters of up to 10 small radar targets and one large target. Small targets moved from SW to E at 50-60 knots (60-70 mph), following each other. Large target moved at 600 knots (700 mph). Pilot confirmed one target. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 hr | 3+ | | RV (scope photos in Steiger book) |
| 742. | | July 29, 1952. Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico. 4 weather observers including base weather officer sighted several high-speed discs through theodolite. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt. pp. 114-5) | | 4 | | theodolite |
| 743. | | July 29, 1952. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 9:49 a.m. (MST). Several Los Alamos Scientific Lab employees, AESS guards and pilots on ground saw white or metallic object moving E to W to the N of the Los Alamos landing field, about 1.8°/sec [18°/min ?] angular velocity, with gyrating or fluttering motion. 2 F-86 jet interceptors from Kirtland AFB already in air were diverted and arrived about 3 mins later at 40,000 ft, object was in front of F-86's but was not seen by pilots, the UFO disappeared then reappeared having made 360° turn trailing behind fighters for 2 mins, then disappeared again. See sighting soon aferward (below). (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 61-64; BB Misc Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 506-8; BB Status Report 8, Dec 1952, p. 29; etc.) | 3-5 + 2 mins | 7+ | 1/10 + ? | field glasses |
| 744. | | July 29, 1952. Los Alamos, New Mexico. 9:57 [10:57?] a.m. (MST). Several Los Alamos Scientific Lab employees, AESS guards and pilots on ground [?] saw light-brown or white egg-shaped object with wings hovering then shot off to the NW disappearing in 3 secs. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 61-64; BB Misc Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 506-8; BB Status Report 8, Dec 1952, p. 29; etc.) | ? + 3 secs | | | |
| 745. | 1739 | July 29, 1952. Wichita, Kansas. 12:35 p.m. USAF shop employees Douglas and Hess at Municipal Airport saw a bright white circular object with a flat bottom fly very fast then hover 10-15 secs over the Cessna Aircraft Co. plant. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 min | 2 | | |

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| 746. | 1747 | July 29, 1952. 8 mi S of Ennis, Montana (at 45°14' N, 111°40.7' W, elev. 5300 ft). Between 2 and 3 p.m. [12:30?] (MST). US Army (res.) Maj. Ben Shaffer with wife and 3 children sighted and filmed objects with Bell & Howell color movie camera and Kodak Retina b&w still camera, and sighted with 8x binoculars, for 30+ mins between 3 and 4 p.m. (MST). Shaffer saw an object hovering about 1,000 ft over a mountain or hills [to the E] about 3-4 [7 ?] miles away, reportedly at 45°13' N, 111°32' W [Cedar Mtn, elev. 10,718 ft], while driving N, stopped the car, and stopped two other cars, for a total of about 12 witnesses, one of whom used 50x binoculars. The object formed a cloud around itself, then three smaller disc-like objects possibly jet fighter-sized (50 ft) burst out of the cloud from different angles at about 200 mph, forming an arc then disappeared. Another 5 small objects appeared on the right side of the cloud in V formation traveling slowly, then each of the small objects formed clouds around themselves, then re-entered the large cloud one behind the other. No other clouds in the sky. Near end of Shaffer's sighting another cloud suddenly appeared to the left of highway about 6 [13 ?] miles away [to the W] over Hill 9572 (9572 ft elev.) [Baldy Mtn?] at 45°11' N, 111°57' W, with same phenomenon of objects emerging and re-entering the cloud. ADC 29th Air Div, AACS (1906-5 Sq Detachment) and CAA checked for radar tracks, none reported. (Sparks; Martin Shough; NICAP; Berliner) | 30+ mins | 12 | 1/4 ? | color movie and still photos, 8x and 50x binoculars |
| 747. | 1747 | July 29, 1952. Great Falls AFB, Montana (47°30' N, 111°13' W). 3:25-4:48 p.m. (MST). 17+ military and civilian USAF personnel (possibly totaling 50) at AACS Sq, and 1701st Air Traffic Sq and 1701st Air Transport Wing and Wing Intelligence, Great Falls AFB were alerted by a Plan 62/Plan 113 inter-base intercom alert at 3:20 p.m. MST from McChord AFB, Seattle, Wash., of a possible incoming UFO, including USAF Maj. John J. LeGrand, Maj. Raymond L. Kolman, Capt. Roy J. Jackson, S/Sgt Donald M. Manchester, Lt Hilton D. Logan, Capt. Orin G. Harman, Lt John Macgill, Mrs Anne L. Macgill (off base 8 mi from Great Falls alerted by husband Lt Macgill), Miss Virginia Walbon, Airman Charles Hooks, Mrs Anne E. Mihalik, Mrs Margaret Evans (Western Union at GFAFB), Mrs Forrester, Airman William Cole, Airman Harold Bennett, S/Sgt Charles C. Boden, Jr., M/Sgt Clarence R. Stotesbury, T/Sgt Fernandez. McChord AFB transmission was cut off in mid-sentence right after the words "flying saucer" and base personnel later falsely denied ever making the alert (though heard by multiple GFAFB personnel). Some GFAFB personnel had sightings possibly as early as 2:30 p.m. Disc-shaped object. ADC 29th Air Div, AACS (1906-5 Sq Detachment) and CAA checked for radar tracks, none reported. (Sparks; NICAP; Berliner) | 2 hr period non-continuous | 18+ [50+] | 1/3? | binoculars |
| 748. | 1738 | July 29, 1952. Merced, Calif. 3:44 or 4:35 p.m. Herbert Mitchell and employee saw a dark, discus-shaped object, trailed by a silvery light 2 lengths behind, tipped on its side, dive, hesitate then circle very fast. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 min | 2 [3?] | | |

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| 749. | | July 29, 1952. Albuquerque, NM. 10:30 p.m. (MST). Los Alamos Lab AEC employee pilot USAF Reserve Lt Col Robert G. LeCompte sighted from home a yellow luminous fattened ellipse 4° in length at 225° azimuth (SW) at 20°-25° elevation, which began rapidly shrinking in size and changing color to yellowish-white then white after 45-60 secs while in the same motionless position, disappeared after another 15 secs. LeCompte noted setting half moon [52% illumination] set at 10:57 p.m. MST [at azimuth 246°]. No sound. (Sparks; BB files; BB Status Report 8, Dec 1952, p. 30) | 1-1¼ mins | 1 | 8 | |
| 750. | 1755 | July 29 [not 30], 1952. Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico. 11:02 p.m. (MST). USAF 1st Lt. George E. Funk Jr., [Radar] Duty Controller, 135th AC&W Sq, Kirtland AFB, saw an almost stationary yellow-orange light at 240° azimuth (about WSW) at about 3,000 ft altitude, seen through a surveyor's transit [theodolite] for 3 mins, [naked eye 7 mins], along with Airman/1C K. D. Peebles, Airman/1C W. M. Stamps [sp?], and Airman 2/C C. D. Bolts Jr. Object faded, no radar contact. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner) | 10 mins | 4 | | |
| 751. | 1755 | July 30, 1952. Continental Divide AFS (35°21'N, 107°55' W) & Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico. 12:14 a.m. (MST). USAF 1st Lt. George E. Funk Jr., [Radar] Duty Controller, 135th AC&W Sq, Kirtland AFB, notified ADC radar station at Continental Divide AFS, 769th AC&W Sq, of a UFO. At the 769th, radar contact was made with UFO then several station personnel went outside to spot object: USAF Capt. Thomas B. Benton, and several others, saw a hovering bent-sausage-shaped light in the E hovering beneath and casting light onto an overcast cloud layer that was at 12,000 ft [thus eliminating astronomical bodies and balloons]. Object at an initial 14° elevation [at 10 mi distance?].<br>At about 12:25 a.m., estimated distance [had increased to?] about 20 miles for a few mins, increasing to 30-40 miles as it began moving in a slow flat horizontal orbit at 200 knots (230 mph) about 4 miles diameter over several orbits as it moved N.<br>At 12:35 a.m., Capt Benton observed UFO with 7x50 binoculars and estimated apparent size as about that of a Lockheed Constellation (126 ft) at 25 miles (an actual Constellation was 30 mi to the S). At one point several small lights appeared beneath main object, then light went out and disappeared. Sighted along with Airman/1C Max G. Hancey, Airman/1C Raymond L. Welch and Airman/2C William E. Fuqua, and (civilian) [radar tech?] Richard L. Feldman. F-86 scrambled from 93rd FIS, Kirtland AFB, unable to sight object. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner) | 21+ mins | 5 | 1/10 [2/3 equiv. in binocs] | radar-visual |
| 752. | 1758 | July 30, 1952. San Antonio, Texas. 10 a.m. E. E. Nye and another saw a round, white object fly slow then speed away. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20-30 mins | 2 | | |
| 753. | | July 30, 1952. Atlanta, Georgia. (Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |

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| 754. | | July 30, 1952. Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico. (Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 755. | | July 30, 1952. Keesler AFB, Mississippi (30°20' N, 88°57' W). 11:55 p.m. (CST). Capt. Eugene P. Daspit, Supv., Ground Ops Branch, Electronics Observer Dept, 3398th Tech Training Sq, Keesler AFB, and Tech Sgt. James E. Hansen, CPS-5 Team Chief, 3381st Tech Training Sq, Keesler AFB, detected a slow-moving radar target on CPS-5 radar about size of C-54 radar blip, about 43 miles (40 miles according to Hansen) N at 335° azimuth, first (stationary for 2 mins according to Hansen) moving slowly S about 1 mile in 2 mins [30 mph] (or 2 miles per Hansen [60 mph?]), that stopped for 4 mins, then slowly headed N for 3 mins, stopped 2 mins (at its original position per Hansen), disappeared for 3 mins, then reappeared traveling at higher speed of 40-45 mph, heading NE to range of 50 miles [6-1/2 miles traveled] in 3 mins [130 mph?] at 345° before disappearing at 12:12 a.m. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Roll 13, pp. 1151-1163) | 17 mins | 2 | | radar |
| 756. | | July 31, 1952. 15 miles E of Yokota AFB, Japan (at 38°30" N, 139°57' E ??). 10:10 p.m. USAF pilot Leach and copilot Kato of C-47 with 548th Tech Recon Sq saw an object at 7,000 ft off their left wing. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | | |
| 757. | | Aug. 1952. Skylight Mtn., Washington County, Ark. 3:30 p.m. Inverted tin colored saucers, 4:1 width/thickness ratio, darted in and out of cloud bank, in 5 mile circles in 5 secs [3,600 mph]. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 secs x ? | 2 | | photo |
| 758. | 1771 | Aug. 1, 1952. Lancaster, Calif. 1:14 a.m. Sheriff's deputies and others, one named Mallette, saw 2 brilliant red lights hovering and maneuvering. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 2+ | | |

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| 759. | | Aug. 1, 1952. Near Piqua (radar at Bellefontaine), Ohio. 10:51-11:13 a.m. (EST). Lt. James Lott, radar controller at USAF ADC radar site 664th AC&W Sq at Bellefontaine atop Campbell Hill at 1549 ft elevation (40°22'20" N, 83°43'10" W). tracked target from 25 miles at 230° azimuth from radar site or approximately at 20 miles NNW of Wright-Patterson AFB (WPAFB), Dayton, Ohio, [at about 40°08' N, 84°10' W, which is 24 NM at 235° azimuth from Bellefontaine radar and 19 NM NNW-N at 343° azimuth from WPAFB]. Altitude within FPS-3 search radar (1290 MHz 3.3 RPM) high beam or above 10,000 ft, traveling 400-450 knots (~460-520 mph) on a heading of 240° about WSW and [at 10:54 a.m. ?]. Bellefontaine radar site vectored 2 F-86's piloted by Major James B. Smith and Lt. Donald J. Hemer, from 97th FIS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, at 30,000 ft, located 10 miles SE of the UFO. Jets made visual contact at 10:55 a.m., climbed to 48,000 ft, fell off, climbed again to 48,000 ft and Smith got a weak return on his radar gunsight, shot gun camera film of the white round object or silver-colored sphere or disc estimated at 60,000-68,000 ft based on range limit of airborne radar (or 60,000 to 70,000 ft) [which then took off at high speed ?]. Size calculated at 24-40 ft based on measured 2 mil (~2 milliradian) angular size and 12,000 to 20,000 ft slant range. F-86's broke off intercept at 11:13 a.m., at 5 miles NW of Springfield, Ohio (~10 mi NE of WPAFB). Film reportedly shows UFO image in the upper right of the frames with noticeable motion to the lower left. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Maxwell Roll 14, pp. 51-72, BB Misc Roll 1, pp. 563-580; BB Status Rpt 8, p. 32; cf. Ruppelt pp. 174-6; Keyhoe 1953 p. 107; CR pp. 161-3) | 22 mins | 3+ | 2 mils measured in gunsight (1/5 Full Moon) | RV, gun camera film |
| 760. | 1783 | Aug. 2, 1952. Lake Charles, Louisiana. 3 a.m. USAF 1st Lt. W. A. Theil and enlisted man Edwards saw a red ball with blue flame tail fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3-4 secs | 2 | | |
| 761. | | Aug. 2, 1952. Houlton, Maine. Smart and another witness on a wharf saw 21 objects traveling 200-600 mph. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 35 mins | 2 | | |
| 762. | | Aug. 3, 1952. Hamilton AFB, Calif. 4:15-5:30 p.m. (PDT). 2 AF pilots Capt. L. R. Hadley and Lt. D. A. Swimley, and AF Capt. W. T. Perske, saw visually and with binoculars 2 circular or spherical silvery objects 60-100 ft diameter at 12,000 and 18,000 ft drifting E to W on a 15-mile track passing overhead, darting and dogfighting at estimated 400-450 mph, the upper object dropping from 18,000 to 12,000 ft, at the end replaced by 8 more similar objects appearing in pairs in the W about 15-20 miles distant. No sound. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Misc Roll 1, pp. 538-541) | 1 hr 15 mins + ? | 3 | 1/3 to 1 | binocs |
| 763. | | Aug. 3, 1952. Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. 10:20 p.m. Civilian engineer Anderson saw 3 light-green cylindrical objects hovering at 45° elevation in inverted-V formation, switching to echelon when one object moved, with a rolling motion along its long axis. Disappeared by rapidly rising vertically. (Sparks; BB Status Report 8, Dec 1952, p. 33; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 9 mins | 1 | 4 | engineer |

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| 764. | 1812 | Aug. 4, 1952. Phoenix, Ariz. 2:20 a.m. USAF A/3c W. F. Vain [and Parker?] saw a yellow ball at about 3,000 ft and traveling about 200 mph, heading from NNE to SW, which lengthened and narrowed to plate shape, flying straight and level. (Sparks; NICAP website; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | 2+ (?) | 3/4 | |
| 765. | 1813 | Aug. 4, 1952. Mt. Vernon, New York. 11:37 a.m. Woman and 2 children saw an object, shaped like a lifesaver or donut, emitting black smoke from its top and making a 15° [?] [reciprocating?] arc in 1.5 mins. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 2 hrs | 3 | | |
| 766. | | Aug. 5, 1952. Bet. Lima (12° 6' S, 77° 3' W) and Huacho, Peru. 5:13 a.m. Panagra DC-3 pilot Sullivan and crew saw 3 saucer-shaped objects in a V-formation maneuver around the plane. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | multiple | | |
| 767. | 1827 | Aug 5-6. 1952. Haneda AFB, Japan (35°33' N, 139°46' E). 11:30 p.m. USAF F-94 jet interceptor pilots 1st Lt. W. R. Holder, 1st Lt. A. M. Jones, and Haneda control tower operators. Airborne radar tracked a target for 90 secs. Control tower operators watched 50-60 mins while a dark shape with a light flew as fast as 330 knots (380 mph), hover, fly curves and perform a variety of maneuvers, at one point splitting into 3 targets [?]. (Sparks; Berliner; BB Status Report 8, Dec 1952, pp. 34-35) | 50-60 mins | 4+ | | RV |
| 768. | 1841 | Aug. 6, 1952. Tokyo, Japan. Continuation of Haneda AFB sightings. (Sparks; NARA) | | | | |
| 769. | 1843 | Aug. 6, 1952. Belleville, Mich. Military witness(es). (Sparks; NARA) | | | | |
| 770. | 1845 | Aug. 6, 1952. Port Austin, Mich. Case missing. (Sparks; NARA) | | | | |
| 771. | | Aug. 6-7 [7?], 1952. Port Lyautey [Mina Hassam Tani?], French Morocco (34°20' N, 6°34' W). 7:51 p.m. Control tower personnel and 3 USN officer pilots [one named Dobos?] while flying R5-D saw a brilliant white disc-shaped luminous object with red blinking light, leaving a smoke trail, traveling straight and level at high speed then shut up vertically to 15,000 ft at high speed, then hovered, descended. When aircraft tried to climb towards object it started moving at high speed and chase was abandoned. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 4+ | | |
| 772. | 1855 | Aug. 7, 1952. San Antonio, Texas. 9:08 a.m. Mrs. Susan Pfuhl [Pzuhl?] saw 4 glowing white discs, one made a 180° turn, one flew straight and level, one veered off, and one circled. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 70 mins | 1 | | |
| 773. | | Aug. 8, 1952. Warren AFB, Wyoming. 7:48 p.m. Pollack and another witness saw an object immediately stop without appearing to decelerate. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2-1/2 mins | 2 | | |
| 774. | | Aug. 9, 1952. K-3 area E of Pohang, Korea (at 38° N, 127° E). 8:57 p.m. Pilot Nagrodsky of 1st Naval Air Wing aircraft a fireball with stream of flame pass the aircraft at 1,500 mph, tracked on airborne and ground radars. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2+ ? | | ground and air radars |

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| 775. | 1870 | Aug. 9, 1952. Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana. 10:50 a.m. USAF A/3c J. P. Raley while walking to work saw a disc-shaped object fly S at 5,000 ft at high speed, turn W then [?] hover for 2 secs. (Sparks; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 5-6 mins [1 min?] | 1 | | |
| 776. | | Aug. 11, 1952. Hampton, Virginia. 9/10 p.m. USAF Capt. and wife driving to town saw a series of 7 yellowish-orange low-flying objects climb away. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 5 mins [7 x secs?] | 2 | | |
| 777. | | Aug. 12, 1952. Near Cape May, New Jersey. 5:43 a.m. USAF pilot of F-94B saw stationary glowing object lose brightness and diminish in size. [Star?] (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | 1? | | |
| 778. | | Aug. 12, 1952. Big Spring, Texas. 4:49 p.m. USAF pilot of T-6 saw a light flying at 500 mph and 15,000 ft pass his aircraft. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | | |
| 779. | | Aug. 12, 1952. 70 miles W of Wink, Texas. 10:48 p.m. [?] USN? pilot and copilot of SNB aircraft saw several pie-pan-shaped aluminum colored objects pass ahead of their aircraft and ascend. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2 | | |
| 780. | 1889 | Aug. 13 [10?], 1952. Tokyo, Japan. 9:45 p.m. USMC pilot Maj. D. McGough saw an orange light fly a left orbit at 8,000 ft and 230 mph, spiral down to no more than 1,500 ft, remain stationary for 2-3 mins and blinked out. Attempted interception unsuccessful. (Sparks; Berliner; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 2-3 mins + | 1 | | |
| 781. | | Aug. 17, 1952. W of Athens, Alabama (at 34°49'30" N, 87°11'30" W). 12:47 p.m. USAF pilot of T-6G saw an intensely bright bright white round object hovering then disappear suddenly. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | | |
| 782. | | Aug. 17, 1952. E of Abilene, Texas (at 32°35' N, 99°13' W). 4:49 p.m. USAF pilot of T-6D [from Webb AFB?] saw an oblong polished metal object climbing at 500 mph. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 783. | 1920 | Aug. 18, 1952. Fairfield, Calif. 12:50 a.m. 3 policemen saw an object change color from red-green-orange-blue, shaped like a diamond, and change directions [?] traveling in a straight line "sideways" [?] gaining altitude. Military witnesses [?]. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 30 min | 3 | | |
| 784. | 1928 | Aug. 19, 1952. Red Bluff, Calif. 2:38 p.m. GOC observer Albert Lathrop saw 2 objects, shaped like fat bullets, fly straight and level, very fast. (Sparks; Berliner) | 25 secs | | | |
| 785. | 1928 | Aug. 19, 1952. Boron, Calif. 8 p.m. (PDT). Pilot of USAF aircraft saw tailless object greatly accelerate away to the E and disappear, with airborne radar tracking [?]. No ground radar tracking due to ground clutter. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | | 1 | | radar? |
| 786. | 1938 | Aug. 20 [19?], 1952. Neffsville [Lancaster?], Penna. 3:10 a.m. Bill Ford and 2 others saw an undescribed object flying at 500 ft altitude. No further data in files. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | several mins | 3 | | |
| 787. | | Aug. 20, 1952. W Fresno, Calif. (at 36º47’N, 119º49’W). 6:30 p.m. (PDT). Aeronautical engineer DeMay and civilian pilot Paxton, commercial artist, heard loud jet-like sound, saw object at relatively high speed approach from S with fast “jerky” motions. Sparks; BB files) | 1 min | 3 | | aero engr |

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| 788. | 1944 | Aug. 21, 1952. Dallas, Texas. 11:54 p.m. Jack Rossen, ex-artillery observer, saw 3 blue-white lights hover then descend, 1.5 mins [30 secs?] later one [2?] of them descended further. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 1.5 mins + | 1 | | |
| 789. | | Aug. 22, 1952. Ontario, Calif. 3 p.m. Pilot Irvin of aircraft saw 2 teardrop shaped objects cross his flight path 1/2 mile away in high speed straight level flight creating severe turbulence that rocked his aircraft. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 2 secs | 1? | | |
| 790. | | Aug. 23, 1952. Sinuiju, North Korea. 1:04 a.m. USAF 19th Bomber Group weather recon B-29 crew saw an orange-red cigar-shaped object. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | | | |
| 791. | 1956 | Aug. 23, 1952. Akron, Ohio. 4:10 a.m. USAF 2nd Lt. H. K. Funseth, a ground radar observer, and 2 U.S. Navy men saw a pulsing amber light fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 7 mins | 3 | | RV ? |
| 792. | 1961 | Aug. 24, 1952. Bet. Hermanas, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas. 10:15 [10:20?] a.m. Georgia Air National Guard F-84G jet fighter pilot Col. G. W. Johnson saw two 6 ft silver balls in abreast formation, one turned grey rapidly, the other slowly. One changed to long grey shape during a turn. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | | | |
| 793. | 1964 | Aug. 24, 1952. Tucson, Ariz. 5:40 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. George White saw a large round, metallic, white light with a vague lower surface, fly slowly, then fast with a dancing, wavering motion. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 min | 2 | | |
| 794. | 1969 | Aug. 24, 1952. Levelland, Texas. 9:30-9:53? p.m., 10:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sharp saw an object, shaped like a spinning top, changing color from red to yellow to blue, with a fiery tail, hover for 20 mins with whistling [shrill?] sound, then fly away on a NNW course in 3 mins. Same or similar object returned 1 hr later repeating maneuvers. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 23 mins + | 2 | | |
| 795. | 1972 | Aug. 25, 1952. Frontenac-Pittsburg, Kansas. 5:35 a.m. (CST). Radio station musician William Squyres saw 70-75 ft inverted platter-shaped dull aluminum color object to right side of road about 40° elevation and 750 ft away with head and shoulders of a "man" inside visible in a window, midsection had many windows in which regular motion of some kind could be seen. He stopped the car and got out to look from 300 ft away, object had "rocking motion" and deep throbbing sound, series of 6-7-inch rapidly rotating "propellers," then after 1/2 min rose vertically at high speed from 10 ft height, with the sound like a mass of quail suddenly aflight, and disappeared in a gap of broken clouds but not behind clouds. Later found 60 ft circle of grass matted down in the field. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 200-3; Battelle Unknown No. 12; Vallée Magonia 98; Randle) | 1/2 min. + | 1 | 25 | |
| 796. | 1915 | Aug. 25, 1952. Delaware, Ohio. Stanger. (Sparks; NARA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 797. | 1979 | Aug. 25, 1952. Holloman AFB, New Mexico. 3:40 p.m. Civilian supervisor Fred Lee and foreman L. A. Aquilar saw a round silver object fly S, turn and fly N, make a 360° turn, fly away vertically. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-5 mins | 2 | | |

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| 798. | 1986 | Aug. 26, 1952. Lathrop Wells, Nevada. 12:10 a.m. USAF Capt. D. A. Woods saw a large spherical very bright object with a V-shaped contrail, a dark cone in the center, approach at 1,000 mph, hover briefly, make an instant 90°-180° turn, then a gentle climb and final sudden acceleration leaving blue-white contrail which evaporated immediately. No sound. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | | 1 | | |
| 799. | 1987 | Aug. 26, 1952. Biloxi, Miss. (Sparks; NARA) | | | | |
| 800. | 1994 | Aug. 26-27, 1952. Veracruz, Mexico. 2:15 a.m. Many witnesses of object traveling in straight line out to sea with buzzing noise. Sighting on Aug. 30. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 8 secs | many | | |
| 801. | 2006 | Aug. 28, 1952. Chickasaw (30°45' N, 88°4' W) and Brookley AFB (30°38' N, 88°5' W), Mobile, Alabama. 9:30-10:20 p.m. 3 civilians in Chickasaw reported to duty officer USAF Capt. at Brookley AFB seeing multiple red stationary and maneuvering objects to the S and one moving from S to W, all over the direction of Brookley. AFOSI agent arrived in Chickasaw at 9:50 to investigate and saw the same 4 objects to the S and SW estimated 8-12 miles distance, one fiery red object stationary for 15 mins then drifted 15°-20° to the right then stationary again. Radar operator visually spotted red-green object over Chickasaw to the N. USAF duty officer and control tower operators saw one object to the SW at 240° azimuth to the right and lower than the moon [which was at about 214° azimuth 22° elevation], and another object to the W at 280° azimuth at 10°-20° elevation the latter was confirmed by GCA's MPN-1 radar as a stationary target at 280° azimuth 4 miles range 4,000 ft altitude [= 11° elevation]. AFOSI officer, and others saw one object explode, one do a figure-8 maneuver, etc., 4-6 objects larger than a star or planet varying from fiery red, red-blue, red-green and sparkling diamond appearance, a civilian AF employee saw a flat oval shape. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files) | 50 mins | 10+ | | RV, binoculars, triangulation |
| 802. | 2013 | Aug. 29, 1952. Colorado Springs, Colo. 8:35 p.m. Military [? USAF?] pilot C. A. Magruder saw 3 objects, 50 ft in diameter, 10 ft high, aluminum with red-yellow exhaust, fly in trail about 1,500 mph. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4-5 secs | 1 | | |

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| 803. | | Aug. 29, 1952. WNW of Thule, Greenland (at 77° N., 75°15' W). 10:50 a.m. (EST). US Navy Atlantic Fleet Patrol Squadron VP-23, Thule, aircraft P4Y-2 at 10,000 ft heading 000° True at 150 knots (173 mph) in a half standard rate left turn (4-min 360° turn), copilot acting as pilot Lt JG William A. O'Flaherty, and navigator LtJG R. S. Moore in the aircraft astrodome, were following an 85 ft diameter Skyhook balloon launched from an icebreaker US Coast Guard Cutter *Eastwind* when upon release of the parachute instrument package from the balloon they sighted 3 white discs or globes, about ½ to almost the full apparent size of the balloon, in triangle formation slightly W of N [NNW?], clustered to the right of the Skyhook instrument package at 74,000 ft for some 2-3 minutes. [Discrepancy in 2004 account claiming that pilot Lt. John C. Callahan and aircraft commander Merchant (navigator Moore?) also observed UFO's, though denied by the copilot report of O'Flaherty in 1952.] O'Flaherty lost the objects in the sun [in the SSE] but Moore then [flying very fast in triangular formation with a vertical banking] climbed to disappearance in 5 secs [3? secs] with no trail or exhaust or visible means of propulsion. (Sparks; *Naval History* magazine Oct 2004, web version; Jan Aldrich; NICAP Dan Wilson; Berliner) | 2-3 mins | 2 [4?] | [1/10 ?] | |
| 804. | | Aug. 30, 1952. Santa Monica, Calif. 8, 11:30 p.m. Hehr and another witness sitting in a park saw many horizontal bar-shaped objects appearing and disappearing, forming a formation, traveling laterally at 1,500 mph. 2nd sighting of light near moon. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 mins + ? | 2 | | |
| 805. | | Sept. 1, 1952. Atlanta, Georgia. 9:43 p.m. Mrs. William Davis and 9 others saw a light, similar to the evening star, move up and down for a long period of time. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 10 | | |
| 806. | 2022 | Sept. 1, 1952. Marietta, Georgia. 10:30 p.m. Mr. Bowman (ex-artillery officer) and 24 others saw a red, white, and blue-green object which spun and shot off sparks. An unidentified witness using binoculars saw 2 large objects shaped like spinning tops with red, blue and green colors, fly side by side, leaving a sparkling trail for 30 mins. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15-30 mins | 26 | | binoculars |
| 807. | | Sept. 1, 1952. Marietta, Georgia. 10:50 p.m. Ex-AAF B-25 gunner saw 2 large white disc-shaped objects with green vapor trails fly in trail formation, merge, fly away very fast. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 808. | 2023 | Sept. 1, 1952. Yaak, Montana. 4:45 a.m. Visual sighting by 2 USAF enlisted men, radar tracking by 3 men using FPS-3 radar set. 2 small, varicolored lights became black silhouettes [of "dark, cigar-shaped object"?] at dawn, flew erratically. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Ruppelt p. 194) | 1 hr | 5 | | RV |
| 809. | | Sept. 2, 1952. Tokyo, Japan. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 810. | 2025 | Sept. 2, 1952. Midway Airport, Chicago, lllinois (41°47' N, 87°45' W). 12:01-7 a.m. (CST). CAA radar controllers Robert L. Terneuzen (GCA), Ralph L. Frick, Dale E. Warner, Warren J. Weber, and Radar Mainenance Technician Gordon R. Coplenad, at Midway Airport tracked as many as 30 targets simultaneously, flying in various directions, "average" speed of 175 mph at about 2,000 ft ASL. ADC 755th AC&W radar station, Williams Bay / Elkhorn, Wisc., claimed Midway Airport Tower Supervisor called at 2:50 a.m. saying there were 40 targets plotted by Midway Airport radar from 3,000 to 6,000 ft, speed 120-150 mph, azimuths 180° to 300° (Midway Tower claimed the 755th was not alerted by Midway until 5:14 a.m., and that it was indirect, through Chicago ARTC). Targets were the size of blips from "light planes" or larger (best target quality in the 6-10 mi range) and moved in no particular pattern except, sometimes "erratic" and sometimes in straight lines up to 15 miles long and in at least one instance of "flying formation" with an aircraft. At about 4 a.m. [CST], 2 targets flew in formation with an inbound DC-4 airliner, one on each wing of the DC-4 about ½ mi away (the precise minimum distance for the PAR-1 elevation / height-finder radar beam's 3.6° azimuth resolution, 0.50 mi at 8 mi distance, to prevent the 3 blips merging into one blip). Wing formation started from near Lake Shore [about 8 miles away] until 1 mile out on final approach when each target flew off from the DC-4 at the same time, in opposite directions, as if controlled [possible hoax prank by ADC 4706th fighters]. Two F-86 fighters, piloted by Capt. (later Col.) William W. Maitland and Lt. Beverly J. Dunjill (latter returned from 100 combat missions in Korea as a combat flight instructor, test pilot, and 62nd FIS Ops Ofcr), 62nd FIS, 4706th Defense Wing, O'Hare AFB / Airport, Chicago, scrambled by ADC from O'Hare AFB at 5:30 a.m. [CST], took off at 5:50 a.m., were under Midway Airport control searching the area from 5:55 to 6:19 a.m. and were repeatedly vectored "through" targets at 800 to 4,000 ft altitude attempting to "ram" or "hit" them without seeing anything visually [apparently the F-86's carried no airborne radar]. In fact this is misleading since the 37-foot wingspan F-86 jets were much smaller than the roughly ½ mile radar targets on the screen and could not possibly be "directed" more precisely than that ½ mile region (the F-86 radar blips themselves were about ½ mile in size thus not precise in locating the F-86's either). Overcast cloud layer at 4,700 ft, sunrise at ground level about 5:18 a.m. CST. ADC 755th AC&W air defense radar in Elkhorn / Williams Bay, Wisc. (42°37′01″N, 88°32′19″W) did not detect targets on its CPS-6B, but from ~70 miles away the earth's curvature, beam elevation and ground clutter would block radar detection of targets below about 5,000 ft near Midway Airport. Note: Teletype report by 4706th Defense Wing on Sept 10-11 apparently reports all event times erroneously as "CDST" that should be "CST." (Sparks; BB files; Martin Shough; Berliner) | 7 hrs | 5 ? | | radar |

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| 811. | | Sept. 3, 1952. Tucson, Ariz. 9 a.m. Civilian pilots McCraven and Thomas saw a shiny, dark ellipse make three broad, curving sweeps. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1.5 mins | 2 | | |
| 812. | 2045 | Sept. 6, 1952. Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana. 1:30 a.m. T/Sgt. J. E. Wilson and 2 enlisted men saw a bright star-like light move about the sky. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 hrs | 3 | | |
| 813. | 2048 | Sept. 6, 1952. Tucson, Ariz. 4:55 p.m. Ex-Congresswoman Mrs. Isabella King and Bill McClain saw an orange teardrop-shaped object whirl on its vertical axis, descend very fast, stop, retrace its path upwards, while whirling in the opposite direction. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1.5 mins | 2 | | |
| 814. | 2049 | Sept. 7, 1952. San Antonio, Texas. 10:30 p.m. Chemist J. W. Gibson and others saw an orange object or light (color temperature 2,000° F.) explode into view. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-20 secs | 3+ | | |
| 815. | 2052 | Sept. 7, 1952. San Antonio, Texas. (Sparks; NARA) | | | | |
| 816. | 2062 | Sept. 9, 1952. Rabat, French Morocco. 9 p.m. USAF Intelligence civilian illustrator E. J. Colisimo saw a disc with lights along part of its circumference, fly twice as fast as a T-33 jet trainer, in a slightly curved path. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 secs | 1 | | |
| 817. | 2077 | Sept. 12, 1952. Allen, Maryland. 9:30 p.m. GOC observers Mr. and Mrs. David Kolb using binoculars saw a white light with red trim and streamers fly NE. (Sparks; Berliner) | 35 mins | 2 | | binoculars |
| 818. | 2085 | Sept. 13, 1952. Near Allentown, Penna. 7:40 p.m. Private pilot W. A. Hobler, flying a Beech Bonanza at 10,000 ft from Allentown to the Caldwell-Bright Omni station, saw a 3 ft object, shaped like a fat football, flaming orange-red color, at his 11 o'clock high position about 450-600 ft away descend at a 30° angle on a collision course, Hobler made a sharp climb to avoid it, object then pulled up in a 65° climb in front of Hobler's airplane, Hobler made a rapid 180° right turn but lost the object traveling at about 700 mph. (Sparks; Berliner; NARCAP) | < 15 secs ? | 1 | 1/2 – 2/3 | |
| 819. | 2093 | Sept. 13, 1952. SW of Enterprise, Utah (37°34' N, 113°43' W). 9:35 p.m. (MST). Pilot of Flying Tiger Airlines airplane N67977 saw a blue light fly very fast on a collision course with the airliner. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 820. | | Sept. 14, 1952. 40 mi SSW of Goose Air Base, Newfoundland (53°19’ N, 60°25’ W). Vapor trails were sighted by an observer in aircraft, formed by aircraft flying SW. Visibility unlimited. (Sparks; NICAP; NEAC History; Jan Aldrich) | | 1? | | |
| 821. | 2093 | Sept. 14, 1952. Olmstead AFB, Penna. 3:35 a.m. (EST). Civilian guards at Olmstead AFB saw blue watermelon-shaped object maneuvering like a helicopter, headed S. (Sparks; BB files) | 3 mins | 2 or 2+ | | |
| 822. | 2086 | Sept. 14, 1952. Santa Barbara, Calif. 8:40 p.m. USAF C-54 transport pilot Tarbutton saw a blue-white light travel straight and level, then fly up. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30 secs | 1 | | |

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| 823. | 2087 | Sept. 14, 1952. North Atlantic between Ireland and Iceland. Military personnel from several countries aboard ships in the NATO Operation MAINBRACE exercise. Sightings include a blue-green triangle flying 1,500 mph and 3 objects in triangular formation giving off white light exhaust at 1,500 mph. (Sparks; Berliner) | | multiple | | radar? |
| 824. | 2089 | Sept. 14, 1952. White Lake, South Dakota. 7 p.m. GOC observer L. W. Barnes, using binoculars saw a red, cigar-shaped object, with three puffs behind it, fly W, then S, then was gone. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30-40 mins | 1 | | binoculars |
| 825. | 2092 | Sept. 14, 1952. El Paso, Texas. (Sparks; NARA) | | multiple | | |
| 826. | | Sept. 14-15, 1952. Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. 11:30 p.m. - 1:20 a.m. Consulting engineer R. J. Portis and 3 others saw 6 groups of 12-15 luminous spheres or discs, which flew in high speed formations varying from arcs to inverted-Y's. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 hr 50 mins | 4 | | |
| 827. | 2099 | Sept. 16, 1952. Portland, Maine. 6:22 p.m. Crew of U.S. Navy P2V Neptune patrol plane saw a group of 5 lights in circular formation at the same time a long, thin blip was tracked on radar. Note: Possible USAF KC-97 airplanes involved in a refueling operation. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 mins | 2+ ? | | RV |
| 828. | 2100 | Sept. 16, 1952. Warner Robins AFB, Georgia. 7:30 p.m. 3 USAF officers and 2 civilians saw white lights fly abreast at 100 mph. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 mins | 5 | | |
| 829. | 2105 | Sept. 17, 1952. Tucson, Ariz. 11:40 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hollingsworth saw 2 groups of 3 large, flat, shiny objects fly in tight formations, the first group slow, the second faster. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 mins | 2 | | |
| 830. | | Sept. 20 [19? 21?], 1952. Topcliffe RAF Station, Yorkshire, England, UK. 10:53 a.m. [4:14 p.m.?] Operation MAINBRACE Meteor jet fighter (flown by Flight Lt. John W. Kilburn and Flight Lt. Cybulski ?) was descending to land at 5,000 ft when they saw a slow-moving circular silver [or white?] object about 5 miles behind them at about 15,000 ft following a similar course then swinging like a "falling sycamore leaf" or pendulum and began descending. As the Meteor turned towards Dishforth the object followed, then stopped falling leaf motion and descent, began rotation on its axis, suddenly accelerated at "incredible speed" faster than a meteor to the W then turned to SE [and disappeared]. Ground ? observers included Flying Officer Paris, Master Signaller Thompson, Higgins ? and 5 other aircrew [on the ground?]. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Ruppelt pp. 195-6; NICAP; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 15-20 secs + | 10 ? | | |
| 831. | | Sept. 21?, 1952. North Sea near England, UK. Operation MAINBRACE sighting by 6 British pilots [including Higgins?] in a formation of Meteor jets who pursued shiny spherical object but lost it in 1-2 mins then it reappeared following one of the jets which turned to pursue but the object outmaneuvered the jet. (Sparks; Ruppelt p. 196; BB files??; Saunders/FUFOR Index ?) | several mins | 6 | | |
| 832. | 2119 | Sept. 23, 1952. Gander Lake, Newfoundland, Canada. No time shown. Pepperrell AFB operations officer and 7 other campers saw bright white light, which reflected on the lake, fly straight and level at 100 mph. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | 8 | | |

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| 833. | 2124 | Sept. 24, 1952. Charleston, West Virginia. 3:30 p.m. Crew of USAF B-29 bomber saw a lot of bright, metallic particles or flashes, up to 3 ft in length, stream past the B-29. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 mins | 2+ | | |
| 834. | | Sept. 24, 1952. Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. 7:45-8:10 p.m. (EDT). USN crew of TBM bomber, pilot William N. Straughan, and G. W. Turnbow and Alan Morris, chased a maneuvering white light with greenish tail, changed color to red on rapid ascent from 25,000 to 35,000 ft, appearing as "brilliant white light" 15 ft diameter at closest approach [less than ½ mile?] when it was "so close that the bright light blanked out all view of the lights on McCalla Field." At 8-10 miles distance appeared to be size of SNB aircraft (48 ft wingspan). (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 16, pp. 150ff.; Weinstein; Ruppelt pp. 43-44; Menzel 1963) | ~25 mins | 3 | 1/3 to 1 ? | |
| 835. | 2126 | Sept. 26, 1952. 400 miles NNW of Azores Islands, at 41°N, 35°W. 11:16 p.m. Pilot, copilot, engineer and aircraft commander of USAF C-124 transport plane saw 2 distinct green lights to the right and slightly above the C-124, at one time seemed to turn toward it, the lights alternated leading each other. (Sparks; Berliner; BB Status Report 8, Dec 1952, p. 36) | 1 hr+ | 4 | | |
| 836. | | Sept. 27, 1952. Hempstead, Texas. 2 USAF T-33 pilots saw a white-silver circular flat disc flying erratically at 600-700 mph. (Sparks; Weinstein) | | 2 | | |
| 837. | 2128 | Sept. 27, 1952. Inyokern, Calif. 10 p.m. 2 couples, using a 5x telescope saw a large, round object, which went through the color spectrum every 2 secs, fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 mins | 4 | | telescope |
| 838. | | Sept. 28, 1952. Tsushima Island, Japan (35°11' N, 136°45' E). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 839. | | Sept. 28, 1952. Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (53.33° N, 60.41° W). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 840. | 2136 | Sept. 29, 1952. Rochester, England, UK [NY?]. 3:55 p.m. Witnesses unknown, but report came via the Rochester Police Dept., of 2 flat objects hovering then speeding away. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3 mins | | | |
| 841. | | Sept. 29 [?], 1952. Aurora [Denver?], Colo. 3:15 p.m. USAF T/Sgt. B. R. Hughes saw 5-6 circular objects, bright white but not shiny, circle in trail formation. [Same as Denver Sept. 30 case?] (Sparks; Berliner) | 5-6 mins | 1 | | |
| 842. | 2140 | Sept. 29, 1952. Southern Pines, North Carolina. 8:15 p.m. U.S. Army Res. 1st Lt. C. H. Stevens and 2 others saw a green ellipse. with a long tail, orbiting. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 mins | 3 | | |
| 843. | 2138 | Sept. 30, 1952. Denver, Colo. [Same as Sept. 29 Aurora case?] (Sparks; NARA) | | | | |
| 844. | 2142 | Oct. 1, 1952. Shaw AFB, South Carolina. 6:57 p.m. USAF 1st Lt. T. J. Pointek, pilot of RF-80 recon jet, saw a bright white light fly straight, then vertical, then hover, then make abrupt turn during attempted intercept. (Sparks; Berliner) | 23 mins | 1 | | |
| 845. | 2143 | Oct. 1, 1952. Pascagoula, Mississippi. 7:40 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McLean and another heard a loud blast and saw a round, milky-white object, shaped like a powder puff, hover for 5-10 mins then fly away very fast in an arc. (Sparks; Berliner) | 22 mins | 3 | | |

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| 846. | 2150 | Oct. 7, 1952. Alamogordo, New Mexico. 8:30 p.m. USAF Lt. Bagnell saw a pale blue oval, with its long axis vertical, fly straight and level covering 30° of sky. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4-5 secs | 1 | | |
| | | Oct. 7, 1952. Provence near Draguignan, France. 7:28 p.m. Air France pilots Francis Cavasse and in flight sighted white egg-shaped object, larger thn transport aircraft [200 ft?] in level flight traveling NE to SW in 230° heading pass about 3 km above traveling estimated 2,000 to 3,000 kph (1200 to 1800 mph) with bluish-white exhaust trail about 25x length of object. | 30 secs | 2 | | |
| 847. | 2155 | Oct. 10, 1952. Otis AFB, Mass. 6:30 p.m. USAF S/Sgt and 2 other enlisted men saw a blinking white light move like a pendulum then shoot straight up. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 mins | 3 | | |
| | | Oct. 14, 1952. Zuni, New Mexico, to Winslow, Ariz. 9:50 p.m. (MST). Pilot Col. [deleted], Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of Secretary of Defense, pilot Col. [deleted], USAF HQ, Chief, Senate and White House Liaison, and copilot Lt. Col. Albert L. Cox, USAFR contract pilot with Travis AFB, while flying in B-25 at 190 knots TAS (~220 mph) at 10,000 ft heading 260° sighted bright white-metallic dirigible shaped luminous object ~30° to the left (at 230° azimuth [or 30° right at 290° azmith]) elevation 40° above aircraft level, possibly 500 ft in size with 2 red lights attached, at 50-500 miles distance possibly 30,000 to 60,000 ft altitude, making zigzag flight path at high speed 1000-2000 mph, forcing aircraft to change course to 200°. Object disappeared in NW at 320° azimuth 20° elevation above flight level. (Sparks) | 35 mins | 3 | ~9° | |
| 848. | | Oct. 15, 1952. Ashiya, Japan (34°42' N, 135°16' E). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 849. | 2171 | Oct. 17, 1952. 10 mi S of Taos, New Mexico. 9:10 or 9:15 p.m. (MST). Kirtland AFB officer Major Charles R. Coble, 4910th Air Base Group, in Jeep traveling N on Hwy 85 saw a round, bright blue light move from N to NE at a [descending?] angle of 45° about 25 miles away at estimated 10,000 ft altitude, speed 2500 mph [25,000 to 35,000 ?? mph], then burn out suddenly in the SE. While at football stadium at half-time in Albuquerque (at 35°N ?, 106°35' W ?) Kirtland AFB officers 1st Lt. Richard D. Volk (34th Air Division ADC), 2nd Lt. William J. Arrowood (4910th ABG), and 2nd Lt. Warren J. Eljenholm (34th AD), sighted bluish-green light falling rapidly in a "near vertical path." [Meteor fireball IFO.] (Sparks) | 2-3 secs | 4 | | |
| 850. | 2172 | Oct. 17, 1952. Killeen, Texas. 10:15 p.m. Ministers Greenwalt and Kluck saw 10 lights, or a rectangle of lights, move more or less straight and level over arc of ~110° at about 50° to 60° elevation. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 secs | 2 | | |
| 851. | 2173 | Oct. 17, 1952. Tierra Amarilla AFS, New Mexico (36°37'25" N, 106°39'50" W). 11 p.m. Military witness [at USAF radar site] saw a white streamer move at an estimated 3,000 mph in an arc. No further details in files. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 secs | 1 | | |

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| 852. | 2177 | Oct. 19, 1952. San Antonio, Texas. 1:30 p.m. (CST). [Ex-USAF aircrewman??] deputy sheriff Woolsey and wife Lillian saw 3 circular or oblong aluminum objects in the N in rough V-formation heading S at about 25° elevation, the two higher objects at estimated ~20,000 ft altitude. One lower object at ~15,000 ft altitude, appearing more than 2x the size of the other objects, “flipping” slowly on its side exposing aluminum side and olive-drab color of other side, showing flattened biconvex disc profile, flying at estimated ~200-350 mph until almost overhead ~70° elevation when it stopped and hovered briefly and witness lost track of other objects. Object rapidly diminished in size till it disappeared [in place due to radial distance?]. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-4 mins | 1 | 3° + 5° | |
| 853. | 2175 | Oct. 19, 1952. 12°17' N, 155°35' W (Pacific) 500 miles S of Hawaii. 6:58 p.m. Crew of USAF C-50 transport plane saw a 100 ft diameter round yellow light, with a red glowing edge, fly at 300-400 knots (350-450 mph). (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 secs | 2+ | | |
| 854. | 2179 | Oct. 21, 1952. Knoxville, Tenn. Daytime (no time given). Weather observer at airport weather station tracked 6 round or nearly round white or whitish objects (white color near the shade of white balloon about the same apparent size of [6 ft] balloon) fly in very loose formation of 2-3-1 objects, visible within the [2°] field of view of standard US Weather Bureau theodolite [David White 6061 or Army ML-47 with 21x magnification] aimed at rising 100-gram balloon (launched 57 minutes earlier) then at 54,347 ft above MSL (16,565 m) in the West at azimuth 267.6° elevation 36.5° [slant range ~17 miles]. Objects made a long shallow dive at the balloon “as if to investigate it” then passed balloon and pulled up in a sharper climb than the dive at increased speed [disappeared by passing out of field of view of theodolite]. Balloon burst at 58,022 ft [about 2 mins after objects disappeared]. (Sparks; BB files) | 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 mins | 1 ? | 1/7 in theodolite | theodolite tracking |
| | | Oct. 22, 1952. Laurinburg-Maxton AFB, North Carolina. 10:10 p.m. Air policeman Airman 2nd Class Bernard F. DeMonte sighted large 100-150 ft football-chaped object with 2 steady red lights in front, 8-12 steady green lights in rear, approaching from the S then pass overhead as DeMonte guarded height-finder radar of 757th AC&W Sq (no detection) then circle around for another pass [map shows distances of ~1-2 miles], heard loud unfamilar droning noise of “ear-splitting pitch.” Object disappeared in SW [SE?] at “terrific speed.” Two other airmen, A/1C [deleted] and A/2C Frank L. Donnelly, heard unfamiliar noise and saw red/green lights from about 2 miles away. (Sparks) | few mins | 3? | | |
| 855. | 2184 | Oct. 24, 1952. Elberton [Elberta?], Alabama. 8:26 p.m. USAF Lt. Rau and Capt. Marcinko, flying a Beech T-11 trainer, saw an object, shaped like a plate, with a brilliant front and vague trail, fly with its concave surface forward. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 secs | 2 | | |

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| | | Oct. 26, 1952. 2 mi S of Roanoke, Texas (~18 mi N of Ft. Worth). 4:18 p.m. (CST). Civilian witnesses traveling by car on Hwy 77 sighted bright silver cigar-shaped object, with "very brilliant blue reflection" (?) in the E at ~30°-35° elevation ~2-3 miles away traveling straight up then S while losing altitude. Object turned to SE and climbed "like a top" covering 60° in ~80-90 secs when it faded from sight to SE. (Sparks) | 3 mins | 3 | 2/3 | |
| 856. | 2196 | Oct. 29, 1952. Erding Air Depot, Germany. 7:50 a.m. USAF S/Sgt. Anderson and A/2c Max Handy saw a round object, silhouetted against a cloud, fly straight, level and smooth at 400 mph. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 secs | 2 | | |
| 857. | | Oct. 29, 1952. Hempstead, Long Island, New York. 5:10 a.m. (EST). 2 USAF F-94 jet fighter crews saw a white luminous object maneuvering at high speed. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files) | 20 mins | 4 | | |
| 858. | 2200 | Oct. 31, 1952. 4 miles S of Fayetteville, Georgia. 7:40 p.m. USAF Lt. James Allen saw an orange, blimp-shaped object, 80 ft long 20 ft wide, appear to the N at treetop level about 600 ft away, traveling towards him about 60-70 mph, cross over his car (when his radio faded out) at about 500 ft height. He got out of the car and watched object linger overhead about 20 secs, then point its nose at 45° angle, accelerate and climb to disappearance in 30-40 secs to the E and slightly to right of the full moon (96° azimuth 35° elevation) at tremendous speed. Similar EM effect and UFO sighting by Lt Col Charles Smith, Jr., in Fayetteville at same time 7:40 p.m. (Sparks; NICAP website; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 191-2) | 1 min | 2 | 17 | EM |
| 859. | 2202 | Nov. 3, 1952. Laredo AFB, Texas (at 27°32'N, 99°28'W). 6:29 p.m. AF 1923-9 AACS Detachment Control Tower Supervisor A/1c William R. Malloy and Tower Operator A/2c Charles A. LeMaster, viewing through open tower window, saw a long, elliptical or rounded football shape, about size of medium bomber [150 ft], shiny metallic or bluish-white-gray light with fuzzy/blurred edges at an estimated altitude of 4,000 ft approach very fast from the SW or 200°-210° azimuth (about SSW) elevation about 10°-20° possibly 10-20 miles away. LeMaster saw it first, in front of a dark cloud bank. Object slowed and paused to the S at about 180° azimuth 5°-10° elevation, and then increased speed to disappear in the SE or 140° to 175° (155°-165° in diagrams) azimuth (about SSE) elevation about 10°-20°. (Sparks; BB Files; Berliner) | 3-4 secs | 2 | 1/3? | |
| 860. | | Nov. [Dec.?] 4, 1952. Congaree AFB, Columbia, South Carolina. 1:42 p.m. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 861. | | Nov. 4, 1952. W Hokkaido, Japan. 10:25, 11:05, and 11:25 a.m. Sightings of 1 or 2 single-engine Soviet La-11 piston-engine fighter aircraft W of Wakkanai, 10 mi NNE of Teshio flying N to S at 1,000 ft, and 1,000 ft over Teshio flying N to S. No radar tracks [allegedly]. Interceptions by 2 F-84 jets escorting B-26 bomber, cut short for low fuel; 2 more F-84's launched but not in time before La-11 departed Japan air space. IFO aircraft. (Sparks; RAND Overflights Rpt TS Supp RM-1349, pp. 66-67; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5+ mins | 3+? | | |

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| 862. | | Nov. 4, 1952. 10 mi E of Caribou, Maine (at 46.9° N, 67.8° W). 5:28 p.m. (EST). USAF pilot of T-6G at 2,500 ft heading 360° Mag, 1st Lt. Charles E. Young, rear cockpit pilot Capt Leon H. Pagan, both of 74th FIS, Presque Isle AFB, Maine, saw a slow moving light changing colors behind them. Young sighted light in the W above low bank of clouds at about 10° elevation, changing colors from red to blue to white, notified Pagan in the back who also saw it, and described it as a white light like aircraft navigation light or star or planet, about 25° elevation. T-6 was turned into direction of light for about 40 miles and pilots noted 250° Mag azimuth from Limestone AFB and 245° Mag azimuth from Presque Isle AFB, before they returned course. Senior Control Tower Operator, A/2c Earl S. Goldsen, 1974th AACS Sq Detachment 1, notified at 5:36 p.m. and sighted light in the W that stopped and moved to the NW. Northwest Airlines Flight 12 landing at Presque Isle AFB also reported seeing the "star." (Sparks; BB files; Project 1947) | 35 mins | 4 | | |
| 863. | 2206 | Nov. 4, 1952. Vineland, New Jersey. 5:40 p.m. Housewife Mrs. Sprague saw 2 groups of 2-3 whirling discs of light fly toward the SE. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30 secs | 1 | | |
| 864. | | Nov. 8, 1952. Tierra Amarilla (El Vado) AFS, New Mexico (36°37'25" N, 106°39'50" W). 6:05 p.m. (MST). Frederick O. Edgar, Philco Tech Rep to 34th Air Div ADC Air Defense Direction Center, and 767th AC&W Sq Radar Crew Chief S/Sgt James A. McCutchin Jr. and A/1C Albert F. Radford, radar scope operator, tracked large 15° wide target on FPS-3 radar at 600 to 1500 mph (5-6 miles movement per 12-second sweep = 1500 to 1800 mph] at 40,000+ ft altitude (height estimated based on 2° masking of lowest beam, at 130 miles range), moving from 130 miles distance inward towards station to 45 miles distance, always at 143° to 145° azimuth (±1°-2°) then moving to 97 miles where it disappeared then reappeared moving back in to 65 miles then stopped 2 mins then moved out again and was lost at 100 [66?] miles. Philco Tech Rep lowered frequency of the low beam radar transmitter and receiver by ~20 MHz to eliminate interference but target remained, though weakened and narrowed in size from 10° wide to 2° wide. FPS-3 lower beam transmitting at 1319 MHz, upper beam at 1274 MHz. Possible deliberate (hostile Soviet?) ECM spurious target generation, of non-real targets (non-real IFO's), radially moving targets that do not cross to other side of scope, no visual or other radar confirmation. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 mins | 3 | | radar |
| 865. | 2219 | Nov. 12, 1952. Los Alamos, New Mexico (at 35°52 N, 106°17 W). 10:23 p.m. AESS Security Inspector saw 4 red-white-green lights fly slowly to the N over Los Alamos Labs prohibited area. Winds to the E not N, can't be balloon. Too slow for aircraft, and would not fly over prohibited area. Fighter alert, no ground radar contact. (Sparks; BB files) | 16 mins | 1 | | |

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| 866. | 2220 | Nov. 13, 1952. Opheim AFS, Montana (48°51'45"N, 106°28'31"W, elev. 3300 ft). 2:20 a.m. (MST). Crew of USAF 779th AC&W station tracked an unidentified target on FPS-3 search radar at altitude 15,000 ft [typo in teletype reading 158,000 ft was not caught by BB which did not investigate] at distance 85 NM (98 miles) at 47°48'N, 108°05'W [to the SW from the radar station] traveling at 210 knots (240 mph) heading straight ESE [actually closer to E] until disappearance at 47°38'N, 105°05'W [also about 100 mi range] at 2:48 a.m. [not the 3:48 a.m. and mistaken 1+ hr duration that BB did not catch as another major typo in the Opheim AFS teletype]. Apparently was an unscheduled civil aircraft (IFO) flying from Kalispell, Mont., to Fargo, ND, or Duluth, Minn. (flight path is a close match to the radar target). (Sparks; BB files) | 28 mins | 2+ ? | | |
| 867. | 2220 | Nov. 13, 1952. Glasgow, Montana (at 48°10'N, 106°39'W). 2:43 a.m. U.S. Weather Bureau observer Earl Oksendahl looked away from the theodolite tracking a weather balloon and saw 5 bluish-white oval-shaped objects 30-50 ft diameter, with lights all around them, fly in a V-formation, at about 2,000 to 3,000 ft altitude, towards him from NW till about 1 mile distant at edge of town then made sharp 90-degree turn nearly overhead to head SW, with 2 objects banking slightly out of formation on turn. Each object seemed to be changing position vertically by climbing or diving as if to hold formation. No noise, no exhaust or trail. (Sparks; BB files) | 20 secs + | 1 | | |
| 868. | | Nov. 15, 1952. Near Pyongyang, North Korea. USAF pilot flying T-6 aircraft was circled 3 times by a 10 ft silvery sphere. (Sparks; Weinstein) | | 1 | | |
| 869. | | Nov. 15, 1952. Washington, DC (at 38.88° N, 76.94° W). 2:40 a.m. (EST). AFOSI Special Agent, 4th Dist., pilot Capt. Martin J. Dawson, and wife, Frances C. Dawson, heard the sound of what seemed to be a flight of a half dozen jets at very low altitude, but when looking out the window they saw a much higher altitude single white / pale-blue light at an estimated 4,000 ft heading S [SW?] which passed nearly over their home slightly offset path to the E at high speed, faster than ever seen before, with none of the green, red or white running lights or wing lights required on night flights. After 7-8 secs, the light made a normal left turn to the S then an "abnormal" climb at about a 45 angle then the light went out. (Sparks; BB files) | 7-8+ secs [10 secs?] | 2 | | |

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| 870. | 2224 | Nov. 15, 1952. Wichita, Kansas (at approx. 37°37'N, 97°16'W). 8:25-8:33 p.m. (CST). USAF senior pilot Maj. Robert L. Wallander, CO of B-47 Transition Section, 3520th Flying Training Sq, Air Training Command, and Capt. Ammon L. [G?] Belleman, B-47 airborne observer, A/3c Dewey J. Phipps, were standing near the Kansas National Guard Hangar, Wichita Municipal Airport, when they saw an elliptical object, blue-white when stationary, moving erratically from 290°-295° True azimuth 20° elevation, traveling on a heading of about 45° (NE) to disappear at 360° azimuth 50° elevation, about 1 mile away, red-orange-glow trailing end of object when moving. Phipps estimated object was about 3 ft size at about 1,400 to 1,500 ft above center of runway, as it made jerky 40 ft upward sweeps with 10-15 sec pauses; with each leap an orange trail appeared behind the object. Moved at high speed then stopped, reversed direction then stopped again NNW of Wichita at azimuth 350° elevation 40°, for 2 mins, then moved 10° to North 360°-005° then climbed to disappearance at 50° elevation. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner) | 8 min | 3 | | |
| dup | | Nov. 15, 1952. Wichita, Texas [Kansas?]. 8:25 p.m. USAF B-47 crew and passengers saw an elliptical blue-white object with orange or red tail, moving erratically. (Sparks; BB Status Rpt?; Saunders/FUFOR Index) [Same case as above??] [2015 Note: This is a duplicate of the above case, with some erroneous details.] | | multiple | | |
| 871. | | Nov. 15, 1952. McAndrew AFB, Newfoundland (47°18' N, 53° 59' W). 9:15 p.m. (AST). Officer-of-the-Day (OD) Lt and Tech Sgt sighted brilliant white egg-shaped object approach rapidly from the SW, then make a sharp flat 90° degree turn when nearly overhead, with no noise, then an "angling" turn climbing back to the SW while making a rapidly undulating, bouncing or skipping motion "like a bobbing cork," until disappearing. Tech Sgt covered his face at one point to brace for impact (according to Ruppelt also the OD "ducked"). (Ruppelt papers; BB files) | 5-6 secs | 2+ | | |
| 872. | | Nov. 16, 1952. McAndrew AFB, Newfoundland (47°18' N, 53° 59' W). 1:15 a.m. (AST). Air Police Airman/3C Smith on guard duty at the AF Dock at McAndrew AFB sighted bright green oval object moving N to S then made a sharp turn to the E and dropped from sight. (BB files) | | 1 | | |
| 873. | | Nov. 7, 1952. Florence, So. Carolina. 5:15 p.m. (EST). (Sparks; BB files; BB Rept 9) | | 5+ | | |
| 874. | | Nov. 20, 1952. 10 mi E of Salton Sea, Calif. (at about 33.3° N, 115.6° W). 7:05 p.m. (PST). USAF pilot Lockhard (Maney?) of B-50 from Davis-Monthan AFB, tucson, Ariz., at 16,000 ft heading 275° sighted at his 11 o'clock position [about 245° azimuth] a stationary light that changed color from white to red to green, which then moved heading NW, suddenly "disappeared like turning out a light." Possibly Venus (IFO) setting at about 241° azimuth (setting time at 16,000 ft corrected for refraction and added flight towards the W, setting at about 7:16 p.m. PST). (Sparks; BB files; Martin Shough; Project 1947) | | 1? | | |

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| 875. | 2246 | Nov. 24, 1952. Annandale, Virginia. 6:30 p.m. L. L. Brettner saw a round, glowing object fly very fast, make right angle turns and reverse course. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 hr | 1 | | |
| 876. | | Nov. 25, 1952. White Sands, New Mexico. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 877. | | Nov. 26, 1952. Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (53.3°N, 60.4°W). 5:56 p.m. (AST) USAF 59th FIS, Goose Air Base, F-94B chased maneuverable object that changed color from white [orange?] to red, heading 180° (S) to SW. Brief F-94 radar lock-on. (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 9, p. 45; McDonald list; NICAP; Project 1947) | 15 mins | 2 | | |
| 878. | 2249 | Nov. 27, 1952. Albuquerque, New Mexico [S of Prescott, Ariz. ?]. 12:10 p.m. Pilot and crew chief of USAF B-26 bomber saw a series of 20 ft black smoke bursts (4-3-3-4-3), similar to antiaircraft fire. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 min | 2 | | |
| 879. | 2253 | Nov. 30, 1952. Washington, D.C. 12:30 a.m. (EST). CAA Senior Airways Specialist Austin M. Stapf (not a radar operator or controller) at Washington National Airport CAA Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) claimed that numerous slow-moving 90-100 mph radar targets appeared on the MEW VG-2 radar. Suggestive of anomalous propagation, but contrary to Stapf and BB, were not "similar" to the July 19/26, 1952, unexplained radar targets: They were unlike the July 1952 cases since there was no visual confirmation, no other radars confirming, and no fighters scrambled. Pilot at 6,000 ft at 12:30 a.m. saw nothing. Stapf claimed "same" thing was observed at same time previous night (12:30 a.m. Nov. 29??) and that Andrews AFB watch supervisor could not visually confirm targets over Andrews displayed on the ARTCC radar scope. Military witness(es) [?]. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; BB files) | 5 hrs?? | multiple | | radar |
| 880. | | Dec. 4, 1952. Colorado Springs, Colo. Bet. 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. USAF Sgt and civilian sighted round aluminum colored object traveling E to W, made several right-angle turns while overhead without slowing, then changed shape as it disappeared in the W. (Sparks; BB Status Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 13; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min | 2 | | |

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| 881. | | Dec. 4, 1952. 2 miles SE of Laredo AFB, Texas (27°33'N, 99°27'W). 8:46-8:56 p.m. (CST). USAF pilot Lt. Robert O. Arnold, 3640th Pilot Taining Wing, Laredo AFB, flying T-28 trainer aircraft at 6,000 ft and 180 knots air speed saw a bright bluish-white glowing object below him at about 1,500-2,000 ft rapidly climbing to his level, showing no navigation lights. Arnold tightened his left turn to keep object in view, object suddenly climbed to 9,000 ft in several secs then dropped down to his altitude again headed E to 6 miles SE of AFB where it stopped and hovered. Arnold pursued on SE heading but after 2 secs object suddenly headed towards him on collision course at high speed at 8:53 p.m., wavering slightly at about 300 ft as if determining which side to pass the aircraft then heading off Arnold's left wing at 150 ft distance, at which point he could see object as a blurred reddish-bluish haze smaller than his T-28, all of which happened too fast for evasive action. Object rapidly ascended to 15,000 ft then circled left as if positioning for another pass at T-28. Arnold in fear turned off running lights, spiraled down to 1,500 ft while keeping object in sight as object continued to head towards him in a dive then pulled up and climbed S out of sight. Lighted weather balloon launched at 8:53 p.m. from Laredo AFB but was not observed by US Weather Bureau observers near any aircraft. (Sparks; BB files; NARCAP; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 15 [BB date error Dec. 5]; Project 1947) | 8 mins | 1 | < 30 ?? | |
| dup | | Dec. 5, 1952. Lackland AFB, Texas. 8:48 p.m. USAF pilot of T-28 saw a blue light maneuver in a counterclockwise orbit then climb. BB date and location error; case is duplicate of Laredo AFB case above. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | | |

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| 882. | | Dec. 6, 1952. About 100 miles S of Louisiana coast in Gulf of Mexico, at 28°10' N, 92°04' W. 5:25-5:35 [5:37?] a.m. (CST). USAF crew of B-29 bomber, based at 3510th Flight Training Wing (Medium Bomber), Randolph AFB, Texas, radar observer 1st Lt Norman Karas, radar observer/Instructor Navigator 1st Lt. William W. Naumann, Jr., Staff Sgt B. R. Purcell, Staff Sgt. William J. De Rause, 2nd Lt. Robert J. Eckert, Staff Sgt. Harry D. Shogren. B-29 flying at 20,000 ft, course 320° true ground track (315° heading with wind from 276° 24 knots), 186 knots (214 mph) ground speed, 204 knots true air speed, tracked on radar one or a few high speed targets at a time moving in a straight line at about 5,240 stat. mph, followed by more targets [one or one new group about every minute for 5 minutes] also moving SE [ESE] typically at about 5,000+ mph. Initial targets, about 4 small blips in a group, approached from 330° true on a SE [ESE] heading moving 12-14 NM per 2.25 sec radar sweep [about 22,000 to 26,000 mph] passed B-29 at 15-20 (naut.) miles range at 70° true azimuth when stopwatch timing began, and disappeared at true azimuth 150° at a timed speed of 5,240 mph [apparently slowed]. Karas alerted the crew to the radar targets over the intercom. Twice radar observer Naumann called out a radar target in 3 or 4 o'clock position then visual observers Purcell and de Rause sighted corresponding blue-white flashes moving at high speed from left to right, front to rear on the right side of B-29, for 3 secs till disappearing [at roughly 5 o'clock position based on drawing in BB file] (estimated at 18,000 ft and 25 miles away). Naumann saw a group of radar targets move from 330° to 150° heading SE then "swing" around behind B-29 maintaining constant 30 (naut.) miles range for 10 secs then disappeared. Eckert saw radar targets on the left side of the B-29 move rapidly from 10 to 9 o'clock position closing in distance. Karas said up to 20 radar targets 1 or 2-3 at a time were seen mostly small round targets except one which was larger and shaped like an upright semi-circle arc open to the right moving to the right. Karas also tracked a "large" target approach from behind to 40 miles then disappear. Shogren sighted radar target moving from 10 to 9 o'clock position on scope [to the W]. At 5:35 a.m. (CST) Naumann tracked several (5?) blips merging into a ½-inch arc about 30 nautical miles away (on 5-inch diameter radar scope set to 50 n.mi. radius thus about 10 nm arc) at 320° [true] bearing and crossed the scope moving out of range at 9,000+ mph. (Sparks; NICAP; McDonald; cf. Condon Rpt pp. 148-150; etc.) | 10 mins [12? mins] | 6 | | radar-visual |

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| 883. | | Dec. 6, 1952. Angoon, Alaska (57°30' N, 134°35' W). 9:15 a.m. (AHST). Air National Guard pilot named Spain saw 2 shiny spheres connected by a solid rod heading S at about 2,000 ft 150 knots, changing shape, and accelerated to disappearance. About 50 ft in size, comparable to a Grumman Goose aircraft [wingspan 49 ft]. At times object assumed flattened shape. No lights, no vapor trail, no exhaust smoke. Pilot chased object at distance of 1-2 miles until it accelerated and disappeared in the Sun [at 8° elevation 158° azimuth in about the SSE]. (Basterfield; Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 17) | 3 mins | 1 | 1 | |
| 884. | 2266 | Dec. 8, 1952. Ladd AFB, Alaska. 8:16 p.m. Pilot 1st Lt. D. Dickman and radar operator 1st Lt. T. Davies in USAF F-94 jet interceptor (s/n 49-2522) saw a white, oval light which changed to red at higher altitude, fly straight and level for 2 mins on 240° course, then climb at phenomenal speed on an erratic flight path. After landing object could still be seen moving erratically, no noise, for 3 mins then took up 160° heading gaining speed while descending, becoming brighter red. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 10 mins | 3-4 | | RV? |
| 885. | 2267 | Dec. 9, 1952. About 10 miles S of Madison, Wisc. (at 42°57' N, 89°20' W). 5:45 p.m. Capt. Bridges and 1st Lt. Johnson in USAF T-33 jet trainer saw 4 bright lights, in diamond formation, fly at 400 mph heading 130° or about SW at about 8,000 ft. They followed objects at 450 mph until passing (overtaking) them near 10 miles NE of Janesville, Wisc. (at 42°47' N, 88° 55' W) at 5:50 p.m., at which time they radioed the ADC 755th AC&W radar site "Soapberry," which could not detect objects, only the T-33. Objects continued on 90° E heading and T-33 followed until breaking off due to low fuel at 5:55 about 10 miles W of Racine, Wisc. (at 42°45' N, 88° 0' W). No silhouette visible even when objects seen against Milwaukee city lights. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 18) | 10 mins | 2 | | |
| 886. | | Dec. 10, 1952. Sondrestrom Air Base, Greenland (67°01' N, 50°43' W). Contrails seen at estimated 50,000 ft on a heading of 019° with a definite point of origin seen forming. (Sparks; NEAC History; NICAP; Jan Aldrich) | | | | |
| 887. | | Dec. 10, 1952. Pope AFB, South Carolina (at 35°01'N, 75°01'W). 9:20 a.m. (EST). USAF Capt Albert F. Perna, Chief Controller, controller Capt Duane Ulstad, and radar operators MSgt R. DeGordin,Capt Ralph E. Coburn, and Capt Stephen Lesko, at 728th AC&W Sq using CPS-5D (1250 MHz) search radar, and height-finding MSQ-1 (2730 MHz) and MPQ-10 radars tracked almost stationary target of ordinary aircaft shape and size on the scopes, at 8,700 ft slowly descending to 4,400 ft and 8½ miles S of station (or at 155° azimuth?) not eliminated by moving-target indicator (MTI). F-51 and 3 other aircraft investigated but found nothing; 8 transient flights saw nothing. Same (?) target observed on Dec. 11; also on Dec. 9 but at about 7 miles range ~170° azimuth. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 20) | 7 hrs 55 mins | 5 | | |

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| 888. | | Dec. 10, 1952. Hungnam, Korea. USN pilot flying aircraft in near-collision with orange fireball. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | | | |
| 889. | | Dec. 10, 1952. Odessa-Hanford, Wash. (at 47°20' N, 118°40' W). 7:15-7:30 p.m. (PST). F-94B crew on combat air patrol protecting Hanford AEC plant, pilot Lt. Harsh and radar-navigator Lt. Batison, spotted a light while flying 265 mph at 26,000-27,000 ft and approached to identify it, UFO performed Chandelle maneuver as in an aerial dog-fight. Object appeared large, round and white with dim reddish light coming from two "windows," came at F-94 on collision course, F-94 banked to avoid impact, lost visual contact. Simultaneous radar-visual with radar contact from 150 yards to 18,000 yards (10.2 mi) range from level 0° elevation to -20° and azimuth 0° (N) to 90° (E) with lockon once [?] on airborne APG-33 radar, lost contact when UFO went out of range. Alleged Skyhook balloon explanation refuted by no record of launch and 280+ mph speed and maneuvers. Star Sirius explanation is refuted as not risen yet (rising time at F-94's altitude and nearest location at end of sighting was after 8:10 p.m.), thus not visible, and would have been in wrong direction (in ESE instead of N, etc.). (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 17, pp. 244-248; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 19; Ruppelt pp. 43-44; NARCAP; Menzel 1963) | 15 mins | 2 | | radar-visual |
| 890. | | Dec. 11, 1952. Leonardo, NJ (40°25'N, 74°04'W). 11:43 p.m. (EST). Two schoolteachers with military backgrounds at Croydon Hall Academy, Francis J. Auermuller and Elmer W. Inglesby, were observing the constellation Orion in the S and sighted a red metallic sphere from the right of Orion headed left into the sword of Orion at about 45° elevation about due S at 180° azimuth, pass through to about 135° azimuth then reverse course with almost no turn radius then gradually lower elevation to 35° till reaching 180° azimuth and disappearing due to distance. Estimated size possibly 200 ft at 25,000 ft distance traveling 2,000 mph [45° azimuth or about 30° arc at 45° elevation, at 25,000 ft range in 15 secs, is about 600 mph]. (Sparks; BB files) | 30 secs | 2 | 4/5 | |
| 891. | | Dec. 12, 1952. Narsarssuak (Narsarsuaq) Air Base, Greenland (61°10' N, 45°25' W). "U" shaped contrails seen forming in a SSE direction. Both ends of the contrail visible and "clear cut." (Sparks; NEAC History; NICAP; Jan Aldrich) | | 1? | | |
| 892. | | Dec. 12, 1952. McGuire AFB, Trenton, NJ. 12:25-12:31 a.m. (EST). Two airmen in the 568th Motor Vehicle Sq, McGuire AFB, sighted object to the ESE heading WSW towards the base until passing overhead then change course heading S, observed 1+ min until it disappeared, then regained it at 12:30 a.m. in the ENE headed towards base course to WSW, observed 40-50 secs. (Sparks; BB files) | >1 min + 40-50 secs | 2 | | |

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| 893. | | Dec. 14, 1952. Charlottesville, Virginia. 11:45 a.m. (EST). Aeronautical engineer former test pilot saw a light orange elliptical shaped object, hovering then move NE at extreme speed, 1,000+ mph estimated. Object gave off discharge that changed brightness when object moved; debris lofted in the air apparently by the object. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 55 secs | 3 | | aeronautical engineer |
| 894. | | Dec. 15, 1952. 10-20 mi W of Goose AB, Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada. 7:15-7:40 p.m. (AST). After alert by Goose Bay GCA radar, USAF 59th FIS, Goose Air Base, F-94B pilot Capt. E. T. Johnson and radar observer Lt. H. S. Norris, chased maneuverable object at a speed of 375 knots [430 mph] on a heading of 270° to 280°, altitude of 14,000 to 24,000 ft. Object changed color from white to red, was tracked on airborne radar 1 minute with momentary lock-on. Unable to overtake object. T-33 crew also sighted it. (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 27; NICAP; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 25 mins | 3+ | | radar-visual |
| 895. | | Dec. 15, 1952. Honshu, Japan. Radar tracking. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 896. | | Dec. 15, 1952. Hartsville, South Carolina. 9:15 a.m. (EST). Major Ruffin W. Gray, USAF pilot of RF-80, 363rd Tactical Recon Group, Shaw AFB, headed W at 300 mph at 15,000 ft saw a bright circular or spherical silvery object about 10+ miles away at 11 o'clock High position, at 30,000+ ft, losing and gaining 3,000 ft altitude at rate of about 5,000 ft/min [ft/sec]. (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 25; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10-15 secs | 1 | | |
| 897. | | Dec. 15, 1952. Greensboro, North Carolina. 9:25 a.m. (EST). Lt. Robert H. Williams, USAF pilot of RF-80, 363rd Tactical Recon Group, Shaw AFB, plus flight leader of the other RF-80, heading N at 300 mph at 25,000 ft saw a bright circular or spherical silvery object with 2 projections on top, which circled around them from 11 o'clock to 6 o'clock position. (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 26; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 45 secs | 2 | | |
| 898. | | Dec. 19, 1952. Andersen AFB, Guam. 6:50 a.m. USAF Major Robert K. McKown and Capt Donald C. MacDonald, pilots of B-17 bomber headed 150° Mag about 130 miles NNW of Guam, and 2 ground witnesses of 54th Strategic Recon Wing, A/2c Lorne A. Anderson, A/3c Merlin T. Johnson, and a Navy Cdr. witness, saw a silvery cylindrical object emitting exhaust. (Sparks; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 30; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 6-45 secs + 45 secs [?] | 5+ | | |
| 899. | | Dec. 22, 1952. Larson AFB, Moses Lake, Wash. [??] 7:30 p.m. Instrument technician stopped his car to watch a hat-shaped glowing object rising vertically in odd spurts right and left, then level off at high speed, glowing white with a red side when rotated, and halfway through a roll no light, then held stationary in the sky with jumpy movements, S of Jupiter (which was to the SSE at about 151° azimuth 53° elevation). Case file missing? (Battelle Unknown No. 6) | 15 mins | 1 | | |

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| 900. | | Dec. 24, 1952. Camp Carson, Colo. 4:17 p.m. (MST). 3 airmen of 3924th Air Police Sq, Camp Carson, sighted silver circular object hovered 2-3 mins to the S about 4 miles away at 2,000 ft, emitting intermittent white lights, no exhaust, no trail, then changed to tear-shape and disappeared at high speed. (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 32; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2-3 mins | 3 | | |
| 901. | | Dec. 27, 1952. Albuquerque, NM & Amarillo, Texas. 10:09 p.m. (MST). Military pilot saw an elongated cigar-like object the size of a medium bomber traveling E to W. Probable near-simultaneous meteor IFO with several-minute clock time errors. (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 34 [erroneous BB date Dec. 28]; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4-20 secs | several | | |
| 902. | 2302 | Dec. 28, 1952. Marysville, Calif. Civilian witness(es). Case missing. (Sparks; NARA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 903. | | Dec. 29 [28?], 1952. Chitose AFB, Hokkaido, Japan. 7:30 [7:39? 7:48?] p.m. USAF crews of B-26 (Ashley and Wood) and F-84G (Col. Howard Blakeslee) saw object emitting 3 beams of light and tracked on airborne radar. (Sparks; Weinstein; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 7 mins | several | | radar? |
| 904. | | Dec. 29, 1952. About 35 miles W of Amarillo near Vega, Texas (at 35°15' N, 102°25' W) and ESE of Tucumcari, New Mexico. 9:05 p.m. (CST). USAF Capt. William T. Bowley and Capt. Herbert T. Lange, both of Perrin AFB, Texas, piloting a B-26 on a training flight headed W at 257° at 6,000 ft altitude and 250 knots (300 mph) saw a extremely large and intense bright round bluish-white light with frequent green tints, no trail or exhaust or aerodynamic features, about 3x the size of a C-54 (or about 350 ft) at a distance of possibly 40 miles at their 11 o'clock position paralleling their course at about the same altitude 6,000 ft heading forward but closing with the B-26. After 5 mins object suddenly climbed vertically 7,000 ft in 5 secs [1,400 ft/sec average, or peak velocity about 2,000 mph at about 17 g's] to disappear in thin broken overcast clouds at 13,000 ft and causing the clouds to glow as if lit by searchlight. Bowley radioed the CAA controller in Tucumcari, N.Mex. Shortly after, the object reappeared under the clouds, the CAA controller was told to look for it but couldn't see it [probably because he was told to look in the wrong direction, to the SW, or it was obscured by clouds], after 2 mins it climbed to the W and disappeared. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 7-10 mins | 2 | 1/6 | |
| 905. | | Dec. 30, 1952. Terrigal, New South Wales, Australia (at 33°26' S, 151°27' E). 12 noon. RAAF Wing Commander Tomkins and wife and child [Alexander?] saw an extremely brilliant carbon-arc bright object to the E about 7.5° elevation in very slow level flight to the left or N for about 1 min over about 8° of arc, estimated at about 2,000 ft height and 2 miles away. Object suddenly turned E and departed away from the observers at high speed disappearing in about 20 secs. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min 20 secs | 3 | | |

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| 906. | | Dec. 31, 1952. NE of Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. 4:50 [4:45?] a.m. USAF crew of RB-36 saw a large red-orange ball of light pass the plane. (Sparks; Weinstein; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 3 | | |
| 907. | | Jan. 1, 1953. Mobile, Alabama (at 30°38' N, 88°7' W). Brookley AFB USAF Capt. and senior pilot saw to the W from a drive-in theater a bluish-white object 1-2 ft size with a short exhaust trail in rapid level flight left to right through 80° arc about 2,000-3,000 ft altitude, 1 mile distance, 250-300 knots speed, started climbing turn at the end and suddenly disappeared like turning off a light. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files) | 30 secs | 1 | 1/50 – 1/25 | |
| 908. | 2315 | Jan. 1, 1953. Bet. Wolf Creek and Craig (or 10 mi SW of Cascade), Montana (47.0° N, 112.0° W; or 47.2° N, 111.8° W). 8:45 p.m. (MST). While diving in car on Hwy 91 about 10 [20?] miles SW of Cascade, Warner E. Anderson, manager of photo shop with wartime air spotter experience, Mrs. Greta C. Wills, manager of women's apparel store, and teenager Marlene Wills, saw saucer-shaped object above horizon about 5 miles away to the SW. Object estimated 25-40 ft long and 6-8 or 18-25 ft thick, like two soup bowls joined at rims with a red glowing bottom, portholes or windows, silver with red glow increasing as UFO climbed, haze around the middle. Anderson stopped the car and got out when UFO dove low at varying 10-50 or 100-200 ft height over Missouri River to within 150-300 ft distance. UFO then climbed fast in a horizontal attitude to disappear 5 miles to the NE, thus 10 miles in 10 secs or 3,600 mph per witness calculation. (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 37 [BB date error of Jan. 3]; Berliner) | 10 secs | 3 | [20] | |
| 909. | | Jan. 6, 1953. Near Dallas, Texas [and Oklahoma City, Okla.?]. 1/1:05 a.m. (CST). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | many | | radar? |
| 910. | 2323 | Jan. 8, 1953. Larson AFB, Moses Lake, Wash. (47.1° N, 119° W). 7:15-7:30 a.m. (PST). USAF ADC 82nd Fighter Interceptor Sq personnel, including Lt Col squadron commander, all on the ground, saw a green, disc-shaped or round object about the size of large weather balloon, flying to the SW, with a vertical bobbing motion and sideways movements, at about 8,000 ft, below scattered clouds at 9,000 ft and overcast at 12,000 ft, moving away against the wind from 240° until disappearance due to distance not entering clouds. Also observed by base personnel at Ephrata, Wash., about 10 miles WNW of Larson AFB, driving to work at the base. F-94 airborne at 7:43 a.m. searched for 30 mins but UFO had already disappeared at 7:30 a.m. No radar tracks. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner; McDonald 1968) | 15 mins | 60+ | | |

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| 911. | | Jan. 9, 1953. Misawa AFB, Japan (40.7° N, 141.4°E). 6:50 p.m. F-94 flying 220 knots (~250 mph) at 35,000 ft heading 360° Mag (about N) tracked object at 24,000 yards (~14 mi) 20° to the left, 10° below aircraft horizon [thus UFO at about 22,500 ft]. Pilot sighted object visually (after about 1 min) [at about 335° Mag], seen as light changing color from red to white to green, with no apparent size, shape, aerodynamic features, means of propulsion, exhaust or trail, or apparent motion. Pilot turned F-94 to head straight towards object at 335° Mag maintaining 35,000 ft at all times, but object continued to remain visual position 20° left of F-94 heading [thus ~315° Mag and impossible to be a motionless star; as well as appearing below earth horizon]. F-94 radar lockon at 5,000 yards (3 mi). F-94 overtook and flew over object in 2 mins [indicating UFO traveling about 150 mph towards F-94 on intersecting path] with UFO radar tracked at range 200 yards (600 ft) at 20° left and 40° below horizon [thus UFO at about 34,600 ft, having climbed about 6,000 ft/min or 6x faster than standard weather balloon, contrary to BB's "possible" balloon explanation]. The F-94 reported radar interference with radar otherwise functioning normally. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website; McDonald list) | 2 mins | 2+ | | radar; radar interference |
| 912. | | Jan. 9, 1953. Misawa AFB, Japan. 6:50 p.m. (Sparks; McDonald list) | 2 mins | | | |
| 913. | 2326 | Jan. 10, 1953. 8 miles NW of Sonoma, Calif. 3:45 or 4 p.m. [4:45 p.m. PST?] Retired AF Col. Robert McNab, and Mr. Hunter of the Federal Security Agency saw a flat object to the NW at 45° elevation traveling about 2,400 mph make three 360° right turns in 2-3 secs each in about 1/8 radius required for jets [i.e., about 1/4 mile radius and 300 g's], two abrupt 90° turns to the right and left, each turn 5 secs apart, almost stop, accelerate to original high speed, almost stop again, speed up again and finally fly out of sight vertically. Sound similar to F-86 at high altitude. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 115-6) | 60-75 secs | 2 | 1/2 | |
| 914. | 2337 | Jan. 17, 1953. Near Guatemala City, Guatemala. 3:55 p.m. Geologist/salesman J. J. Sackett saw a brilliant green-gold object, shaped like the Goodyear blimp with length/height ratio 2:1, fly 400 mph straight and level, stop, then fly straight up with one stop. (Sparks; Berliner) | 22 secs | 1 | | |
| 915. | | Jan. 23, 1953. Bergstrom AFB, Texas. 3:40 p.m. (CST). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 19 mins | 1? | | radar |

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| 916. | | Jan. 27, 1953. 4 mi S of Hanford, Calif. (at about 36°15' N, 119°40' W). 10:44 a.m. (PST). 3535th Observer Training Wing, Mather AFB, pilots USAF Capt. Ronald W. Madley and 1st Lt. Frank L. Cukar in T-29 aircraft at 8,000 ft, 170 kts IAS, 200 kts TAS [230 mph], heading 161° true course 164° [about SSE], saw a round flat object like a pie tin, very bright, a brilliant silver. After 1 to 1-1/2 mins and 3 or 4 more objects appeared. Original object moved N towards the aircraft then away, then towards them again; Capt. Madley thought they were going to have a midair collision. The 3-4 new objects appeared to be tumbling within themselves not in an ordered formation; a barrel-roll effect, passing inside of each other's orbit, within about a 5° of sky, estimated at 12,000 to 15,000 ft (or 15,000 to 20,000 ft) and 30-60 miles away over Bakersfield (at about 35°10 to 35'N 119°10 to 20'W). (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website) | 5 mins | 2 | | |
| 917. | 2361 | Jan. 28, 1953. S of Point Mugu, Calif. 1:06 p.m. R.W. Love, owner of Love Diving Co., and Mr. Ferrenti, while engaged in retrieving radio-controlled drones on a boat 1,100 yards offshore S of the Pt. Mugu Naval Air Missile Training Center (NAMTC), saw an 18-20-inch [15-20 ft?] white, flat disc with fuzzy or shimmering edges, first thought to be the expected return of their [12.6 ft long] KD2R-3 Quail drone launched at 1:00 p.m., but immediately seen to be much faster than the drone and differing in appearance. UFO rapidly approached from about 290° Mag (305° True) azimuth (about NW) fly straight and level overtaking a [landing?] jet aircraft at Arnold Rd. western boundary of NAMTC [near the beach at about 34.12° N, 119.16° W] flying at 150-200 knots in 3 secs directly over the jet on the same course, then pass overhead of Love, disappearing in haze to the E. Altitude "seemed well above" mountains near Mugu Rock (Mugu Peak 1266 ft) [possibly 1500 ft]. Angular size too small at 18 inches size at closest overhead 1500 ft (3 arcmins) to see details including lack of "dark marks" like would appear on the Moon; witness compared "shimmering outline" to the Moon, hence possibly Moon's angular size (30 arcmins) and possible actual size on the order of 15-20 ft, size of the drones. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website; Berliner; cf. Jan Aldrich; Randle) | 3+ secs | 2-3 | | |
| 918. | 2364 | Jan. 28, 1953. Corona, Calif. 6:05 p.m. USAF T/Sgt. George Beyer saw five 25 ft green spheres fly in V-formation, then change to trail formation at which time the end objects turned red. (Sparks; Berliner) | 12 mins | 1 | | |

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| 919. | 2365 | Jan. 28, 1953. Turner AFB (31°36' N, 84° 6' W), Dobbins, Georgia. 9:40-10:00 p.m. (EST). USAF senior pilot at Moody AFB, Major Hal W. Lamb, apparently saw the setting planet Venus changing color and shape (at 267°-270° azimuth 3° elevation dropping below horizon, his estimates varying from 250° to 295°-310° azimuth) while flying a T-33, also seen by Turner AFB tower operators (with time errors of about 10 mins). At about 9:40-9:48 (reported as 9:50-9:58) 2 GCA radar maintenance men at Turner AFB radar tracked 3 moving targets and a stationary target (at due W 270° azimuth, range 26 miles?). At 10:00 (reported as 10:10), the GCA reported 2 stationary targets at 17 and 27 (or 23-27?) miles both 300° azimuth. No visual confirmation though binoculars used. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 12-20 mins [25 mins?] | 2 | | radar |
| 920. | | Jan. 28, 1953. St. Georges, Delaware. 5:18 p.m. (EST). 4 witnesses driving S on St. Georges Bridge, 3 of whom were members of UFO investigation group, Mrs. Gene Thropp, Mrs. Lucille T. Nichols and Mrs. W. Forman, saw a rose-orange 7-inch [?] shiny disc-shaped object with a "white tail" at their 8 o'clock position heading S at about 10° above the horizon traveling about 100 mph, no sound no trail. Object seen through binoculars reversed course to the N then continued alternating heading N to S. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 10 mins | 4 | | binoculars |
| 921. | | Jan. 29, 1953. Presque Isle AFB [Caswell?], Maine. [9:55 a.m. (EST) ?] Three or more fighters from 7th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and other squadrons. Radar tracking ? by Air Defense Direction Center. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 58) | [4 mins?] | 3+ | | RV? |
| 922. | | Jan. 29, 1953. Conway, So. Carolina. 10:45 p.m. Mr. Boothe heard commotion of animals, grabbed gun, saw oblong-shaped lighted object 10 ft above trees slowly moving or stationary, low humming sound. Boothe shot at the object 2x, first bullet bounced off with metallic sound, at 2nd shot object tilted slightly went up at 65° angle to the W at 600-700 mph and disappeared. Cattle deaths claimed connected by townspeople. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich/CUFOS files) | 20-30 mins | 1 | | RV? |
| 923. | | Feb. [deleted], 1953. Finland AFS, Minn. 6:29 a.m. (CST). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 924. | 2384 | Feb. 3, 1953. Keflavik Airport, Iceland. 5:25 p.m. Radar operators tracked 4 unidentified targets. No further data. (Sparks; Berliner) | 24 mins | 2+ | | radar |
| 925. | 2388 | Feb. 4, 1953. Yuma, Ariz. 1:50-55 p.m. U.S. Weather Bureau observer Stanley H. Brown, using a theodolite, tracked in the SSE at 157.2° azimuth 53.3° elevation a white, oblong object almost round, with a solid dull pure white color and a thin white mist completely edging it, flying straight up, leveling off. After 20 secs 1st object was joined by a 2nd similar object that twice flew away and returned to the 1st. Both lost to sight simultaneously behind 25,000 ft altitude cirrus clouds to the SSW at 204.1° azimuth 29.1° elevation after 5 mins timed with stopwatch. Angular size 1 arcminute [1.3 arcmins?]. (Sparks; BB Status Rpt 10; Berliner; McDonald 1968) | 5 mins | 1 | 1/25 (0.5° equiv in theodolite?) | theodolite; weather observer |

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| 926. | | Feb. 6, 1953. Rosalia, Wash. 1:37 a.m. (PST). USAF pilot of B-36 saw a blinking white light turn and disappear. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list) | | 1 | | |
| 927. | | Feb. 7, 1953. Okinawa. 9:22 p.m. USAF F-94 crew and other witnesses saw a bright orange object change color to red and green at intervals, disappear behind a cloud, ground radar tracking. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 15-35 mins? | 5+ [?] | | RV |
| 928. | | Feb. 8, 1953. Barter Island, Alaska (70° 7’ N, 143°40’ W). 4:50 a.m. (AHST). Military pilot [and another witness?] working at airstrip heard a deep heavy sound and saw brilliant round white object with small ray-like appendages descending in a falling-leaf motion but without the upward swings, then hovered, moved about 50 ft against the wind to original position, after 45 secs began to climb using reverse falling-leaf maneuver, picked up speed changing color to orange tint. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 mins | 2 | | |
| 929. | | Feb. 10, 1953. Misawa AFB, Japan (40.7° N, 141.4°E). 6:45 p.m. GCA radar operators of 1953rd AACS Sq, Misawa AFB, detected unidentified radar targets spotted on GCA scope at 1½ mile range on both 2- and 10 mile azimuth scopes, flying at 50 knots. An F-94 was scrambled at 7:13 p.m. Objects not radar tracked or seen visually by F-94 crew. The F-94 reported radar interference; ground GCA, Tower and radio operators all reported VHF radio interference. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | ½ hr+ | 6+ | | radar; radar + radio interference |
| 930. | | Feb. 11, 1953. Bet. Tunis, Tunisia, and Tripoli, Libya. 8:45 p.m. (GMT). USAF C-119 transport crew saw a disc pass the plane. Possibly Venus or Jupiter IFO? (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Printy) | 55 mins | 6 | | |
| 931. | | Feb. 13, 1953. Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas. 2:35 a.m. (CST). Pilots and crew of B-36 aircraft (one named Ruth) saw 3 bright lights of equal intensity in stacked vertical echelon formation approaching at moderately high speed (cruise speed of F-86), one object suddenly accelerated then came to complete halt and the other 2 objects did the same, then returned to original formation and repeated the maneuver, ending in a horizontal echelon with center object the pivot, then all climbed steeply in "swinging" motion at high speed. Possible ground radar contact. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10-15 mins | 9 | | RV? |
| 932. | | Feb. 13 [12?], 1953. Vichy, Missouri. 8:30 p.m. USAF Capt. Robert Bailey, his FO, and crew chief of C-47 transport at 7,000 ft, 170 knots (200 mph) airspeed, heading 43° (NE), saw a small round light as they neared the Vichy Radio Range Station. Light changed intensity and looked like it was on collision course at 238° bearing [heading? from behind or in front??]. Bailey turned on landing lights to try to signal it, light then stopped its approach, flew off their left wing at about 1 mile while changing color from red to amber to green. After 5-10 mins the light dropped back, increased speed, made 3 dives and zooms on a parallel course before disappearing. (Sparks; NARCAP; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5-10+ mins [1 hr?] | 3 | | |

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| 933. | | Feb. 16, 1953. Ramer, Alabama. 5:30 [4:30?] p.m. (EST). Hawk and Stern. (Sparks; McDonald list; BB Status Rpt 10; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 20 mins | 2 | | |
| 934. | | Feb. 16, 1953. Turnagain Arm (S of Anchorage) [Willow? (61°42' N, 150° 8' W)], Alaska. 11:50 p.m.-12:05 a.m. [11:45 p.m. (AHST) ?]. C-47 crew pursued nocturnal light which was below horizon, then ascended, hovered, maneuvered, disappeared. Initially to the E, after hovering, C-47 turned to pursue on 345° heading, object accelerated, brightened and decreased in size, C-47 chased at 270°-290° heading to disappearance in 45 secs. (Sparks; Willy Smith pp. 43-48; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 15 mins | 2 | | |
| 935. | | Feb. 17, 1953. Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. 6:55 p.m. (AHST). Ground observers and fighter interception. Nocturnal light with rapid vertical takeoff. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5+ mins | 6 | | |
| 936. | 2419 | Feb. 17, 1953. Wurtsmith AFB, Port Austin, Mich. (at 44°02'22" N, 83°00'06" W, elev. 647 ft). 10:04-10:25 p.m. (EST). 2 officers and 3 airmen of USAF 754th AC&W squadron saw an object larger and brighter than a star in the W or WNW, changing color, moving slowly until fading out at 10:09. Venus was setting on the horizon at about 10:10 at azimuth ~280°. Radar tracked a target at 10:08 at 9-10 nm range on upper beam only (1297 MHz) of FPS-3 search radar at 300° azimuth moving S for 22 mins, at 55-60 knots (63-69 mph), approaching to ~9 nm range, until disappearing in ground clutter at 10 nm range at 210° azmith at 10:30. Possible helicopter (?) but ADC found no helicopters were flying in the area of sighting. (Sparks; Berliner) | ~22 mins | 5 | | |
| 937. | 2426 | Feb. 20, 1953. Pittsburg-Stockton, Calif. Sighting #1 time unknown; #2, 10:30 [11:30 PST?] p.m. USAF B-25 bomber pilots. Sighting #1, a bright yellow light seen for 8 mins. Sighting #2, a bright light flew on a collision course, dimmed and climbed away fast. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 8 mins + ? | 2+ | | |
| 938. | 2441 | Feb. 24, 1953. Sherman, Texas. 7:43 p.m. Warrant Officer and Mrs. Alden saw 2 bright red, round objects with big halos fly in small circles, climb and fade. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-7 secs | 2 | | |
| 939. | | Feb. 25, 1953. Charleston, West Virginia. 3:30 p.m. (EST). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 15 mins | | | radar |
| 940. | | Feb. 27, 1953. Great Falls AFB, Montana. 3:16 a.m. (MST). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 11 mins | | | |
| 941. | 2543 | Feb. 27, 1953. Shreveport, Louisiana. 11:58 a.m.- 12:02 p.m. USAF airman/private pilot saw 5 yellow discs make circular turns, flutter, 3 vanished first, then the other 2 flew erratic square turns. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4 mins total | 1 | | |

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| 942. | | March 3, 1953. 130 miles W of Luke AFB, Phoenix, Ariz., near Blythe, Calif. 1:25-1:32 p.m. (MST). USAF Capt. Roderick D. Thompson, 3600th Fighter Training Group, Luke AFB, instructor pilot in an F-84 at 25,000 ft 500 mph TAS heading 305° Mag spotted 300-500 ft wide aircraft leaving contrail crossing his path at 10 o'clock high position from left to right at about 35,000 to 45,000 ft and about 400 mph TAS, visible only by condensation vapor emitted from manta-ray shape flat surface. Student pilots of two F-84's, Lt. Jack E. Brasher and Lt. Thomas W. Hale, saw the object but did not follow the pursuit. When Thompson turned to pursue object climbing at full power at about 560 mph, object made slight dipping turn to NW and began climbing at about 20° angle and object appeared to be very thin, and immediately began to form a heavy condensation trail behind it for roughly 1,000 ft and split in two for about 1,000 ft but which ended abruptly and moved with the object, the trail not being left behind. Thompson reached 30,000 ft and closed to within roughly 5-10 miles of object to a point over Colorado River N of Parker Dam, about 70 miles N of Blythe, when he took 151 frames or about 30 ft [6 ft?] of gun camera film of object, 16 mm N-9 camera, apparently at 16 fps 1/40 sec exposure setting [9.4 secs]. (Sparks; BB Rpt 11; NICAP website; McDonald list; Ruppelt pp. 229-230; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 7 mins | 3 | 1/2 to 1 | gun camera film |
| 943. | | March 5, 1953. Congaree AFB, South Carolina. 3:45 p.m. (EST). (Sparks; McDonald list) | 18 mins | | | |
| 944. | | March 5, 1953. Shaw AFB, South Carolina. 5:07 [3:45?] p.m. (EST). (Sparks; McDonald list) | 1 hr? | | | radar |
| 945. | | March 8, 1953. Ashiya AB, Kyushu, Japan (at 33°54' N, 130°39' E). 9:37-10:12 p.m. 1955-1 AACS Det. MPN-1 GCA Unit #20 Precision Approach Radar. Visual white light seen 8 mins at 9:37-9:45 p.m. at end of runway 12 to NW at 300° Mag azimuth, estimated 1,000 ft altitude, changed color to yellowish (then red, green, back to yellow), moved down, up, then disappeared. Visual confirmed by radar, one stationary radar target at 6 miles 1,000 ft, dropped to 500 ft, them climbed to 800 ft and disappeared. Moving radar target traveling 240-360 mph off approach end of Runway 12 at ¼ to ¾ mile NW of Ashiya at 200-1,000 ft altitude, moving NW to SE and E to NW. F-94 intercept 9:50-10:10 p.m. unsuccessful. Crash boat search 10:00-10:30 p.m. unsuccessful. (Sparks; McDonald files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 35 mins | 8 | | radar-visual |
| 946. | 2490 | March 10-11, 1953. Hackettstown, New Jersey. 4 [2?] a.m. (EST). Mrs. Nina Cook, an experienced private pilot and wife of a Pan Am flight engineer, saw a large light, blinking at 10-15 times per minute, move up and down along a mountain range. Earlier sighting at 9 p.m.? (Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min+ [10 mins?] | 1 | | |

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| 947. | 2496 | March 14, 1953. N of Hiroshima, Japan (at 37°25' N, 132°25' E, Sea of Japan). 11:43 p.m. (Japan time UTC+9). USN pilot Lt. (later Capt.) Robert J. Wooten, copilot Lt.JG J. A. Rose, navigator Lt.JG D. W. Carey, AD3 Gibert R. Truelove, radarmen AT2(T) George F. Deimel and ATAN Richard D. Kelly, radiomen AL3(CA) Jimmy Schaefer and AL3 Jerry L. Chavers, fire controlman AO3 Lewis B. Brown and mechanic AN(CA) George E. Noiseux, crew aboard U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet P2V-5 anti-submarine patrol plane, based at Patrol Sq 29, NAS Atsugi, Japan, running ASW patrol for Task Force 77 at 160 kts IAS at 10,000 ft [traveling about 200 mph to ESE] saw “electrifying display” of groups of 5-10 colored lights, totaling 90-100, slowly move aft of the left side of the airplane at a range of 3-7 miles as estimated by copilot, maintaining “extreme precision” in formation with no relative motion. Pilot alerted turret gun crews. Unidentified target tracked at 7 miles range by airborne APS-20 radar from 45° to 250° relative bearing. Attention drawn by IFF signals from 2-3 unidentified aircraft (about 35 mins prior to sighting), one of which was radar tracked yet not visible at less than 4 miles, unclear if these or other IFF aircraft were connected to subsequent UFO’s. Unclear why IFF did not identify specific aircraft by code numbers. See similar incident on April 14, 1953. (Sparks; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; NICAP; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5+ mins | 10 | | RV |
| | | March 20, 1953. Pork Chop Hill [Old Baldy?], Korea. 11 p.m. Mistaken date and time by BB and AF. See April 19, 1953, entry. (Sparks; Barry Greenwood / NICAP; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 948. | 2511 | March 21, 1953. Elmira, New York. 3:05 p.m. (EST). 4 GOC observers at GOC observation post saw 6 discs in a group fly high and fast. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | few secs | 4 | | |
| 949. | | March 23, 1953. Pasadena, Texas. 10:12 p.m. (CST). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins | | | RV |
| 950. | 2521 | March 25, 1953. San Antonio, Texas. 3:05 [11:15 CST ?] p.m. USAF Capt. and Mrs. D. E. Cox saw several lights, some moving straight, others making 360° turns. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1.5 hrs | 2 | | |
| 951. | | March 25, 1953. Nouasseur AFB, Rabat, French Morocco. 9:23-10:15 p.m. (GMT). Majors Radin and Rend plus 1+ crew of C-47 at 5,000 ft saw white light above at 7,000 to 8,000 ft maneuvering in spiral pattern over airfield, descend and land on airbase S of runways at 9:28 p.m. visible until suddenly blinked out on the ground at about 10:15. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 83-87; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 52 mins | 4+ | | RV |
| 952. | 2524 | March 27, 1953. Mount Taylor, New Mexico. 7:25 p.m. (MST). Pilot of USAF F-86 jet fighter at 600 knots (700 mph) saw and chased a bright orange circle flying at 800 knots (900 mph), and executing three fast rolls. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4 mins | 1 | | |

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| 953. | 2526 | March 29, 1953. 6½ mi E of Spooner, Wisc. 3:45 p.m. (CST). Robert C. Gilette, George Reigel (sp?) and 2 others saw an aluminum or silver, circular biconvex disc-shaped object in the S at about 60° elevation fly high and fast to the N at about 60° elevation then back to the S then to the N fading in mid-flight, having twice reversed its course. Note: Gillette saw a similar object Sept. 24, 1938. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 15 secs | 4 | ½ | |
| 954. | | March 31, 1953. Bet. Matsushima (38°24' N, 141°15' E) and Niigata Air Base (37°57' N, 139°08' E), Honshu, Japan. 7:35 p.m. (Japan local UTC+9hrs). USAF F-84 jet pilot Major Eugene S. Williams on training flight, flying at 30,000 feet 540 mph ground speed, observed a very bright round white light about 20° above the horizon at 330° Mag. Red "leg" seemed to protrude from the lower left side and a blue leg from the lower right. UFO "legs" or "beams" seemed to "swivel around." F-84 radio compass oscillating [possible EM effect?]. During first 15 mins object seemed to drop to lower altitude and grow bigger and brighter. Over Niigata at 7:55 p.m., Williams turned to pursue UFO at 330° Mag and increased speed to 350 mph IAS [630 mph], UFO seemed to "pull off and leave" when the pilot pursued object about 7:55-8:05 p.m., gradually moving from 330° to 290° Mag [323° to 283° True]. [At about 39°00' N, 138°07' E], Williams turned back to Niigata and radio compass worked normally. Visibility unlimited, broken clouds below 8,000 ft. Moon rise 6:57 p.m. noted. "Setting" Venus at 289°-292° True azimuth (the AF explanation) cannot be seen at 323° True and Venus not setting to aircraft at 30,000 ft (height extends visibility over the horizon by ~350 mi and flying ~105 mi towards object extends Venus visibility by ~cos [323°-292°=31°] x 105 ≈ 90 mi). Venus set ~8:20 p.m. at F-84 position 30,000 ft 39°00' N, 138°07'E, Venus tangency point ~41°45' N, 134°00' E with refraction (8:18 p.m. if including clouds, if any, at 8,000 ft at horizon ~350 mi away). (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins | 1 | | EM ? |
| 955. | 2535 | April 8, 1953. Fukuoka, Japan. 7:55 p.m. 1st Lt. D. J. Pichon, pilot of USAF F-94B jet interceptor, saw a bright blue light descend, accelerate, fly parallel to the F-94, increase its speed and blink out. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 45 secs [18 secs?] | 1 | | |
| 956. | | April 8, 1953. Bet. Goose Bay, Labrador, and Sondrestrom AFB, Greenland (at 66°00' N, 53°30' W). 7 p.m. (AST). USAF MATS transport pilot Swenson and copilot saw a white light at 15,000 ft on a steady course in a shallow descending turn. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 6 secs? | 2 | | |

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| 957. | | April 12, 1953. Sweetwater, Nevada. 3:10 p.m. (PST). USAF crew of C-47 en route to Stead AFB, Nev., observed 10 round flat metallic objects changing formation traveling at high speed on 110° heading at about 7,500 ft [objects' altitude or C-47's?]. No trail, sound, or exhaust. Objects passed under right nacelle of C-47, now observed by copilot who took control of the C-47, and made tight 300° right turn for a better view, then 2 more crew sighted the UFO's. Objects then made a right turn of greater radius than the C-47's turn, at a lower altitude. Objects seen for about 120° of their turn, disappeared on 300° heading. (Sparks; NICAP; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; BB Rpt 11, p. 12) | 2 mins? | 4 | | radar? |

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| 958. | | April 14, 1953. Sea of Japan (at 43°07' N, 135°40' E, about 200 mi E of Vladivostok, USSR). 9:23-11:50 p.m. (Japan time UTC+9). Navy Pacific Fleet P2V Neptune [probably P2V-3W electronic ferret ELINT spy] aircraft flying at 9,000 ft [and ~200 mph] course 245° observed 2 bright lights flashing in [Morse?] code letter "D" [evidently dash-dot-dot].<br>The 2 unidentified aircraft paced the P2V from a position [radar-tracked] about 12 miles away to a point 170 NM (~195 mi) along its flight path, at 41°45’N, 132°20’E (heading towards N Korea [along course 242° at approx. 10:20 p.m.]), where 3 additional unidentified aircraft joined. All unidentified aircraft closed to 3 miles when the P2V descended to 2,000 ft.<br>P2V continued along [great-circle course, bearing now 240°, additional ~76 mi to approx. 41°12’ N, 131°04’ E] when at 10:43 p.m. the P2V turned [ESE at 115° initial bearing and away from N Korea and the pursuing UFO’s] and flew towards [Niigata] Japan to 39°05’N, 136°33’E [latter point ~160 mi from Niigata Air Base, Japan, 37°57’ N, 139°08’ E, further along ~118° great-circle course], descending to 400 ft above the ocean.<br>At least 5 more unidentified aircraft joined making a minimum total of 10 UFO’s. Night was extremely dark with ceiling and visibility unlimited. No recognition features seen [no wings, tails, etc.] on the unidentified aircraft despite 100+ separate aircraft Close Encounters to within 400 ft (except what was interpreted as an occasional jet glow).<br>From 10:43 p.m. until about 11:50 p.m. the P2V was the target of at least “70 aggressive non-firing passes” or “attacks.” UFO “tactics” were to have one UFO on the P2V's quarter at about 7 miles away. The other UFO’s made “high speed runs,” some from abeam of the P2V but most from astern (behind the P2V) all 70 “attacks” passing under the P2V still flying at 400 feet [but now increasing to ~300 mph near max speed to escape attacks]. At least 10 passes were made by 4 UFO’s in formation with runs from astern all passing below the P2V that was at 400 ft.<br>Unidentified aircraft formed a group and departed when the P2V was about 100 NM (115 mi) off Niigata, Japan [thus at about 38°43’ N, 137°15’ E and about 400 miles from N Korea and Vladivostok].<br>The P2V was on an ECM mission [=ELINT mission] at the time of the interception [and unarmed]. Five cuts [= ELINT Direction-Finding D/F intercepts] were obtained with at least 3 of these emanating from UFO’s confirmed by radar. Radar from one UFO possibly used to position and control the other UFO’s for attacks.<br>UFO Signal characteristics: frequency 2790 MHz, PRF 500 - 550 Hz (or pulses per second) and PW (pulse width or duration) 1-1.5 microseconds. See similar incidents on Jan. 12, 1950, March 14, 1953; also RB-47 case July 17, 1957. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich NARA 1st Marine Air Wing Weekly Combat Summary April 16-23, 1953; McDonald files; BB files) | 2 hrs 27 mins | ~10 | | ELINT radar emission; visual coded signal; RV |
| 959. | | April 14, 19, 21, 23, 1953. Antung, Manchuria, China. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | RV |

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| 960. | 2542 | April 15, 1953. Tucson, Ariz. 5:45 [5:50?] p.m. (MST). S/Sgt. V. A. Locey saw 3 orange lights. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3 mins<br>30 secs | 1 | | |
| 961. | | April 19, 1953. N of Pork Chop Hill (Hill 255) and Old Baldy Hill (Hill 266), Korea (at about 38.25°N, 127.0° E). 1 p.m. (local). US Army reconnaissance observers in 2 Army light aircraft, sighted “white, rounded, delta-shaped object” about 5-7 ft in diameter, with no impression of depth or thickness, traveling at about 60-80 mph with a “vibrating motion” in a NNW to SSW direction over enemy territory near the Korean Western Front. Observers included pilot Lt. Julius Morgan, and observers Lt. James O. Rymus and Lt. Jack E. Myers. (See erroneously dated March 20, 1953, entry.) (Sparks; Barry Greenwood / NICAP; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 4 | | radar |
| 962. | | April 19, 1953. Calumet AFS, Mich.-Lake Superior area. 7:18 p.m. (CST) [?]. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 57 mins | | | radar |
| 963. | | April 29, 1953. Pacific at 28 14’N, 166 05’W. 5:05-5:12 p.m. Army and AF officers on a ship *Brewster* en route San Francisco to FEAF Hq, Japan, sighted metallic silver round object size of F-80 fighter but lacking jet control surfaces flying in jagged path, distance ½ mile at 2,000 ft. (Sparks; Loren Gross) | 60 secs | 3? | 1/2 | |
| 964. | 2555 | May 1, 1953. 10 miles S of Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada. 11:35 [11:20?] p.m. (AST). USAF 59th FIS pilot Capt. R. L. Emberry and radar operator 1st Lt. J. R. Morin of F-94 jet interceptor flying at 24,000 ft, and control tower operator, saw a white light or unidentified aircraft with afterburner but unlike any known aircraft, about 10,000 ft below the jet, evaded interception by F-94. Both object and F-94 climbed to 40,000 ft but object outpaced the jet and continued climb until out of sight. (Sparks; Berliner; Joel Carpenter; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins | 3 | | triangulation? |
| 965. | | May 4, 1953. Goose Bay AFB? Harmon AFB?, Labrador, Canada. 1:50 a.m. [?] Canadian civilian woman saw a football-shaped light metal colored object reflected in a rotating beacon traveling S at high speed, low altitude, disappearing in stratus cloud over the base. Sound like tins striking together. (Sparks; Joel Carpenter; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 966. | | May 12 [2? 13?], 1953. [39 miles NW of ?] Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada. 3:20 a.m. [?] [Unidentified radar tracking by USAF F-94 pilot Lt. D. C. Rogers and radar operator Lt. J. A. Lane who attempted interception but unable to make visual contact.] (Sparks; McDonald list; Joel Carpenter; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins? | 2 ? | | radar? |

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| 967. | | May 12, 1953. W coast of Washington State. 8:15 p.m. (PST). Using FPS-3 search radar and FPS-5 height-finder radar, USAF Capt. D. V. Jensen, GCI Director [and other radar operators], Naselle AFS, Wash., ADC 759th AC&W Sq, 46°25'20"N, 123°47'53"W, elev. 1,926 ft) tracked 2 UFO targets separated by about 80 miles at overlapping times. Other stations detected 500 kHz radio signals possibly emitted by UFO's.<br><br>First UFO radar track on Naselle's radars from 8:15 p.m. to 9:14 p.m. on both search and height-finder radars, were of target at 90 knots (104 mph) at 6,000 ft approximately straight course heading 340° throughout. Jet interceptor and two non-radar-equipped aircraft unable to locate UFO.<br><br>2nd UFO tracked at 8:56-9:36 p.m. at 80 knots (92 mph) at 6,000 ft initial heading 340° then zigzagged to about 40° (about NE) at about 9:00 p.m.] then 300° (about WNW) [at 9:04 p.m.] until disappearance. Jet interceptor unable to reach within about 150 miles of UFO before it disappeared. Coast Guard radio station Westport, Wash., detected 500 kHz CW (continuous wave) weak intermittent signals for 30 secs to 1-1/2 mins at a time seemingly from 3 transmitters operating as homing beams for rendezvous, from just before 9 p.m. until shortly after 10 p.m. Confirmed by radio signal detection by Port Hardy Radio Range Station, Vancouver Island, Canadian Dept of Transport. ADC radar site Maka AFS, Neah Bay, Wash., unable to detect targets. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP wesbite) | 2 hrs 21 mins | 5+ | | radio signals; ground & air radar |
| 968. | 2577 | May 25, 1953. E of Ramore, Ont., Canada (48°26’ N, 80°14’ W). 4:15 AM (EDT). USAF radar site personnel of 912th AC&W Sq sighted orange ball-shaped UFO [that could not possibly have been the moon which set almost a hour earlier at about 3:26 AM EDT in the West (WSW)]. UFO was in the NE [opposite direction from the long gone moon] and at one point seemed to move about 50-60 miles at about 1500 mph, and disappeared in a rapid steep climb through the overcast. UFO left a break in the clouds which had a glow to it. No radar contact. Note similar cases of UFO’s blowing holes in clouds: Newfoundland, July 10, 1947 (in BB, see above) and Chicago O’Hare Airport Nov. 7, 2006 (post-BB). (Sparks; BB files; Berliner) | 20 min | 5 | [1?] | |
| 969. | 2577 | May 27, 1953. San Antonio, Texas. 8:30 p.m. Many unidentified civilians, including Jacobson, saw 9 separate meandering lights. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 min | many | | |
| 970. | | June 10-11, 1953. Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada. 11:34 p.m.-2 a.m. (AST). GCA eadar tracking of 25 separate unidentified objects near base traveling about 30-100 knots (35-115 mph) in no specific pattern. [Anomalous propagation?] (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 hrs 26 [2 hrs 15 mins?] mins | | | radar |
| 971. | | June 16, 1953. Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas. 7:45 p.m. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins ? | | | |

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| 972. | | June 17-18, 1953. 15 miles from Iwo Jima. 11:30 + 11:40 + 11:50 p.m. (GMT+10). Crew of USAF KB-29 aerial tanker plane. Radar tracked an unidentified target that twice approached to within 0.5 mile of KB-29, and once to within 6 miles. Radar contacts to 0006 "K" time (GMT+10) June 18. BB confused dates and doubled the files with some material under mkistaken June 24, 1953, date. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner; cf. Saunders/FUFOR Index; McDonald list) | | 2+ | | radar |
| 973. | | June 21, 1953. Naha, Okinawa. 7 p.m. 9 Japanese and Okinawan weather observers saw an unidentified light move slowly. No further data in files. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 mins | 9 | | 9 weather observers |
| 974. | 2601 | June 22, 1953. Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada. 2:10 [5:40?] a.m. Pilot and radar operator of USAF F-94 jet interceptor saw a red light, flying at 1,000 knots (1,100 mph) elude the chasing F-94. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | 2 | | RV? |
| 975. | | June 24, 1953. Hampton Bays, Long Island, New York. 12:18-12:21 a.m. Civilian woman Madelaine Ward saw "a large aircraft" of exotic design with a lighted red band around the middle, 100 ft diameter, flying very slowly and low, coming straight toward her house with an oscillating motion, then stop near her, 80 ft above ground, fly backward over the water, hover, making the noise of a swarm of bees. Object's top section supported a series of red lights and a cabin with 4 portholes through which a control panel was visible, no occupant seen. The cabin rose above the object, rotated, then glided back. Object tilted toward the W, rose toward the SE, disappearing within 3 secs at an 80° angle of climb. 2 days later a yellowish moss was found at the site. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 112; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3 mins | 1 | 80 ? | |
| 976. | 2606 | June 24, 1953. Simiutak (Simiutaq) Weather Station BW-3, Greenland (60°41' N, 46°34' W). 11:45 a.m. USAF weather observer USAF Airman/2nd Richard A. Hill, 8/13th Weather Detachment, saw through a theodolite a rotating red delta-shaped or circular object 2-3x the size of the 4 ft 100-gram weather balloon [launched about 11:30 a.m.] being tracked at 18,000 ft at 3-1/2 miles ground distance in the W [object size 8-12 ft] collide with and disintegrate or explode the balloon as the object traveled SE to NW. After hitting the balloon it hovered and rotated for 15 secs, then climbed for 5 mins into the wind at 301° (about WNW) in corkscrew loops. (Sparks; BB files; Loren Gross; Berliner; Joel Carpenter; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | 1 | ½ (in theodolite) | theodolite; weather observer |
| | 2605 | June 24, 1953. Iwo Jima, Bonin Islands. Apparently a BB date error for the June 17 incident (see above). | 2 mins | 2+ | | radar |

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| 977. | | July 3, 1953. Tipp City, Ohio (39°57' N, 84°10' W). 6:45 p.m. (EST). Wright-Patterson AFB civilian industrial specialist Wilbur H. Focht saw a solid, brilliant silver, soundless object about 30-40 ft in size emitting irregular "rays," stationary in the S, at 75° elevation, azimuth 200°, above 1,000 ft altitude, ahead of a passing aircraft. Last seen to the S at 70° elevation, azimuth 210°, after it ascended at high speed then turned S [W?] disappearing due to distance or in clouds. (Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4 mins | 4 | | |
| 978. | | July 20, 1953. Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska. 9:35 p.m. (CST). Lt. Dupray and Airman Smith. Possible IFO debris of RAWIN balloon tracked by SCR-584 radar. (Basterfield; Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 9 mins | 2 | | |
| 979. | | Aug. 2, 1953. Saraland, Alabama (at 30°48' N, 88°4' W). Between 4:30 and 5:30 [6?] p.m. Woman named Hughes in her backyard looking to the NE saw a highly polished spinning top or cone-shaped object reflecting the sun at low altitude traveling from NW to SE. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | < 1 min<br>[6 secs?] | 1 | | |
| 980. | 2663 | Aug. 3, 1953. Amarillo, Texas. 12:04 p.m. Airport control tower chief C. S. Brown saw a round and reflective or translucent object fly straight, stop for 7 secs, speed along, stop again, joined by a similar object, then both fly off in different directions. (Sparks; Berliner) | 56 mins | 1 | | |

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| 981. | | Aug. 5-6, 1953. Near Rapid City, South Dakota, and Bismarck, North Dakota. 9:05 p.m. – 1:23? a.m. (CST). GOC observer Miss Phyllis Killian in Black Hawk, S.D., (about 8 miles NW of Rapid City), reported to Ellsworth AFB bright red object first stationary 4 miles estimated distance to the SE [NE?] low on the horizon then rapidly heading S [SSE?] 30° to the right at roughly 2°/sec angular velocity (estimated by Hynek in interview), toward Rapid City, changing color from red to green becoming "greener" as speed increased. Object then returned to original location to SE of Black Hawk but at a greater distance about 7 miles, disappearing behind hills. ADC radar controller found 2 targets heading S, had difficulty tracking due to ground clutter, 3 airmen sent outside to look saw a high speed light heading S. A few minutes later GOC observer reported the object had returned. An F-84 was vectored and made visual contact then directed to stationary radar target about 15 miles NE of Black Hawk, target started moving 320° Mag out to 70 miles range and F-84 intercept was called off. F-84 pilot was about to land in Rapid City when he noticed silvery object like the brightest star he'd ever seen, to the NW, which he pursued on 350° Mag keeping it at 11 o'clock high, 30°-45° elevation, it disappeared after 30 secs, reappeared for 30 secs then faded from sight. A 2nd F-84 was scrambled from Ellsworth AFB, and on a N 360° Mag heading at 15,000 ft he saw a target 30°-40° to his right and at level elevation which "jumped" in elevation to 15°-30°, changed color from white to green, was much brighter than a star and was moving in relation to the stars (3 specific stars he picked out for reference). Pilot turned on radar gunsight which showed possible target beyond maximum range of 4,000 yards (2.3 miles) and GCI ground radar tracked target 5-10 miles ahead of the F-84 out to 80 miles for 5 mins [960 mph?] when intercept was broken off and target went off scope [about 11:42 p.m.?]. About 20 miles from base F-84 pilot, now at 12,000-14,000 ft, saw a red and white pair of lights 10° below the horizon at 180° Mag and height-finder ground radar showed a target at 8,000 ft. Lights visible for 30 sec periods. Radar scope photos and gun camera photos reportedly malfunctioned. (Sparks; NICAP; Ruppelt pp. 232-5; CR pp. 132-6; Saunders/FUFOR Index; NICAP; BB Misc Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 123-151) | 4 hrs intermittent | many | | RV, triangulations |
| 982. | 2686 | Aug. 20, 1953. Near Castle AFB, Calif. 9:05 p.m. [GMT?] Crew of TB-29 bomber/trainer plane saw a greyish oval object make 4 passes at the airplane (3 times at 10-20 miles distance), then dive vertically as if two objects [?].(Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2+ | | |

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| 983. | | Aug. 23, 1953. Port Moresby, New Guinea (9.5° S, 147.2° E). 12 p.m. Australian Regional Deputy Director of Civil Aviation for Air Navigation, New Guinea District, T. P. (Thomas Peel) Drury, wife Marjorie and children (including 8-year-old son Paul), near home near Marine Base Workshops on Coast Road sighted cloud forming to the SW at about 50° elevation as if by vapor trails building up for "several" mins [?], out of which a silvery object emerged flashing reflected sunlight, like a tiny brilliant sun [?] and leaving a vapor trail, climbing fast vertically, then leveling off [?] with another flash [?], in a NW direction towards Napa Napa [in the WNW] at about a 45° apparent ascent angle. Object slightly larger than a pinhead [point source] to the naked eye or bullet shaped [?]. Drury put a telescopic lens on his camera and filmed the high-speed object, estimated Mach 5+ (4,000+ mph), for about 12 [?] seconds on 94 [?] frames of 16 mm film [film type is exposed separately on left and right sides then split down the middle; these frames seem to be from right-hand side] on French Berthiot EMEL C.93 camera until object disappeared at high altitude. No sound. No unusual aircraft in flight per Air Traffic Control. Vapor trail persisted for at least ½ hour. Possible daytime meteor IFO with meteor train. (Basterfield/Paul Dean; Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | mins ? | 4+ | | film |
| 984. | 2692 | Aug. 27, 1953. Greenville AFB, Mississippi. 9:45 p.m. USAF pilot, M/Sgt., others, all on the ground, saw a meandering light. No further details in file. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 50 mins | 2+ | | |
| 985. | | Sept. 2, 1953. Sidi Slimane AFB, French Morocco. 9:14 p.m. Lt. Col. William Moore and 1st Lt. J. H. McInnis [in USAF C-47?]. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3 mins? | 2 | | |
| 986. | | Sept. 28, 1953. Palmdale, Calif. 7:10 p.m. [PST?] Radar observer of USAF F-94C jet interceptor. Visual observation of 1 orange ball traveling 600-700 mph. (Sparks; Berliner; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 6 secs? | 2? | | radar |
| 987. | | Oct. 12, 1953. Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska. 9:05 p.m. (CST). S/Sgt Harold A. Washington and Airman 2nd Harold M. [o W?] Napier, 1st Weather Group, Base Weather Station, Offutt AFB. Target appeared in SCR-584 radar "A" scope in NE, 54° elevation, height 22,500 ft [~4 miles ground range] on a 250° heading for 10 minutes. Gradually changed heading to 70°, height increasing to 37,000 ft [~7 miles], disappearing at 10,000 yards slant [ground?] range [~6 miles] at azimuth 70°. Possible weather balloon IFO (radar size similar) drifting at about 10-17 [?] mph and rising at about 400 ft/min (very slow for normal 100 ft/min standard ascent rate). Initial heading opposite of wind direction from 190° to 240° at 20,000 to 30,000 ft (5-19 knots). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 36 mins | 3+ | | radar |

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| 988. | | Oct. 15, 1953. Minneapolis, Minn. 10:10 a.m. (CST). General Mills Aeronautical Lab research engineers James A. Winker, Fletcher L. Bartholomew (MIT meteorologist-engineer and former AF pilot), and Richard J. Reilly (private pilot with degree in aeronautical engineering and supersonic aerodynamics). During tracking of Project GRAB BAG 79-foot long tear-drop shaped Skyhook balloon at 73,000-74,000 ft [about 40 miles away if at about 20-25 elevation], a 40-50 ft object was spotted, appearing to be over Ft. Snelling 12 to 14 miles SE of observers, at about 130°-140° azimuth, 23°-25° elevation, about 5° below balloon, leaving vapor or smoke trail. Object traveling S in horizontal flight 10° in 9 secs at about 40,000 (to 50,000) ft altitude, roughly 900 to 1,100 mph, passed below the sun [at 31° to 32° elevation, 148° to 149° azimuth]. Object left white vapor trail that immediately dissipated so as to keep constant 5° to 8° length during travel of emitting object. Went into “dangerous” vertical dive at about 175°-180° (or 160°-170°) azimuth for about 10-15 secs dropping about 10° to about 15°-20° (or 18°-20°) elevation, object leveled out in a curve 3°-5° azimuth back to the left and vapor trail ceased to be emitted, then object glowed or flashed in the sun 2-3 times for 1 sec each as if metallic and reflective, seen as a gray mass in the theodolite. Disappeared suddenly with flash of light. Angular size about same as GRAB BAG balloon [that was about 40 miles away, thus about 1.3 arcmins]. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 113-4; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 6, case DD-9; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Project BB Microfilm Roll 19, pp. 1225-1264) | 40-55 secs | 3 | 1/20 (0.5° ? equiv. in theodolite) | aeronautical research engineers; theodolite |
| 989. | | Oct. 16, 1953. Presque Isle AFB, Maine. 9:30 p.m. (EST) [?]. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 hrs 15 mins | | | radar |
| 990. | | Dec. 3, 1953. North Truro, Mass. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 991. | | Dec. 3, 1953. Holloman AFB, New Mexico. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 992. | | Dec. 3, 1953. Newark, New Jersey. 12:15-12:45 a.m. Amateur astronomer watching for meteors saw a tiny reddish-brown oval luminous object flying steady from N to S at high altitude without sound or trail, also observed through binoculars. Half the brightness of Jupiter [mag. –1 ?]. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 60-90 secs | 1 | | binoculars |
| 993. | | Dec. 3, 1953. Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas. 5:12 p.m. (CST). Civilian ground observers saw a silver grey bright light with "skipping" motion, like a stone skipping on the water, with red trail, same or similar objects seen 3x. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 5 secs + 10 secs + 15 mins | multiple | | |
| 994. | | Dec. 5, 1953. Houston, Texas. 8:15 p.m. Children saw yellow-orange ellipse with 40x telescope. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 5 mins | multiple | | telescope |
| 995. | | Dec. 16, 1953. Mediterranean. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 996. | | Dec. 16, 1953. Ground site 3 miles WNW of Agoura, Calif., (at 34° 9.75' N, 118° 47' W) and aircraft SW of Long Beach, Calif. 4:58-5:05 p.m. (PST). Lockheed Skunk Works chief Clarence L. "Kelly" Johnson and wife near Agoura and top Lockheed crew aboard WV-2 aircraft near Long Beach about 30 miles away, independently of each other, saw black flying-wing or ellipse or crescent-shaped object about 170-230 ft wide at about 15,000 ±2,000 ft altitude to the W hovering about 30-60 miles away (255° ±1° True to Johnson; 285°-290° True to WV-2 crew, or 270°-275° magnetic) against the bright sky of the immediate post-sunset background. At 5:04 p.m. after 4 mins to the Johnsons (6 mins to WV-2 crew) object suddenly took off in a shallow climb accelerating [at about 130 g's to approximately earth escape velocity (25,000 mph)] to the W over the Pacific, disappearing in ~10-13 secs (to WV-2 crew) or 90 secs (to Johnson using 8x binoculars) [after reaching 90+ miles altitude]. Projected target radiant at ascent angle of about 5° at about azimuth 270° is at 17 hrs Right Ascension +2° Declination. (Sparks) | 7 mins | 7+ | 1/10 (2/3 or 0.3° equiv. in binocs) | world's leading aircraft designer, Cal Tech trained Lockheed chief aerodynamicist, chief test pilots; binoculars |
| 997. | 2838 | Dec. 17, 1953. Hassleholm, Sweden. Ulf Christiernsson, pilot of the DC-3 aircraft, and flight mechanic Olof Johansson, saw a brilliant metallic sphere at about 2,000 ft [or at 5,000 ft, above a cloud bank?], below their aircraft [?], traveling 700 mph (?) heading S. Balloon? (NARA; Clas Svahn) | 4-5 secs [6 secs?] | | | |
| 998. | | Dec. 19, 1953. Lajes, Azores. Radio interference. (Jan Aldrich; AFOIN files) | | | | radio interference |
| 999. | | Dec. 23, 1953. Bismarck, North Dakota [?]. 3:20 a.m. Ground observer saw 4 yellowish-white oval objects in trail formation with pulsating light the main part of the object and a short ragged red streamer exhaust about 1/4 the size of the object, heading SSW. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 1-2 mins | | | |
| 1000. | 2840 | Dec. 24, 1953. El Cajon, Calif. 8:04 a.m. U.S. Navy Lts. J. B. Howard and L. D. Linhard, flying F9F-2 jet fighters, saw 10 silver oval objects flying at 400+ knots (450+ mph), straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 2 | | |
| 1001. | | Dec. 24, 1953. Scott AFB, Illinois. 10:00-10:14 a.m. (CST). Ground observers using binoculars saw 2 oval extremely brilliant silver objects with mirror-like reflections hovering stationary until F-51's were vectored in and the objects disappeared. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich) | 14 mins | many ? | | binoculars |
| 1002. | 2844 | Dec. 28, 1953. Marysville, Calif. 11:55 a.m. Yuba County Airport Manager Dick Brandt saw a saucer, with a brilliant blue light, reflecting on a nearby building, hovering briefly at one point. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1.5 min | 1 | | |

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| 1003. | | Jan. 1, 1954. Toms River, Marlton, Woodbury, and Surf City (39°40' N, 74°10' W), New Jersey. 10:35 p.m – 12:05 a.m. (Jan. 2). Navy pilot Lt. JG George G. Morgan of Lakehurst NAS, police chief (or captain?) Richard Clement, police officer Oliver G. Osborne and other officers, and 20+ other witnesses, saw 3-12 round or oval white objects with fuzzy edges slightly smaller than Full Moon angular size hovering in the sky to the S for 1.5 hours as 2 objects circled around one (in 2-4 secs) (seen to the ESE from Woodbury, SW from Surf City at higher elevation), then switched places with each other. Some witnesses (such as Mrs. Worthington and son Norton in Woodbury) attempted to drive towards the objects to investigate. Objects suddenly departed to the SW at extremely high speed growing smaller until disappearance in 1-2 secs covering about 60° of sky. Multiple independent witnesses across a baseline of at least 12 miles resulted in triangulation of UFO location near Beach Haven, NJ, seen from distances of about 15 to 40 miles. At least 5 witnesses used binoculars including 7x50 Bausch & Lomb. Hynek calculated speed of 90,000 mph, hovering altitude 4 miles, object diameter 1,500 ft [based on distance of 40 miles; or 500-600 ft based on 15-mi distance]. Projected target radiant at assumed nominal ascent angle of about 5° at about azimuth 225° is at 22 hrs Right Ascension -30° Declination. (Sparks; Mary Castner/CUFOS; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 19, pp. 1807-1821) | 1.5 hrs | 25 | 3/4 | multiple binoculars; multiple triangulations |
| 1004. | | Jan. 10, 1954. 5 mi N of Sonoita (about 25 mi SSE of Tucson), Ariz. (at 31° 45' N, 110° 41' W, elev. 4800 ft). 5:25-5:40 p.m. (MST). James E. McDonald, two other Univ. of Chicago meteorologists, and another passenger in a car were driving N on Hwy 83 when McDonald spotted a brilliant white stationary object, stellar magnitude about –5 to –7, in the SW at about 238° azimuth about 1° to 2° above the Santa Rita Mtns. (elev. about 9,400 ft) about 10 miles away, or at a total elevation about 6° to 8° above horizontal. Sun had set below mountains at 243° azimuth, +2° apparent elevation (refraction included), to the right of the UFO. No noticeable parallax with mountains as they drove 8-10 miles further N (with wide swerves W and E by about 1.5 mi), thus distance estimated at >10 miles (size possibly about >15 ft). Lost sight due to mountains as they drove on. (Sparks; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | 15 mins | 4 | 1/30 ? | McDonald + 2 other Univ. Chicago meteorologists |
| 1005. | | Jan. 14, 1954. Kelly AFB, Texas. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1006. | | Jan. 14, 1954. Keflavik Airport, Iceland. GCI radar interference. (Jan Aldrich; AFOIN files) | | | | radar interference |
| 1007. | | Jan. 14, 1954. New York City, New York. 5:30 p.m. USAF crew of B-47 and passengers saw a fiery object hit the aircraft wing without any damage. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | | | |
| 1008. | | Jan. 28 [26?], 1954. Cold Bay, Alaska. [10 p.m.?] USAF crew of C-54 transport saw a red fireball that stopped then passed the plane. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | 11 mins? | | | |

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| 1009. | | Feb. 1, 1954. 35 miles SW of Tuscaloosa, Alabama [E of Palestine, Texas?]. 2 or 3:15 p.m. (CST). Electronics engineer Verne Baumgartner of Winzen Research and pilot Glenn Hovland, crew of USN Office of Naval Research (ONR) aircraft at 6,000 or 12,000 ft heading E at 80 [?] or 120 mph towards a Skyhook cosmic-ray balloon at 90,000-100,000 ft and 15-30 [20?] miles away from the balloon saw 2 then 4 objects for a total of 6 very bright or deep white or gray circular objects about 20 ft in size [had to be at least 100 ft for shape to be visible to naked eye if 15 miles away] in evenly spaced V-formation (or trail formation?) at about 80,000 or 85,000 ft about 15 miles away at about 45° (or 60°) above horizontal fly over [in between aircraft and balloon] to the left or N of the balloon and around the balloon [??], hover [?] under the balloon in level flight headed ENE then vertically ascend at right angles to level flight out of sight at about 70° elevation in several seconds, estimated speed 1,000 mph. Movie film taken by Bolex camera with 6-inch telephoto lens. Observed through binoculars. Balloon camera took one photo which captured some of the UFO's, which reportedly were translucent (terrain could be seen through them). (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; BB files; Austin, Minn., Daily Herald, July 22, 1954; Joel Carpenter) | 1-1/2 to 5 mins | 2 | | [triangulating photos from instrumented balloon and chase aircraft; binoculars] |
| 1010. | | Feb. 4, 1954. Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas. 11:00-11:06 p.m. (CST). GCA radar operators with 1921st AACS Sq, Det 3, tracked on CPN-4 radar and beginning at 11:01 p.m. sighted visually a dark gray object 225 ft long, as large or larger than B-36 [200+ ft] with long fuselage, "elliptical wings," stabilizer, but with no engines, no sound, no exhaust, about 13-15 miles to SW at about 3,000 to 4,000 ft at 200-250 mph. UFO refused radio contact repeatedly attempted on 4 VHF channels and one UHF channel. Odd colored and arranged navigation lights seen. Passed directly over Carswell Tower at about 70° elevation at same 30° heading and all tower operators saw object and watched it until disappeared in NE [ENE?]. Tower operator Airman McConnell watched UFO continuously and throughout entire sighting using binoculars. ADC CPS-6B radar at Duncanville confirmed target traveling 240 knots (~280 mph). Carswell AFB radar also confirmed target. (Sparks; BB files; Shough) | 6 mins | 7+ | | radar-visual, binoculars |
| 1011. | | Feb. 4, 1954. Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas. 11:20 p.m. (CST). GCA radar operators with 1921st AACS Sq, Det 3, tracked 2 targets on CPN-4 radar maneuvering 17 miles to SW at 5,000 ft. Targets merged on scope to <1/4 mile separation at one point then separated again. Trailing target reversed course twice in 3 secs each case between radar sweeps, straight course 1-1-1/2 miles in between, with no noticeable turn in the 180° reversals – about 4 g's if at 200 mph over <1/8 mile radius. (Sparks; BB files; Shough) | 10? mins | | | radar-visual? |

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| 1012. | | Feb. 15, 1954. Near Savannah River AEC site, South Carolina. 10:15-10:36 p.m. (EST). USAF ADC radar operator S/Sgt. K. A. Payne, 728th AC&W Sq, Donaldson AFB, Greenville, South Carolina, using MPS-7 radar tracked high speed unidentified target the size of about 2 normal aircraft to the S at 203° azimuth at roughly 100 miles range (at about 33.5° N, 83.0° W, near Siloam, Ga.) heading E about 100° true at about 360 knots (400 mph) and 20,000 ft altitude as of 10:18 p.m. (when near Crawfordville). At 10:21 p.m. at about 33°28' N, 82° 5' W (near Augusta) the target had reached 22,000 ft and turned slightly right to about a 110° heading straight toward the Savannah River AEC plant and accelerating to operator estimated speed of 900 knots (1,000 mph) average speed (or as recalculated from mapped positions about 750 mph, probable peak speed about 1,000 mph at 1 g at 10:21:30 p.m.), then it violated the prohibited AEC airspace at 10:22 p.m. at about 33°24' N, 81°53' W. Pope AFB radar also tracked the target violating AEC airspace and notified Payne at Donaldson AFB. At that point at 10:22:30 (?) p.m. object had made a left turn to about a 75° heading, slowing to about 600 mph and continued turning to about 55° heading. At 10:23 p.m. at about 33°30' N, 81°39' W (near New Ellenton, S.C.), target made a sharp 75° turn to the N at about 340° heading having accelerated again to about 1,200 mph average speed (probable peak speed about 1,800 mph at 1.5 g's at 10:22:45 p.m.) heading out of the AEC prohibited zone. Target slowed to about 600 mph again by 10:24 p.m. near Aiken when it sharply turned to the E on a heading of about 70° then 50° then 45° while passing to the S of Columbia, then turned N to a heading of about 20° where it faded near Kershaw at 10:36 p.m. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 21 mins | 2+ | | multiple radars |
| 1013. | | Feb. 22, 1954. York, Penna. (39.96° N, 76.72° W) Several pilots of fighters in the air and GOC observers on ground saw 14 discs climb when the fighters approached. Ground radar tracking. Should be in BB files but apparently is not. (Sparks; Weinstein; Keyhoe 1955) | | several | | |
| 1014. | 2913 | Feb. 26, 1954. Newburyport, Mass. 2:30 p.m. Architect R. M. Pierce, marine engineer George Avery and another, saw a silver disc, with a white trail, make a loud roar. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30-60 secs | 3 | | |
| 1015. | 2923 | March 2, 1954. Near Harrisburg [Middletown and York], Penna. 10 p.m. Research engineer R. C. Swengel saw 3 objects, each with two lights, fly straight and level at medium speed. Military and civilian witnesses? (Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins? | 1+ ? | | research engineer |

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| 1016. | 2926 | March 5, 1954. Nouasseur AFB (33°22' N, 7°35' W), French Morocco. 7:15, 7:38, 9:55 p.m. Crews of USAF KC-97 aerial tanker planes and a C-54 transport saw 1-2 white or amber objects or lights make passes at the aircraft on collision courses as they practiced GCA landings. At 7:15 p.m., KC-97 pilots Capt. G. E. Brown, 1st Lt.. L. B. Gordon and 1st Lt. J. P. Glover, 301st Air Refueling Sq, 301st Bomb Wing, while flying KC-97 to practice landing on 180° heading at 1,500 ft about 5-8 miles SW of Nouasseur base saw 2 white lights to the right at about the same altitude, with one light slightly lower than the other, appearing to be 2 aircraft in formation on collision course or "making a pass" forcing an evasive turn away by the KC-97. Later [at 8:20? 9:20?], after landing and takeoff they saw the same or similar 2 white lights on the same course from the S at 180° on a collision course and they made an evasive 360° turn. At 7:38 p.m. another KC-97 flown by pilots Capt. Robert R. Zadnick, Lt. Paul R. Fisher and Lt. George A. Kerr, also 301st ARS, 301st BW, on GCA landing at 180° heading at 1,500 ft about 5 miles SW of Nouasseur base saw a light at about the same altitude and to the left of course appearing to be headed W on a cross path or collision course, as it crossed it was seen to be 2 lights as if 2 jets in formation, no aircraft running lights. One light passed over and one under the KC-97. At 9:55 p.m., C-54 from Lagos, Nigeria, based at Kelly AFB, Texas, senior pilot Capt. William M. Pond, copilot Lt. I. W. Gilchrist and navigator Capt. James F. Pullen while flying at 2,000 ft on 170° heading on GCA landing at Nouasseur base saw white or amber light like an aircraft landing light at about the same altitude approaching on a collision course heading W 2-3 miles away, then turned onto a direct headon course, passing within 2 miles, then suddenly disappeared like turning off a light for 10-15 secs, then reappeared hovering, descended to ground then rose, and disappeared behind the C-54 after completing its turn onto final landing approach. No radar or other visual contact made. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | mins | 9 | | |
| 1017. | | March 9, 1954. Cincinnati, Ohio. 3:57-4:05? a.m. Civilian-military pilot John H. Stewart while driving N saw a pulsating bluish-white luminous halo surrounding a dark ellipsoidal object that may have been larger than a DC-6 (117 ft) slowly moving S at about 2,000-3,000 ft height, then hovered for 7-8 mins over the General Electric plant, the last 4 mins of which Stewart observed after stopping his car. Object accelerated and suddenly changed color to yellow then red, changed course to the E, then disappeared in an almost vertical climb in secs. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 7-8+ mins ? | 1 | 4 | |
| 1018. | | March 11-12, 1954. Pittsburgh, Penna. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1019. | 2937 | March 12, 1954. Nouasseur AFB, French Morocco. 9:35 a.m. USAF 1st Lt. Robert Johnson, flying an F-86 jet fighter, chased an object at more than 530 mph for 30 secs, but was unable to catch it. Object appeared to be the size of a fighter plane but had neither tanks nor trails [tail?]. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30 secs + | 1 | | |

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| 1020. | | March 24, 1954. Fresno, Calif. Afternoon. While en route to Palm Springs, Calif., by aircraft, Secretary of the AF Harold E. Talbott and aides and flight crew allegedly saw a large, silvery disc-shaped or metallic-looking object following them about 1,000 ft below and 1,000 ft behind. Talbott ordered pilot to turn around to pursue, but when the plane banked, the UFO made a tight turn and streaked away at high speed. Publicly denied by Talbott. Case should be in BB files but apparently is not. (Sparks; Loren Gross Jan-May 1955 History; CRIFO June 4, 1954; Chicago Sun-Times, May 14, 1954) | several mins | 3+ ? | | |
| 1021. | | March 25, 1954. Cape Canaveral [Ft. Lauderdale?], Florida. 3:30 [3:20?] p.m. USMC pilot Capt. Dan Holland flying one of 3 jets with the 3rd Marine Air Wing on an E heading at Ft. Lauderdale at about 26,000 ft and 400+ mph saw a gleaming white ball-shaped object with a gold ring around the lower 1/3, about 2x size of his jet, descend vertically on a collision course, took evasive action, radioed the other jet pilots to look. Object suddenly stopped 3,000-4,000 ft above, he banked toward it and activated gun camera but object then accelerated and disappeared to the E at tremendous speed in about 15 secs. The other 2 pilots flying ahead of him did not see object. (Sparks; Weinstein; NARCAP; BB files??) | 15+ secs | 1 | 1/2 | gun camera film? |
| 1022. | | March 28, 1954. 12 mi E of Cherokee, Wyo. 1:25 a.m. (MST). Capt. Sperry and co-pilot of United Air Lines Flight 600 flying E at 19,000 ft MSL sighted bright green glowing object at 12° to 15° above horizon at 100° True azimuth coming downward at slant angle of 30° to left of vertical [moving to the left?] disappearing behind cloud bank. Also sighted by pilot of DC-3 at 5 miles W of Sinclair, Wyo., at 13,000 ft MSL. (Sparks; BB files) | 5 secs | 3 | | |
| 1023. | | April 7, 1954. 3 miles SW of Fentress, Virginia. 3 p.m. USN pilot C. R. Allen flying F-6F for Fleet Training Center, Norfolk, Virginia, at 3,000 ft heading W near Fentress saw 2 strange saucer-shaped discs in close formation at 3,500 ft height about 15 miles away at about 2 miles NW of Lake Drummond heading NE, seen below and against cloud base of scattered cumulus clouds at 3,000-3,500 ft. Allen turned right to follow objects as they covered about 140° of arc maintaining about the same distance, disappearing near Cape Henry to the NE about 20 miles, covering 30 miles total in about 25-30 secs [3,600-4,300 mph]. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 25-30 secs | 1 | | |
| 1024. | 2962 | April 8, 1954. Chicago, Illinois. 4:30-5 p.m. Lelah H. Stoker saw a brilliant white round-topped disc, parachute-shaped, with a humanoid suspended beneath it, skim back and forth over the water. Stoker called the Coast Guard, a CG cutter appeared after 10 mins, then the UFO approached shore. Stoker saw a short human-like occupant in a green tight one-piece suit and suspended below the object who got out in undergrowth along the shore then walked around. When CG cutter gave up searching the occupant returned to the object which moved back over the lake then took off at high speed to the E. (Sparks; Berliner; Davis-Bloecher 1978) | 30 mins | 1 | | |

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| 1025. | | April 22, 1954. San Nicholas Island, Calif. 2 p.m. USN Seaman Apprentice James B. Stephens, Jr., and Seaman Bernard G. Klein, Jr., while driving a Navy vehicle on base saw a 4-6 ft long gray cigar-shaped object with pointed nose traveling just above the ground on a near parallel course that would not cross the road until far ahead. The object suddenly impacted the ground sending up a cloud of dirt or dust and disappeared from sight. They stopped and searched for 20+ mins but found nothing. Further USN investigations and radioactivity surveying found no traces. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | 2 | | |
| 1026. | 2974 | April 23, 1954. Pittsfield, Maine (at 44°53' N, 69°35'W). 9:30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. and Rose Belle Robinson saw a silver circular saucer-shaped object with a dome 1/2 the size of the base that was the source of constantly flashing brilliant light, making a loud sound like a swarm of bees, which hovered at about 70° azimuth without tilting, flew horizontally with a whirlwind effect and cold air that moved stones underneath its path, then it rose vertically at 30° azimuth without tilting until out of sight. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 4 mins | 2 | 6 | |
| 1027. | 2976 | April 24, 1954. Hartland, Maine. 6:10 p.m. (EST). GOC observer Dean Robinson saw a very large, silver, oblong object with a dome on top and flashing light inside the dome, no sound or exhaust trail, stationary on the horizon for 15 mins then climbed straight up to disappearance. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 15 mins | 1 | | |
| 1028. | 2983 | April 26, 1954. Athens, Georgia. 8:35 p.m. (EDT). Cecil M. Cartey, Howard and Mabel Hopkins and their daughter Betty, saw 15-20 yellow objects in a V-shaped or check-mark-shaped formation, fly at tremendous speed from low elevation in the S in smooth motion to high elevation in the N where they disappeared, no sound. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 10 secs | 4 | 20 | |
| 1029. | 2997 | May 11, 1954. Washington, D.C. 10:45 p.m. 3 USAF air policemen at Washington National Airport saw 2 bright lights on 3 occasions fly straight and level, make 90° degree turns and fade. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3 x 45 secs | 3 | | |
| 1030. | | May 13, 1954. Pacific bet. Hawaii and Calif. (at 26° 5' N, 146°12' W). 1:45 a.m. (AHST). USAF pilot Capt. D. B. Mautner, 32nd Air Transport Sq, McChord AFB, Wash., and crew (?) of C-124 transport en route from Hickam AFB, Hawaii, to Travis AFB, Calif., saw bright light moving parallel with them on the left, object signaled back in response to aircraft blinking lights, departed to NE at very high speed climbing. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 5 mins | 2+ ? | | |

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| 1031. | | May 14, 1954. 10 miles NNW of Great Yarmouth, England, UK. 3:40 p.m. 3 USAF F-86 jets flown at 40,000 ft Mach 0.85 (560 mph) by Capt. Kenneth J. Scott, Jr., 2nd Lt. Harry Joseph Ickes and 2nd Lt. David B. Clardy, 91st Fighter Sq, were vectored by GCI radar Type 7 at RAF Bawdsey to unidentified object at 8 miles at 1 o'clock to their course taveling at 240 knots IAS, to the S [N?] at 10° azimuth, sighted visually as about 30 ft silver or gray round object as seen from below, showing thin silhouette while turning, at 50,000-60,000 ft. Fighters unable to close on object which made 180° turn and disappeared at high speed beyond conventional aircraft capability, climbing high above ground radar range. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 90 secs | 3 | 30 ?? | RV |
| 1032. | | May 14, 1954. Dallas, Texas. USMC pilots of 4 fighter planes saw 4 formations of 4 round objects changing color from orange to white. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | | | |
| 1033. | 2994 | May 18, 1954. 10-15 (or 6-7) miles SE of Lake Elsinore (at 33°36' N, 117°20' W, which is 3 mi S of Lake Elsinore), Calif. 12:48 p.m. (PST). RAF Squadron Leader Donald R. Higgin, assigned to USMC All Weather Fighter Sq, El Toro MCAS, Calif., while flying an F3D-2 jet fighter at 15,000-16,000 ft on a heading of 240° magnetic [255° true] at 300 knots IAS and descending, saw a dark blue almost black gun-metal "glint" delta-shaped object, about 22-23 ft long and 20 ft wide, with 3 fins of equal size and shape, at his 11 o'clock position just above the cockpit of his wingman flying another F3D-2 about 250 ft away. Object was on a headon collision course but before Higgin could give radio warning it passed under his wingman faster than 300 knots and between their aircraft, descending at a 25°-30° angle on a course of about 30° [about NNE]. (Sparks; BB files; Jan Aldrich) | few secs | 1 | 10 | |
| 1034. | | May 18, 1954. Cannon AFB, New Mexico. 7 p.m. 2 witnesses saw a house-size lens-shaped object land near railroad tracks, kicking up a small sand storm in the desert. One witness approached it, then ran away in fear. Should have been reported to BB but apparently is not in BB files. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 129; Hynek 1972) | | 2 | | |
| 1035. | 3009 | May 22, 1954 LaPorte, Indiana. 9:15 p.m. Highway engineer R. W. Dring and engineer Geert Tibma saw a bright light make a shallow climb. (Sparks; Berliner) | 45 secs | 2 | | |
| 1036. | | May 24, 1954. 10 miles WNW of Richmond, Ind. (39°49' N, 85°00' W). 12:25 p.m. (EST). USAF Major Leo N. Brubaker and crew members of B-17 saw and photographed with aerial mapping camera a circular fuzzy brilliant object below the plane. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald files; NICAP website; Weinstein) | 45 secs | 2 | | aerial recon mapping photos |
| 1037. | 3020 | May 31, 1954. Concord, New Hampshire. 10:15 a.m. Mrs. L. K. Stevens saw a very white, elongated object fly extremely fast then blink out. (Sparks; Berliner) | 8-10 secs | | | |

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| 1038. | | June 1, 1954. Near Boston, Mass. 9:30-9:40 a.m. TWA pilot Capt. Charles J. Kratovil, copilot W. R. Davis, and flight engineer Harold Raney, on a Paris-New York TWA Constellation heading SW, spotted "a large, white-colored disc-like object" overhead, occasionally lost behind overlying clouds. Flying into WSW headwinds at 300 mph, they concluded it could not be a balloon, and radioed Boston airport control tower, which said jets were scrambled and then saw the object at about 10,000 ft higher than their 10,000 ft altitude, but could not close with it. (Sparks; McDonald list) | 10 mins | 3 | | |
| 1039. | 3029 | June 1, 1954. From 400 miles S to Minneapolis, Minn. 9 p.m. Crew of USAF B-47 jet bomber at 34,000 ft altitude saw object with running lights fly at 24,000-44,000 ft altitude, pacing the B-47 within 10,000 feet of its 34,000 foot cruising altitude as it flew 400 miles north to Minneapolis, varying its height both below and above the aircraft. (Sparks; Berliner; Sparks) | 1 hr | 2+ | | RV? |
| 1040. | | June 7, 1954. West Germany. 2 Germans saw 2 glowing discs descend vertically then rise rapidly. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 10 secs | 2 | | |
| 1041. | 3037 | June 8 [9?], 1954. Texarkana, Texas. 1 a.m. or 2:30 a.m. (file not clear). L. T. Prewitt, employee of Red River Arsenal, saw a golden yellow light fly over his house, making a "shhh" or buzzing sound. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 mins | 1 | | |
| 1042. | 3042 | June 10, 1954. Estacado Plain [or Llano?], Texas. 9:09 p.m. USAF pilot Capt. Bill McDonald, in flight, saw a white light descend at 45° from great altitude, pass under his aircraft, make two 360° turns and blink out. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30 secs | | | |
| 1043. | | June 21, 1954. Delray Beach, Florida. 9:30 p.m. (EDT). Anne Nekel Brown and John Thomas Brown saw bright round disc-shaped object with dome-like structure on top seen when tilted toward the witnesses after hovering stationary to the S at 45° elevation. Object was spinning and then started moving very slowly E over the ocean with an erratic wobbly motion, straightened out then disappeared at high speed to the E at 8° elevation. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 12 secs | 2 | | |

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| 1044. | | June 21, 1954. NW Washington State. 8:14 p.m. (PDT). 3 ground radars at 2 ADC sites tracked unidentified target at Georef LE 1604 [49°16N, 124°56W, central Vancouver Island] traveling at 200 knots (230 mph) at 15,000 ft intermittently until 8:24 p.m. and picked up coded IFF Mode 1 transponder signal from UFO in response to radar transponder interrogations from Naselle AFS's [TPX-22?] interrogation set [possibly using KY-95 or KY-97 (?) encrypted signal generator] which appeared to be emitted by an [APX-6] transponder or something simulating it on the UFO. Radars were:<br>FPS-3 search radar and FPS-5 height-finder radar at USAF ADC radar GCI site Naselle AFS, Wash. (ADC 759th AC&W Sq 46°25'20" N, 123°47'53" W, elev. 1,926 ft).<br>ADC Direction Center [search and height-finder CPS-6B] radar at 25th Air Division, ADC, McChord AFB [47°07'23.37" N, 122°29'32.73" W], Tacoma, Wash.<br>McChord AFB ADDC vectored 2 F-86D jet interceptors on an existing Combat Air Patrol [CAP mission unknown, possible earlier UFO intercept?] at 9:00 p.m. F-86D callsign Pronto Blue #2 picked up target at 28 miles at 25,000 ft, then UFO target split into two "clear distinct" blips at 9:35 p.m. [does not necessarily mean object physically split into two; two objects in close formation within about 1 to 1/2 mile separation would appear as single blip, then moving apart would make separate targets resolvable]. F-86D turned 30° left to attempt to center the blip on his airborne radar scope [APG-30?] and descended from 25,000 to 6,000 ft to put target high [out of sea clutter apparently], increasing speed from Mach 0.85 to 0.9 (560 to 590 mph), closed distance to 6 miles but unable to identify. UFO outmaneuvered F-86D and moved downscope from 30° to 60° on left side.<br>F-86D callsign Pronto Blue #1 picked up target at about 9:36 p.m. at 20,000 ft and tracked the multiple blips on parallel downscoping from 30° to 60° left on his airborne radar scope in 20 secs or 3 sweeps of radar [possibly 6 g velocity reversal if it approx. 6 miles nominal distance]. 25th Air Division ADC pilot in T-33 heard ground-air communications between all sites and aircraft. Case sent to ATIC but not in BB files. Possible visual sightings in NW Washington reported to sheriff's offices and news media. (Sparks; NICAP website; Jan Aldrich; CUFOS/Mary Castner) | 1 hr 22+ mins | 8+ | | IFF, multiple air-ground radars |
| 1045. | 3062 | June 22, 1954. Miami Beach, Florida. 9 p.m. USMC Maj. E. Buchser and Maj. J. V. Wilkins saw a meteor-like object descend, stop, and become extremely bright. (Sparks; Berliner) | 7 mins | 2 | | |

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| 1046. | | June 23, 1954. 10 miles SE of Columbus, Ohio. 8 [9?] p.m. Pilot Capt. Harry Roe, Jr., flying Ohio Air National Guard F-51 fighter at 240 mph from Dayton to Columbus saw round white object with no exhaust trailing the fighter in the same position a little above and behind him at close range, detected on airborne radar [?]. Roe maneuvered to try to lose the object or collide with it but it remained in relatively the same position to the aircraft until it departed to the SE. Ground controller radar tracked object [?]. (Sparks; Project 1947; NARCAP) | 30+ mins | 2? | | RV? |
| 1047. | 3067 | June 24, 1954. Danvers, Mass. 12:45 p.m. (EDT). Robert B. Tomer, Director of Commercial Engineering for CBS-Hytron, saw a very white, elliptical-shaped object cover 45° of sky from SW to NE in a straight line at 50° elevation. Object was sharp and distinct against clear blue sky; appeared somewhat less distinct when he removed his Polaroid glasses. No noise, no vapor trail, no glistening. No weather balloons in the area. (Sparks; Berliner; BB files Maxwell Microfilm Roll 20, pp. 1146-1151) | 30 secs | 1 | 1/3<br>[2/3?] | engineer? |
| 1048. | 3072 | June 25, 1954. Indian Lake, Ohio. 5:05 p.m. Experienced private pilot John Mark, flying Navion lightplane, saw a 60 ft silver or aluminum round object with a flat bottom, raised front edge, inverted cone on top, fly horizontally, hover, make a high-g pull up and then a steep climb into an overcast. Radar at Dayton, Ohio, airport, tracked very fast target at same location. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-5 mins | 2 ? | | RV |
| 1049. | | June 29-30, 1954. NE of Seven Isles, Quebec, Canada (at 51°53' N, 63°10' W initial position). 8:05-8:23 p.m. (AST). Capt. James Howard, FO Lee Boyd, navigator George Allen, radio officer Doug Cox, engineering officers Dan Godfrey and Bill Stewart, stewardess Daphne Webster, and passengers of BOAC airliner flying at 230 knots (265 mph) at 19,000 ft heading 49° (about NE) to Goose Bay, Labrador, saw a large opaque or black object with six smaller satellite objects on a horizontal line, constantly shifting in shape like a mirage, but first seen at roughly 20°-45° depression angle below horizon, seemingly at about 8,000 ft and below a cloud level. Object azimuth about 5° left or S of sun low on horizon, or at about 300° to 305° True as sighting progressed. Satellite objects merged with main object which disappeared within seconds (within 3 mins according to Capt Howard's log) by growing smaller about time when F-94 interceptor approached at 8:20. Possibly mass flock of millions of birds (Arctic tern?) seen against bright sunset sun, *sorta sol* "Black Sun" effect, where the flocking creates complex shapes against the sunset sky. (Sparks; AP dispatch, July 1, 1954; NICAP website) | 18 mins | 12 | | |
| 1050. | | June 30, 1954. Mobile (at 30°40' N, 88°5' W) and Brookley AFB, Alabama. 6:50 p.m. 4 civilians and a number of military personnel saw a brilliant silver or white object with short stubby wings approach from the S, circle over Mobile, then depart to the NE. Radar contact at 6:30 p.m. with stationary 8-mile object at 55 miles at 60° azimuth is evidently unrelated anomalous propagation. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files) | 60 secs | 6+ | | |

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| 1051. | | July 3, 1954. Near Bermuda (at 35° 27' to 33' N, 40°44' to 41°04' W at 1:54-1:55 a.m. GMT ~1200 miles E of Bermuda, ~770 miles WSW of Azores). 1:40-2:00 a.m. (GMT) B-36H heading 255° True at 171 kts [197 mph] TAS at 14,000 [15,200? ft] ft, heading from Nouasseur AFB, French Morocco, to Carswell AFB via Azores and Bermuda, received radar returns on APS-23 radar set (in a K-3A combined radar bombing-navigation system) of a clear and well-defined geometric formation of 6, 7 and at times 8 round or oval objects (e.g., 8 objects at 1:45:43 a.m. then back to 7 objects again) about 15 NM to right of B-36's course. Objects estimated to be metallic 20 to 200 ft in size projecting radar images appearing 1000-3000 ft in size on scope display (blooming). One object in the center surrounded by 6 objects in circular formation, resembling "World War II convoy pattern," about 6 mi diameter, at 80° depression angle initially at 294° azimuth, last seen at 83° depression angle at azimuth 60° apparently stationary [perhaps ~20 mph] relative to speed of B-36, and located on or near the water surface at about 35°38' N, 40°26' W. Observed by Capt. Charles C. Spahn, Radar Observer, 98th Bomb Sq, 11th Bomb Wing, 8th AF, SAC, Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas, who was monitoring thunderstorm activity, started the radar scope camera, then called in navigator and pilot to observe radar scope. IFO's (Identified Floating Objects) were identified as escort aircraft carrier *USS Mindoro* (CVE-120) accompanied by 6 destroyers and 1 submarine [thus accounting for occasional disappearance and reappearance], returning from the Mediterranean (Naples, Italy) to Norfolk, Va. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website) | 20 mins | 3 | | |
| 1052. | | July 5, 1954. West Berlin, Germany. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | | | |
| 1053. | | July 11, 1954. Hunterdon County, New Jersey. USAF crews of 4 bombers saw a disc-shaped object pace their planes. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | 4+ | | |
| 1054. | | July 14, 1954. St. Louis, Missouri. 7:50 a.m. (CDT). McDonnell Aircraft Propulsion Lab employees sighted 1.5-foot sheet-like object maneuvering in company parking lot from distances varying from 4 to 200 feet, first descending from the E at 30 ft altitude, stopped on the ground, rose to 4 ft height, made right-angle turn to N, traveled 75 ft and climbed above 8-ft fence to disappear in the overcast sky, under light almost calm wind conditions. One observer followed at 5-ft distance. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 150-1) | 3-5 mins | 10 | 40 | aeronautical lab employees |
| 1055. | 3116 | July 18, 1954. Normandy, Missouri. 8:40 p.m. A. T. Chamblin saw a greenish-white disc. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30 mins | 1 | | |
| 1056. | | July 19, 1954. French Equatorial Africa. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | | | |
| 1057. | | July 25, 1954. Middle Sister Island, U.S.-Canadian border W Lake Erie. 7:12 p.m. Attorney L. B. Tussing saw a black cylinder, 12:1 length/width ratio, moving fast along the surface of the lake. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 1058. | | July 27, 1954. Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland, Canada. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1059. | | July 29, 1954. Korea. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 1060. | | July 29, 1954. About 3 miles SSE of Carysfort Reef Lighthouse, Key Largo, Florida (at about 25°10' N, 80°12' W). 3:40 a.m. Key West Naval Base USN Chief Quartermaster Milbert James Brown and Helmsman Seaman Sydney J. Martin aboard USS YTB-543 sailing S on 205° true course at 6.5 knots saw a huge, bright pale blue or whitish-blue egg or blimp-shaped 300-500 ft object with 4 pointed cones of light, major/minor axis about 3:1 oriented horizontally, angular size 3x sun, traveling at tremendous speed estimated at about 7,200 mph (better estimate about 5,000 mph) in level horizontal flight from the W through S then E then NE, at 10°-12° above the horizon passing in front of mostly cumulus clouds covering 30% up to 15° elevation. Brown first saw the object at about 243° azimuth 10° elevation about 4 miles away moving to the left heading E viewed across the bow of the ship to the SSW at which point he began stopwatch timing (6.3 secs at disappearance, azimuths measured immediately after sighting by reference to 5 ships and a landmark used as sighting fix points). Object passed through point of closest approach at about 160° azimuth 12° elevation 1-1/2 miles away, moving to the left through a gradual-arc flight path of about 8 miles radius of curvature (about 40 g's centripetal acceleration), passed through E along a now straightened path headed to the NE, reaching maximum N position at 70° azimuth about 8 miles away when it curved slightly back as if veering off sharply to the right to head E, disappearing at about 68° azimuth 10° elevation 9 miles away behind a cloud bank. No sound or trail. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 6.3 – 8 secs | 2 | 1.5° | binoculars, stopwatch |
| 1061. | 3140 | July 30, 1954. About 15 miles SE of Los Angeles, Calif. 11:15 a.m. (PDT). Hughes Aircraft test pilots Englert and Peterson, flying a B-25 bomber on a maintenance test hop heading ESE airspeed 170 mph [true airspeed about 200 mph] at 7,000 ft, saw a metallic, pencil-shaped object in horizontal orientation hover at above 30,000 ft for an unstated length of time while they climbed to 11,000 ft and made 30° turns to try to get a better view of object [over 4+ mins at max climb rate of about 1,000 ft/min]. Peterson, also a National Guard F-86 jet pilot, attempted to scramble jet intercept from Van Nuys National Guard Ops but could not establish radio contact (EM??). USN aircraft from the S seemed to pass under object without noticing it. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 4+ mins | 2 | | Hughes test pilots; EM ? |
| 1062. | 3149 | Aug. 2, 1954. Westlake, Ohio. 5:17 p.m. (EST). Ex-AAF B-17 gunner (19 missions) and amateur astronomer N. E. Schroeder saw a thin, bright ellipse, like polished metal, hover for 5-8 secs at 5,000 ft at azimuth 260° located SW of Lorain, Ohio, drop down 3,000 ft in 3 secs, hover again for 10 secs, then fade out. Distance 6 miles. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP website; Berliner) | 20 secs | 1 | | |
| 1063. | 3155 | Aug. 6, 1954. San Antonio, Texas. 6 p.m. Mechanical engineer L. H. Hormer saw an intensely white elliptical light change to yellow, orange, pink, 4-5 times while flying straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 1 | | mech engineer |
| 1064. | | Aug. 7, 1954. West Germany. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | | | | |

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| 1065. | 3162 | Aug. 11, 1954. Yoron Jima, near Okinawa. 8:55 p.m. P. L. Percharde, electrical engineer and assistant manager of Moeller Shipwrecker Co., of Okinawa, saw a line of blue lights underneath a blue circle with a black center fly over ship and climb, illuminating and agitating the clouds. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | elec engineer |
| 1066. | | Aug. 11, 1954. Lawson AFB and Columbus Airport, Columbus, Georgia [not Maxwell AFB, which was reporting agency] (at 32° 20'N, 85°00' W). 8:54 p.m. (EST). Lawson AFB Tower Operator AFC Chase E. Lewis, 1926-3 Det. AACS, observed strange stationary object in the W at azimuth 270° at about 2500 ft, varying in brightness, changing color from white to red to orange to white again, with seeming high speed motions [due to autokinesis]. Army helicopter 267 piloted by WO-JG R. T. Wade (506th Helicopter Co., Ft. Benning, Ga.) sent to investigate, heading 270° at 2,500 ft, located object at 20 miles W of Lawson AFB Tower (Ft. Benning) at 2,000 ft, abandoned pursuit due to low fuel after less than 2 mins, at about 8:54-8:56 p.m. AFC Lewis reported to Base Operations Dispatcher A/2c O. A. Register, Hqs Sq, Lawson AFB. At 8:56 p.m. Airdrome Officer and driver sighted object at Lawson AFB. At 9:05 p.m., two additional Lawson Tower operators included AFC William N. Watson, 1926-3 Det AACS. Second Army helicopter, no. 294, on mission piloted by WO-JG G. [U.?] S. Tarma (506th Helicopter Co., Ft. Benning, Ga.) diverted to object at 9:27 p.m., sighted it then it disappeared still at 270° azimuth (due W) at 9:29 p.m. Seen again next night in the W at 8:15 p.m. for 6 mins lost in two layers of scattered clouds. [Probable Venus IFO, as Venus was low on W horizon at azimuth 264°-268° and elevation 7° to 0° until setting at about 9:30 p.m. time of object's disappearance. BB conclusion of Mars grossly in error, with erroneous astro calc of SW at 20° elevation when Mars in fact was in the S at azimuth 177°-186° elevation 30°-25°, rising not setting, during time of sighting.] (Sparks; NICAP website; BB files; Weinstein; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 35 mins | appx. 7-9+ | | |
| 1067. | 3166 | Aug. 15, 1954. San Marcos, Texas. 10:20 p.m. USAF Maj. W. J. Davis and Capt. R. D. Sauers, flying a C-47 transport plane, saw a dark blue oblong object pace the C-47, veer away, then cross in front of it. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 2 | | |
| 1068. | | Aug. 23, 1954. W Germany. Night. Family observed reddish round object surrounded by [red?] light, about 3x size of star, no sound [motionless?]. Later, 12 Germans observed greenish light about 3x size of star hovering for 5 mins then took off to the SW disappearing "faster tham a jet." (Sparks; BB files; Jan Aldrich; Robert Powell/Fran Ridge) | 15? mins + 15 mins | 14+ | | |
| 1069. | 3180 | Aug. 24, 1954. Egilstadir [Lagarfiot or Lagarfljot River?], Iceland. 8:30 p.m. An unnamed farmer saw a flat cylinder, 2-2.5 ft long, 4-5 ft in diameter, make a loud whizzing sound, fly straight and level, fast, then slow, then fall into sandbar. (Sparks; Berliner) | | multiple? | | |
| 1070. | 3182 | Aug. 26, 1954. Danville, Virginia. 6:15 a.m. Rev. W. L. Shelton saw 2 domed ellipses, 20 ft long, 8 ft thick, 10 ft at ends, glowing silver or orange, hover, then climb side-by-side while getting brighter. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 mins | 1 | | |

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| 1071. | 3185 | Aug. 27, 1954. Dorchester, Mass. (at ~42.3° N, 71.0° W). 1:00 p.m. (EDT). Edward A. Srazdes with 20-20 vision and another [wife?], one wearing Polaroid glasses, saw about 7 large high-flying bomber size [100? ft], white, teardrop-shaped objects in the E at 45° elevation flying in-line formation, leader in front, no exhaust or trail. Objects first slow then increased speed and turned blue as disappeared towards NW. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 mins | 2 | | |
| 1072. | | Aug. 28, 1954. Tinker AFB, Okla. (35.42° N, 97.37° W). 8:30 p.m. Several USAF pilots flying fighters saw a triangular formation of 15 objects, tracked by ground radar. (Sparks; Weinstein) | | several | | |
| 1073. | 3189 | Aug. 29, 1954. Prince Christian, Greenland. 11:05 a.m. 1st Officer H. G. Gardner and engineer J. V. D. Whitisy [and another witness Namely?] flying on Royal Dutch Airlines DC-4 (PH-DBZ), saw 3-4 dark, lens-shaped objects veer N and change position in formation. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 mins | 2 [3?] | | |
| 1074. | | Aug. 30, 1954. Paris, France. Luminous circular sighted flying over the city. ATIC Evaluation "UNKNOWN – Insufficient data." (Sparks; BB files; Jan Aldrich; Robert Powell/Fran Ridge) | | 1 | | |
| 1075. | 3196 | Sept. 4, 1954. Butler, Missouri (38.26° N, 94.34° W). 3 a.m. [CST?] CAA communications specialist J. Faltemeier saw 20-30 lights, as if on a string, fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1.5 mins | 1 | | |
| 1076. | 3198 | Sept. 5, 1954. Butler, Missouri (38.26° N, 94.34° W). 12:23 a.m. [CST?] CAA communications specialist J. Faltemeier saw a silver or white object with a slightly swept-back leading edge and a following exhaust, fly straight and level, then veer SW to S. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30 secs [24? secs] | 1 | | |
| 1077. | 3213 | Sept. 18, 1954. Kimpo Air Base, Japan. 5:55 a.m. 2 control tower operators, a weather forecaster and a weather observer, saw a round object, like polished aluminum, fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 11-13 mins | 4 | | weather forecaster & observers |
| 1078. | | Sept. 18, 1954. Near Denver, Colo., Santa Fe, Las Cruces, New Mexico, to Enid, Okla. (36.39° N, 97.88° W). 8:40 p.m. Green fireball seen by thousands of witnesses heading SE, noiseless, angular size of full moon. (Sparks; Ruppelt p. 47) | | 1,000's | 1 | |
| 1079. | 3222 | Sept. 21, 1954. Barstow, Calif. (34.90° N, 117.02° W). 1 a.m. (PST) 2 local policemen, 4 USMC police, and a highway patrolman saw a red-orange ball giving off sparks, and a smaller light, making a zigzag descent then hover. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 mins | 7 | | |
| 1080. | 3224 | Sept. 21, 1954. Santa Maria Airport, Azores (36°58' N, 25°10' W). 9:45 p.m. Airport guard saw a 10 ft x 5 ft light metallic blue, pecan-shaped object with a clear glass or plastic nose and door, poles or aerials on the nose, humming or whining as it hovered, then land vertically 50 ft away. A blond man, 5 ft 10 in tall appeared, spoke in a strange language, patted the guard on the shoulder, got in the object, hooked up his harness, pushed a button, took off with the object's nose pointed up, then levelled off and climbed vertically. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2-3 mins | 1+ ? | 20 | |

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| 1081. | 3226 | Sept. 22, 1954. 3 miles E of Marshfield, Missouri. 9 [11?] a.m. Private pilot Jack N. Williams and Ernest J. Ash saw a thin, translucent, tan asymmetrical boomerang-shaped object about 6-7 ft wide revolving as it hovered to the SW about 600 ft height and 600 ft distance, ascended to 1500 ft in 20 secs, descended, then tumbled down behind some trees after emitting white puff of smoke or vapor. Marks were found in the ground "pulverized." (Berliner) | 15 mins | 2 | 1 | |
| 1082. | 3227 | Sept. 23, 1954. Gatlinburg, Tenn. 9:45 a.m. (EST) Dave Owenby and Mrs. Ethel Trainer saw 2 bright silver, bicycle wheel-shaped objects, size of small children's bicycle fly N to S in trail in level flight, disappearing over horizon. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; NICAP website) | 2 mins | s2 | | |
| 1083. | | Sept. 26, 1954. Altoona, Penna. 9:04 p.m. (EST) Capt. Picune and crew of United Airlines DC-6 Flight 606 at 19,000 ft and ground speed 382 mph saw a fire-colored object, flat on bottom rounded on top, approaching, flying parallel for about 1 min, then pulling forward at tremendous speed, disappearing in the E. (Sparks; NARCAP; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3 mins | 2+ ? | | |
| 1084. | | Oct. 5, 1954. Houston, Texas. [Smith?] [6:45 p.m. CST?] (Sparks; McDonald list; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | 15 mins?<br>45 mins? | | | radar? |
| 1085. | 3260 | Oct. 13, 1954. Nouasseur, French Morocco. 10:05 a.m. Weather observer following a balloon in his theodolite saw a round, flat, silver object fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30 secs | 1 | | theodolite |
| 1086. | 3269 | Oct. 15, 16, 17, 1954. Kingfisher, Okla. 8:45 p.m. 50 objects with illuminated bottoms were seen flying in a V-formation, high speed, on successive nights. Only data is on summary card. (Sparks; Berliner) | | | | |
| 1087. | | Oct. 23, 1954. Tinker AFB, Okla. (35.42° N, 97.37° W). 9:23 p.m. (CST) (McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1088. | 3281 | Oct. 28, 1954. Miho Air Base, Japan. 5:32 p.m. USAF pilots Lt. Col. O. C. Cook and Lt. J. W. Brown, on ground using 7x50 binoculars, saw a brilliant white, round-oval object climb in front of clouds, brighten, turn 90° to the N. (Sparks; Berliner) | 45 secs | 2 | | binoculars |
| 1089. | | Oct. 29, 1954. SE of Taiwan (at 21°50' N, 123°30' E). 6 p.m. USAF crew of C-47D transport plane saw a long narrow bright blue object emitting deep-orange sparks from front and rear. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | | | |
| 1090. | 3287 | Oct. 29, 1954. Terceira Islands, Azores (38.7° N, 27.2°). 9 p.m. 4 Portuguese nationals saw a grey object, shaped like a stovepipe with a center bulge and short wings (10 ft long, 3 ft in diameter, 3 ft wings) having concave wingtips, make a gargling sound when hovering, then disappear in the glare of airplane landing lights. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4-5 mins | 4 | | |
| 1091. | 3326 | Nov. 15, 1954. Augusta, Maine. 4 p.m. N. Gallant, manager of radio station WFAV, saw 10 gold, circular objects fly in vertical V-formation, straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3 mins | 1 | | |

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| 1092. | | Nov. 19 [16?], 1954. 130 miles ESE of New Orleans, Louisiana. 9:04 p.m. Crew of National Airlines Flight 918 at 17,500 ft en route from New Orleans to Tampa, Flor., heading about 105°, saw a light flashing blue and white moving up and down directly in front at an unknown distance for 3-5 mins when it moved to the NE out of sight. (Sparks; NARCAP; McDonald list; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | 3-5 mins | | | radar? |
| 1093. | 3331 | Nov. 19, 1954. Corvallis, Oregon. 4:15 p.m. P. J. Gunn, assistant professor of art at Oregon State University and ex-USN aviation cadet, saw a bright white light hover 8.5-9 mins, then cross 20° of sky in 3-3.5 mins. (Sparks; Berliner) | 12 mins | 1 | | prof |
| 1094. | 3341 | Nov. 28, 1954. Manila, Philippines. 10:50 a.m. An anonymous medical doctor saw a flat-bottomed, domed object 65-70 ft across, 18-20 ft high, bright orange with yellow discs attached and an exhaust trail, which flew N, stopped, reversed its course. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4 mins | 1 | | |
| 1095. | | Dec. 2, 1954. Spanish Morocco. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1096. | 3352 | Dec. 3, 1954. Gulfport, Mississippi. 12:12 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mellen saw a translucent grey, round, flat object rotating on its vertical axis at high rate. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30 secs | 2 | | |
| 1097. | 3356 | Dec. 7, 1954. Cape Province, South Africa. 1:15 p.m. Weather officer, using a theodolite, saw a white, semi-circular, flat object with a dome fly from W to E, then turned N. (Sparks; Berliner) | 7 mins | 1 | | theodolite; weather officer |
| 1098. | | Dec. 23, 1954. NE of Nogales, Ariz. Pilot flying F-86 fighter chased a light emitting red and green flashes. (Sparks; Weinstein) | | 1 | | |
| 1099. | | Dec. 29, 1954. San Diego, Calif. Daytime. Crew flying B-47 saw 2 objects pass the plane. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | 1+ ? | | |
| 1100. | 3382 | Jan, 1, 1955. 30 miles E [W?] of Cochise, New Mexico. 6:44 [5:44?] a.m. Instructor [Capt. D. F. Ritzdorf ?] and student pilot [F. W. Miller?] flying USAF B-25 bomber/trainer saw a metallic disc, shaped like two pie pans face-to-face, 120-130 ft diameter, pace the B-25, showing both its edge and its face. Only item in case file was summary form. [See Feb. 1, 1955, incident.] (Sparks; Berliner; cf. NARCAP) | 5-7 mins | 2 | | USAF instructor pilot |
| 1101. | | Jan. 14, 1955. Bet. Virginia and Kansas. 6 p.m. Airliner pilot saw a dark object leaving a contrail. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1? | | |
| 1102. | | Jan. 19, 1955. Pacific Ocean. 8:10 a.m. U.S. military pilot saw a white-reddish globular object flying level with the aircraft. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1? | | |
| 1103. | 3401 | Jan. 26, 1955. Lakeland, Florida. 6:15 p.m. J. M. Holland saw a black smoke trail make a circle. There was an explosion and some objects fell. No further information in file. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |

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| 1104. | | Jan. 29, 1955. Winterset near Des Moines, Iowa. 9:07 p.m. (CST). Iowa Air National Guard pilots, Major A. Packer and Lt. D. Myers with 132nd Fighter Bomber Group flying a T-33A jet (s/n 52-9590) heading 30° at 290 knots (330 mph) saw a white light flashing at a set rate, no trail, on a direct headon collision course in level flight at 20,000 ft. At the last instant the object rose and flew over the jet, climbing rapidly to 35,000 ft. When the pilot tried to chase the object it out climbed and out turned him, seemingly using radar or similar means to track the T-33A so as to employ highly maneuverable tactics at "excess" speed and altitude. (Sparks; Project 1947; NARCAP) | 25 secs | 2 | 3 | |
| 1105. | | Jan. 31, 1955. Fuju [?], Japan. 1:33 p.m. U.S. military pilots saw a white circular object, no trail, moving against the wind. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2? | | |
| 1106. | 3414 | Feb. 1, 1955. 20 miles E of Cochise, New Mexico. 7:55 [6:55?] p.m. Instructor Capt. D. F. Ritzdorf and aviation cadet F. W. Miller flying TB-25 bomber/trainer (s/n 44-86894) at 13,000 ft and ground speed 238 mph saw a very bright round object with red and white hues approach then hover off the left wing of the TB-25 for 5 mins about 5° above horizontal. Object climbed rapidly on a parallel flight track to disappearance in 3 mins. [See Jan. 1, 1955, incident.] (Sparks; Berliner; NARCAP) | 8 mins | 2 | 12-20 | USAF instructor pilot |
| 1107. | 3416 | Feb. 2, 1955. Miramar NAS, Calif. 11:50 a.m. USN Cdr. John L. Ingersoll saw a highly polished sphere with reddish-brown coloring about 3-5 miles to the S falling erratically about 300-500 ft/min. Object off-white in color with highly polished surface reflecting sunlight, at 10,000-20,000 feet. Object stopped about 5 to 10 seconds at about 3,000-5,000 feet, suddenly changed from white to reddish brown and instantly accelerated to an estimated 1,000-1,500 mph on a heading of 170° leaving short brown vapor trail. Estimated size 25-35 feet diameter possibly as large as 100 ft. (Sparks; Berliner; NICAP website) | 15-27 + secs | 1 | 1/5 to 1/2 ?? | |
| 1108. | | Feb. 3 (or 7), 1955. Knights Landing, Calif. 4:30 p.m. (PST). Electronic technician and civilian pilot George M. Allender sighted from the ground a large 350 to 500 ft size delta-wing or flying wing type aircraft in the NW headed towards him at about 2,500 to 4,000 ft altitude and about 2,500 ft ground distance. No exhaust, no smoke, no markings, no visble means of propulsion. Obect climbed vertically about 34,000 ft in 20 secs to 38,000 ft, then accelerated ahead of a flight of about 7 jets (possibly F-86's) flying SE from his NW at about 600 mph, then object dove about 37,000 ft in 12 secs to about 1,000 ft altitude. Object could almost hover motionless and reach speeds of 2,000 mph. (Sparks) | 4-5 mins | 1 | [10 ?] | |
| 1109. | | Feb. 7, 1955. Harrisburg, Penna. 10:18 a.m. Flying Tiger pilot saw a brilliant object flash off to the S. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1? | | |
| 1110. | | Feb. 7, 1955. Ft. Wayne, Indiana. 7:55 p.m. American Airlines Flight 266 crew saw 5 star-like objects appear intermittently motionless then moving. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1+ ? | | |

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| 1111. | 3427 | Feb. 10, 1955. Bethesda, Maryland. 10:03 p.m. E. J. Stein, model maker at U.S. Navy ship design facility, saw an object, shaped like a small portion of the bottom of the Moon, with a radiant yellow color, hover for 30 seconds. The bottom changed to a funnel shape. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1.5-2 mins | 1 | | |
| 1112. | | Feb. 11, 1955. Ryukyu Islands, S Japan. 10:15 a.m. USAF MATS crew flying C-124 transport saw a yellow or amber object shaped like a Jack o lantern flying 1,000 mph. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1+ ? | | |
| 1113. | | Feb. 17, 1955. Blackstone, Virginia. USAF pilot in flight saw an extremely large light-blue object at 35,000 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 ? | | |
| 1114. | | March 2, 1955. Huntley, Illinois. 5:00 p.m. Car was followed by 3 elongated "balloons," each showing 8 red lights and about 20 ft long. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 362) | 10 mins | | | |
| 1115. | | March 16 [17?], 1955. 35 miles N of Salton Sea [or Ripley?], Calif. 9:24 a.m. USAF SAC pilot flying B-47 saw a silver circular object on a steady course S fading in the distance. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 ? | | |

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| 1116. | | March 20, 1955. Johnson AFB, Tokyo, Japan. 4:21 p.m. CPS-1 air traffic control radar of the USAF 1954th AACS Sq, Johnson AFB, Tokyo RATCC, detected 4 unidentified targets due N at about 32 miles, then after adjusting manual scan found 16 unidentified targets in 6 separate formations N of base at ranges of about 20 to 28 miles, which slowly moved [about 50 mph] from radar scope azimuth 0° to 20° while heading about 145° over 10 mins until 4:31 p.m. F-86D was scrambled from Yokota AFB (about 30 mi ENE of Tokyo airport and RATCC) at 4:32, piloted by USAF 1st Lt. G. D. Merrick, takeoff at 4:36, heading N (350°) at 10,000 ft then W then S then N on a search pattern [roughly around the Yokota AFB] since ADC control site "Butterfly" at Chiba Peninsula did not detect targets on radar. Meanwhile targets on CPS-1 ground radar had become erratic, leaving trails on radar scope like jet aircraft, then became almost stationary at 4:35. USAF 5th AF went on Yellow Alert due to radar tracks. About 4:51 the F-86D pilot while heading N on the search pattern detected on airborne radar 2 unidentified targets at 45° azimuth (NE), then turned towards them but lost the targets. The F-86D radar then picked up another target at 30° at 22 miles and headed towards it on afterburner at about 560 mph, with closure rate 100-175 knots. F-86D got radar lock-on at 15 miles, closed on UFO to closest range 2.5 to 3 miles, was within 15 secs of firing position, dropped afterburner to not overtake too quickly, but UFO began to accelerate to 50 knots faster than the F-86D despite the pilot going on afterburner again. When the UFO pulled out to 7 miles range it made a left turn, the F-86D turned to follow, then the UFO made 90° right turn and F-86D followed, back onto 20° (~N) heading. ADC site "Butterfly" cleared F-86D pilot to fire on the UFO. UFO began climbing while F-86D closed to 5 miles and climbed to 16,000 ft on afterburner to follow, overshot the UFO, leveled off altitude of 15,000 ft then went into a shallow dive back to 15,000 ft reaching Mach 0.98 (~650 mph). UFO then began to pull away to 9 miles range, increasing speed to 200 knots faster than the F-86D [or ~880 mph supersonic], then gradually turning left 45° while pulling away to 15 miles range, breaking the F-86D's radar lock, and pilot broke pursuit at ~5:05 p.m. No visual confirmations, and no direct correlation of specific ground and air radar targets due to lack of specific reporting. (Sparks; Project 1947; NICAP) | ~44 mins | 2+ | | ground and air radar |
| 1117. | | March 24, 1955. Ryukyu Islands, S Japan. 2:30 [2:13?] p.m. Beechcraft pilot instructor and student pilot saw a hat-shaped object with 3 windows on top section, change color from white to orange, fly under and around their plane. Instruments failed and engine sputtered, pilot dove the plane to evade the object but it kept pace. 2 jets scrambled from Kadena AFB. (Sparks; NARCAP; Project 1947) | | 2 | | EM; pilot instructor |
| 1118. | | March 29, 1955. Sonoma and Soledad, Calif. 7:35/7:38 p.m. (PST) McGrath (GOC observer) and Brown. (Sparks; McDonald list) | 30 secs | | | |
| 1119. | | April 6, 1955. Beaumont, Calif. 7:45 p.m. (PST) Briggs. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 44; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 mins | 1 | 8 | |

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| 1120. | | April 19 ?, 1955. Japan? Radar interference. (Jan Aldrich; AFOIN files) | | | | |
| 1121. | | April 21, 1955. 3 miles NE of Moisant Airport, New Orleans, Louisiana. 10 [4?] p.m. Air National Guard pilot Ponticelli flying L-19 aircraft saw a bright silver delta-shaped object. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1+ min | 1? | | |
| 1122. | | April 28, 1955. Dahlgren, Virginia. 1:20 p.m. (EST). Conlon. (Sparks; McDonald list) | 90 mins | multiple? | | |
| 1123. | 3517 | April 30, 1955. Travis County, Texas. 7:30 a.m. USAF Wing Intelligence Officer Maj. L.. J. Pagozalski saw 4 black objects in a cluster make a whooshing sound like a zephyr. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2-3 secs | 1 | | |
| 1124. | 3523 | May 4, 1955. Keflavik Airport, Iceland (63°58.7’ N, 22°35.8’ W ?). 12:38 p.m. USAF Lt. Col. E. J. Stealy and 1st Lt. J. W. Burt saw about 10 round, white objects, one of which left a brief smoke trail, flying in an irregular formation, some of them making erratic movements. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5-8 secs | 2 | | |
| 1125. | | May 12 [11?], 1955. Thurmon, Colo. 1:06 a.m. [6:06 p.m. MST?] Crew of American Airlines DC-7 saw an object flying on a SE course at 20,000 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 1126. | | May 13, 1955. Duluth, Minn. 8:30 p.m. (CST) (McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1127. | | May 14, 1955. USSR coast Sea of Japan. HF jamming and SIGINT (?). (Jan Aldrich; AFOIN files) | | | | |
| 1128. | 3565 | May 23 [23-24?], 1955. Cheyenne, Wyoming (41.13° N, 104.80° W). 12 midnight. USAF Airman/Basic I. J. Shapiro and E. C. Ingber saw 2 slender, vertical rectangles low on the horizon, and two ovals with tops, dark, with dark blue illumination, which flew higher. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5+ mins | 2 | | |
| 1129. | | June 1, 1955. N Canada. RB-47 onboard APG-32 gun-control radar and/or radar jamming case. (Sparks) | | | | radar |
| 1130. | | June 2, 1955. N Canada. RB-47 onboard APG-32 gun-control radar and/or radar jamming case. (Sparks) | | | | |
| 1131. | | June 4, 1955. Melville Sound, N Canada. 0030 (GMT). RB-47 crew sighted "glistening silver metallic" object and "obscured by contrails" confirmed by onboard APG-32 gun-control radar tracking of target at 7,000 yards range (4 miles) from 0030 to 0039 GMT. Object stayed "low and to the rear of the RB-47” until the UFO "broke off contact to the north with an increase in speed." Gun camera photos. (Sparks) | 9+ mins | several | | RV + photos |

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| 1132. | | June 4, 1955. Parker, Ariz. (34.15° N, 114.3° W) & near Vidal, Calif. (34.1° N, 114.5° W). 7:50 p.m. (PDT). GOC observation post observer in Parker, Ariz., sighted round object in the W traveling to the W, using binoculars, appeared red on bottom, white or pale yellow in middle, blue or green on top, disappeared suddenly after 3 mins. Near Vidal, Calif. (about 13 mi W or about 260° from Parker, Ariz.) USAF flight instructor 1st Lt. B. E. Beecroft, Laredo AFB, flying T-33 trainer, with student cadet, heading 260° at 20,000 ft at 350 knots (400 mph), saw an "extremely large" white star-like stationary object high in the W that suddenly disappeared after 3 mins. Noted extreme variations in magnetic compass and slave gyro as they approached UFO location, with precession of 20° per 12 miles of flight when nearing Vidal, Calif., reaching 320° apparent (but false heading) when 30-40 miles W of Vidal, and continued until landing at Norton AFB, San Bernardino, Calif. Radar station 751st ACWRON, Mt. Laguna, Calif., noted that on nights of June 2 and 3, 1955, other aircraft approaching Vidal, Calif., experienced severe compass problems requiring radar control directions to avoid serious accidents. (Sparks; BB fikes; NICAP website; Project 1947) | 3 mins | 3 | | EM, binoculars |
| 1133. | | June 7, 1955. N Canada. RB-47 onboard APG-32 gun-control radar case. (Sparks) | | | | |
| 1134. | | June 8, 1955. S of Bathurst Island, N Canada. 2044 (GMT). RB-47 crew detected UFO briefly on the onboard APG-32 gun-control radar, visual contact was made for 20 minutes from 2044 to 2104 GMT, object trailing behind RB-47 at about 5-10 miles range. Second RB-47 some 80 miles behind the first spotted the contrail left behind as the UFO disappeared. (Sparks) | 20+ mins | several | | RV |
| 1135. | | June 26, 1955. Holt, Florida. Civilian and military witnesees. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 45) | | several | | |
| 1136. | | July 1, 1955. China Lake, Calif. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 1137. | | July 5, 1955. Newfoundland, Canada. 3:00-3:56 a.m. (AST). At 3:00 a.m., USAF 97th Air Refueling Sq pilot Lt. Homer H. Speer and copilot Lt Paul Daily of KC-97 callsign Archie 29, and pilot Lt. Robert W. Schneck and copilot Lt. David Cueldner (sp?) of KC-97 Archie 91, both planes at 20,000 ft on a refueling mission out of Harmon AFB (48°32.7'N, 58°33.0'W), saw 2 bright objects at 49°10' N, 59°50' W, at 20,000 ft appearing stationary. They reported sighting to Harmon at 3:05, made contact with radar site, 2nd Lt. Charles H. Denney, Senior Director, USAF ADC site N-23 (Air Defense Direction Center, 640th AC&W Sq, Harmon AFB, Stephenville, Newf., CPS-6B search and height-finder radar, TPS-502 backup height-finder, at 48°35.3' N, 58°40' W). Radar painted object at 3:07 with intermittent contact till 3:56 (also 4-5 additional objects). Archie 29 KC-97 in best position to close on object ordered to do so by Harmon, position 290° from radar site at about 80 miles, 10 o'clock to KC-97 [inconsistent with lat-long coords]. Objects started moving to NE at 50° true heading accelerating to 275 knots (300 mph) faster than Archie 29 KC-97. After object reversed course to S heading, pilot Lt. Speer of Archie 29 reached closest approach to 18 miles distance, maintained visual contact with object calling direction changes of object to radar site by radio, changes correlated exactly with those painted on scope by controller. Brief height-finder radar contact at 35,000 ft. Object began climbing at 3:38 a.m. and fighters scrambled, no radar or visual contact made. Speer lost sight of object at about 40,000-50,000 ft. Radar then tracked object accelerating to 1,600 knots (1,800 mph) moving off to NE. At same times radar also painted 5 smaller objects at 5,000-10,000 ft (briefly detected on height-finder) and thus below the KC-97's at 30° true [heading??], 60 miles from radar, [inconsistent with other coords] moving very fast, changing direction and azimuth, jumping on and off scopes, forming circular pattern, changing to line abreast, traveling 10-20 miles then changing direction, speed 1,500+ knots (1,700+ mph). Radar tracked about 4 objects at point of initial sighting on 40° true heading, speed 300 knots (350 mph). Objects at 3:40 a.m. at 50°10' N, 57°50' [?] W. One C-119 aircraft en route from Goose Bay passed within 5 miles of the objects, not known if seen. Radar targets confirmed by 1st Lt. Anthony G. Scarpace (sp?), Ground Electronics Officer of 670th ACW Sq, who found radar operating properly and no inversion effects present. Investigated by NEAC AFSSO (AF Special Security Office), reported to AFSS (NSA subunit not to be confused with AFSSO compartmented security agency), NSA and CIA. (Sparks; CIA, AF, NSA FOIA; Project 1947) | 56 mins | 11+ | | RV |
| 1138. | | July 11, 1955. Toulon, France. Daytime. Military pilot of C-47 transport saw a round reddish-orange light changing color to bright white, no trail. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1? | | |
| 1139. | | July 20, 1955. Portland, Oregon. 2 fighter pilots and GOC ground observers saw a round object with a silver lower part climb when fighters approached. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | 2? | | |

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| 1140. | | July 25, 1955. Near Syracuse, New York (43.05° N, 76.15° W). 5:22 a.m. [12:22 a.m. EST ?] Pilot flying F-86 fighter saw an orange object. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1? | | |
| 1141. | | July 26, 1955. Kansas City, Kansas. 9:34 p.m. [3:34 p.m. CST ?] USAF pilot flying B-47 bomber saw a round object, no trail. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min | 1? | | |
| 1142. | 3673 | July 29, 1955. Columbus, Nebraska. 10:45 p.m. (CST) Morrice Raymond saw 4 orange flashing lights and a white flashing light move up and down like yo-yos. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5-6 mins | 1 | | |
| 1143. | | Aug. 2, 1955. NW Fresno, Calif. 1:30 p.m. (PST). US Weather Bureau observer Langer at Fresno Airport sighted a bright, silvery metallic circular UFO sharply outlined against the blue sky, with no shadows or markings, crossing the field of view of his balloon-tracking theodolite, which he then trained on the UFO to track its steady motion. UFO was brighter than the white 5 ft pilot balloon he had been tracking at 27,000 ft in the theodolite, with about ¼ to 1/5 the apparent size of the balloon. Langer's impression was that UFO was farther and higher than the balloon but he could not be sure, possibly moving from the NE (in a different direction than the balloon) at 80-130 knots if at 40,000 ft MSL or 120-200 knots if at 60,000 ft MSL. Lost UFO after ½ minute when he had to return to tracking the balloon. (Sparks; BB files) | ½ min + | 1 | 1/3 (equiv in theod.) | theodolite |
| 1144. | 3699 | Aug. 11, 1955. Iceland. 11:45 a.m. USAF 2nd Lt. E. J. Marlow saw 12 grey objects, from cigar to egg-shaped, vary formation from elliptical to wavy line to scattered to straight line to trail formation. Speed varied from hovering to 1,000 mph. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-4 mins | | | |

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| 1145. | | Aug. 21-22, 1955. Kelly, 7 miles N of Hopkinsville, Kentucky (at 36.97° N, 87.477° W). 7, 8-11 p.m., 2:30-4:45 a.m. At about 7 p.m. Billy Ray Taylor went into the backyard of the Sutton farmhouse and saw a bright object from the SW [or actually about SSW about 210° azimuth from the direction of Fort Campbell U.S. Army base] then pass over and descend into a gully about 500 [300-600?] ft N of the farmhouse and about 35-40 ft lower elevation. Mrs. Glennie Lankford and 6 other adults [most Sutton family], plus 3 children (Charlton, Lonnie and Mary Lankford), saw two or more 3 ft tall gremlin-like creatures float down from trees and approach the house from the dark, which were shot at by rifle and shotgun fire without effect. At about 11 p.m. the entire group fled in terror in their two cars and drove at high speed into Hopkinsville to report the incident to the Police Dept. State police officer leaving the Shady Oaks restaurant 3 miles N of Hopkinsville in a car to respond to the call heard several meteor-like objects streaking over him sounding like artillery shells, and was able to see 2 in a series looking like meteors from the SW [or actually about S, from about 190° azimuth, headed towards Kelly from the direction of Fort Campbell and the TOP SECRET Armed Forces Special Weapons Project Site C, Clarksville Base, 36.665° N, 87.487° W, National Stockpile Site for nuclear weapons storage apparently recently including multi-megaton yield H-bombs]. City, county, state and military police and reporters drove out to the Sutton farm to investigate from around 11:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. UFO entities returned at about 2:30 a.m. and were again shot at without effect, finally disappearing at about 4:45 a.m. (Sparks; Davis-Bloecher 1978; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 212-6; Vallée Magonia 372; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | brief + 3 hrs + brief + 2-1/4 hrs | 1 + 12 + 1 + 10 | | |
| 1146. | | Aug. 23, 1955. Cincinnati, Ohio. 11:50 p.m. Several USAF fighter pilots saw 3 round disc-shaped objects making evasive maneuvers. Ground radar tracking. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | several | | radar |
| 1147. | 3720 | Aug. 23, 1955. Arlington, Virginia (38.91° N, 77.09° W). 10:45 a.m. G. M. Park, using a 400x telescope saw several (6+) orange lights moving singly or in groups, circling and stopping. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins | 1 | | telescope |
| 1148. | | Aug. 25, 1955. Fordland, Missouri. 7:56 p.m. (CST) (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar? |
| 1149. | 3743 | Sept. 3, 1955. Bellingham, Wash. 9:30 p.m. (PST) GOC observer Saunders saw white pinpoint move slowly across 30° of sky. No further information. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 mins | 1 | | |
| 1150. | 3750 | Sept. 7, 1955. Washington, D.C. (38.89° N, 76.95° W). 6:30 a.m. (EST) 2 photographers, one plate maker for the Army Map Service, one named Smith, saw a glowing round object fly an arc. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 min | 2? | | |
| 1151. | 3757 | Sept. 9, 1955. Near Alcoa [Rock Garden?], Tenn. 12 noon. M. N. Dawkins, using binoculars, saw a brown, almost square object fly with a circular motion. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10-15 mins | 1 | | binoculars |

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| 1152. | | Oct. 4, 1955. SW of Baku (near Atjaty / Alyat, at 40.0° N, 49.3° E), USSR. 7:10 p.m. US Sen. Richard B. Russell, US Army Col. E. U. Hathaway, CIA Clandestine Service Foreign Intelligence (FI) Staff officer Reuben Efron (under cover as a "translator" or "interpreter"), and an accompanying Calif. businessman named Robert R. Gros, VP of Public Relations of PG&E (Pacific Gas & Electric), sighted to the S two separate nearly vertical ascents of a lighted domed-disc saucer-shaped object, possibly size of jet fighter [50 ft] about 1 minute apart, while traveling by train (Sen. Russell was the only witness to the 1st ascent and alerted the others who saw the 2nd). Efron saw object that appeared like 2 bright white "eyes" that remained fixed to each other, which ascended at an angle that seemed to come towards the train and cross over but Efron did not see it continue on the other (North) side of train. (Sparks; Joel Carpenter; FOIA docs from CIA, FBI; Haines CIA UFO history; etc.) | ? + 6-7 secs | 4 | 1? | |
| 1153. | 3800 | Oct. 8, 1955. Loogootee, Indiana. 4:38 [5:38?] p.m. R. D. Prather and H. Ahern saw a round, silver or white object fly straight and level at more than 1,000 mph. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 12 secs ? | 2 | | |
| 1154. | 3810 | Oct. 11, 1955. Pt. Lookout, Maryland. 4 p.m. B. Hale and A. Ostrom saw round object, white in daylight and turning red with sparks near end of sighting, with a deep roar unlike an aircraft. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2.5 hrs | 2 | | |
| 1155. | | Oct. 19, 1955. 40 miles NW of Knoxville, Tenn. [Tex.?]. 8:30 p.m. (EST) F-86 case. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2+ mins | 1? | | |
| 1156. | | Oct. 20 [21? 26?], 1955. Minneapolis, Minn. 7:40, 8 p.m. CST [2:21 a.m.?] USAF F-89D fighter pilot Steck saw a white luminous oval-shaped object making 90° turns at 1,000 mph, tracked on airborne radar. Ground observer(s). [Same as Oct. 26, 1955, case?] (Sparks; Weinstein; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 18 secs ? | 2? | | radar |
| 1157. | | Oct. 26 [30? 21?], 1955. Minneapolis, Minn. [Same as Oct. 21, 1955, case?] (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1158. | | Nov. 14, 1955. Deming, New Mexico. 1 a.m. Commercial airline pilot in flight saw a fast moving object, with a light on the rear, come from the SW. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1? | | |
| 1159. | 3860 | Nov. 17, 1955. St. Louis, Missouri. 6:10 a.m. J. A. Mapes saw 12 round, flat objects, silver on top and dark on the bottom, fly in 4-deep formation, tipping in pitch and roll angles. (Sparks; Berliner) | 45 secs | 1 | | |

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| 1160. | 3862 | Nov. 20, 1955. Lake City, Tenn. (36°N, 84°W). 5:20 to 6:00 p.m. (EST). Operations Officer Capt. Edward G. Denkler and 5 men of the USAF 663rd AC&W Sq saw 2 oblong, bright orange, semi-transparent objects fly at terrific speed and erratically, toward and away from each other, in the S to W depending on location of observer. Possibly IFO's: Venus at about 230° azimuth about 10° elevation (set about 6:30-6:40 p.m. EST) and Antares at about 235° low on horizon about 4° to 0° elevation setting at about 5:50 p.m. EST. (Sun set at about 5:25 p.m. EST at about 245° azimuth.) Additional witnesses at Oak Ridge National Lab and in Alexandria, Tenn. Two F-86D fighters scrambled with no success. (Sparks; Berliner; NICAP) | 1/2 -20 mins (individually) | 12 | | |
| 1161. | 3869 | Nov. 25, 1955. LaVeta, Colo. 10:30 a.m. State Senator S. T. Taylor saw a dirigible-shaped object, fat front, tapered toward the tail, luminous green-blue and jellylike, appear overhead diving at a 45° angle, reducing to 30°. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 secs | 1 | | |
| 1162. | | Dec. 6, 1955. Marianna, Florida. 6 [1?] a.m. USAF pilot flying MATS transport radar tracked unidentified target. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | < 5 mins | 1? | | radar |
| 1163. | | Dec. 11, 1955. Near Jacksonville, Florida. 9 p.m. 2 airliner pilots [and crews?] and ground observers saw fast maneuvering orange-red round object, with ground radar tracking. 2 USN jets on a practice night-flying mission were vectored to the object by a Jacksonville NAS controller, on approach the object suddenly rose up to 30,000 ft then dove back down in a circle, buzzing the jets. (Weinstein; NARCAP; BB files??) | | several | | RV |
| 1164. | | Dec. 13, 1955. Arlington, Virginia. 10:09 p.m. (EST). Intelligence management engineer and amateur astronomer with Army G-2 Comptroller, Pentagon, sighted maneuvering reddish (?) light, about stellar magnitude of Sirius, starting mag –1 and diminishing to +4 to+4.5 mag when it disappeared. Sighted in the sky above his home, which made ~200° turn to right passed near star Capella [azimuth 253° elevation 71°] and disappeared in the NNE into horizon [??] haze approaching star Gamma Leonis [azimuth 79° elevation 42°]. No sound despite complete quiet, speed fluctuating. Clear sky and visibility down to 6th stellar magnitude. Observer plotted course on star map. | 2 mins 12 secs | 1 | point source | amateur astronomer |
| 1165. | | Dec. 14, 1955. Caddo Lake, Louisiana. 2:45 a.m. USAF pilot flying B-47 in 513th Bomber Sq saw and radar tracked oblong object. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2? | | radar |
| 1166. | | Dec. 17, 1955. Laguna [Mt. Laguna ?], Calif. 9:45 a.m. (PST) (McDonald list) | 13 mins | | | |
| 1167. | 3893 | Dec. 21, 1955. Caribou, Maine. 11 p.m. Roberta V. Jacobs saw a round, very bright gold, domed disc in a short climb, then rotate, hover and accelerate. (Sparks; Berliner) | 6-8 mins | 1 | | |

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| 1168. | | Jan. 11, 1956. Wurtsmith AFB, Mich. (at 44°27'N, 83°23'W). 6:40 p.m. (EST) F-89D. F-89D pilot 1/Lt. Culpepper and radar observer 1st Lt William H. Freeland. Wurtsmith AFN Control Tower operators S/Sgt Compeau, Airman/3C Kenneth James Seger, GCA radar operator S/Sgt Paul D. Porter sighted reddish light like jet aircraft exhaust from behind, not quite round, estimated at 6,500-7,000 ft at 240° azimuth 15°-20° elevation (probably Venus at 235° az 11° elev though normally not reddish). Radar airborne tracking of UFO by F-89D at 7,000 ft heading 230° then radar lockon for 2 mins at 6:50 p.m. by Lt Freeland at 11 miles range, 5° right, level, with F-89D's overtake speed of 50 knots (57 mph) (thus UFO at 400 knots TAS) lockon broken by UFO's rapid 40° climb at 6:52 p.m. outclimbed pursuing F-89D which was in 450 knot TAS climb to 11,000 ft, but no visual except from the ground with 7x50 field biniculars. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2-15 mins | | | binoculars, RV? |
| 1169. | | Jan. 18, 1956. Itazuke AFB, Japan. 1 [10?] a.m. Air crew sighting of white round balloon-shaped object traveling at high speed, no trail. (Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 42 secs | | | |
| 1170. | | Jan. 24, 1956. Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya. 1:52 p.m. (GMT) (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 12 mins | | | |
| 1171. | | Feb. 2, 9, 21, 1956. Camp Irwin, Calif. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1172. | | Feb. 7, 1956. Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Mississippi (30.42° N, 88.94° W). 8 a.m. (CST). Identified as 3 tethered large plastic balloons IFO. (Basterfield; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1+ hr | | | |
| 1173. | | Feb. 11, 1956. S of Japan (at 28°53' N, 131°30' E7:15 p.m. MATS C-124 air crew sighting of a yellow or amber object at 1,000 knots (1,150 mph). (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1? | | |
| 1174. | 3969 | Feb. 12, 1956. 38 miles SW of Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada. 11:25 [10:55? 11:10?] p.m. (AST). USAF F-89D pilot Bowen and radar observer Crawford saw a green and red object rapidly circle the jet, and tracked on radar. No further details. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min | 2 | | RV |
| 1175. | | Feb. 15, 1956. Riverside, Calif. (33.98° N, 117.38° W). 8:40 [12:40?] p.m. USN pilot Taylor flying aircraft saw a cigar-shaped brown object on a straight level course. (Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 8 mins | 1? | | |
| 1176. | | Feb. 18, 1956. N of Montelimar Airdrome, France. 8:20 p.m. 3 USAF C-119 crew, 780th Troop Carrier Sq, saw a round dot change color every 30 secs from white to red to green. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4 hrs? | 3 | | |
| 1177. | | Feb. 18 [17?], 1956. Orly Airport, Paris, France (54.16° N, 0.05° E). 10:50 [8:20?] p.m. Air France pilot De Vaux of DC-3 and radio operator saw large red blinking light flying erratically, tracked by ground radar. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins?<br>4 hrs ? | 3+ ? | | radar |
| 1178. | 3977 | Feb, 19, 1956. Houston, Texas. 6:07 a.m. (CST). Crew of Eastern Airlines Super Constellation saw intense white light, moving 4-5 times the speed of the airplane, evaded by the pilot. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 28 mins | 2+ | | |

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| 1179. | | March 2 [5?], 1956.  Spokane, Wash. (47.66° N, 117.44° W).  4:40 p.m. (PST).  Stoner.  (Sparks;  McDonald list;  Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30+ secs | | | |

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| 1180. | 4050 | April 4, 1956. McKinney Municipal Airport, Texas (33°10' N, 96°36' W). 3:15-9:00 p.m. (CST). Weather Bureau observer Capt. Roy F. Hall, U.S. Army (Ret.) [at McKinney Airport] spotted bright object at 80° elevation in the NW, using a 4x rifle scope at times. Hall contacted amateur astronomer Charles Anderson about 3 miles to Hall's NNW [at 33°12.00' N, 96°37.44' W] at 4:00 p.m. who used a 6-inch 55-200x telescope to see (as did Hall) an oblong bar-bell or double-sphere-shaped object with "no appendage whatever," "translucent, silvery rubber" in appearance with a central raised band or double line around its middle oriented vertically, looking like a balloon moving W against the upper winds blowing E, viewed through their telescopes. Ft Worth Weather Bureau told Hall no weather balloons were in the vicinity. [At about 6:45? p.m.] *Denton Record-Chronicle* newspaper correspondent Mrs. E. E. Love, in Aubrey, Texas [33°18' N, 96°59' W] about 9 miles NE of Denton and 23 miles WNW of McKinney Airport, sighted the bright UFO, like a "star," in the E at "high altitude" [consistent with Hall observing UFO hovering to the NW near his zenith]. Object then headed W / WSW towards Denton where it stopped and hovered overhead above / near town of Krum, Texas, [W to WNW of Hall in McKinney] during which time sun set [~6:50 p.m.] and cirrus clouds at 11,000 ft came in at about 7:00 p.m., sometimes obscuring the UFO before it started moving to W as if following the sun, setting lower and becoming brighter, "too bright for a weather balloon." People phoned in reports to the *Denton Record-Chronicle* which "swamped" phone lines; staff photographer took photo. Venus evidently appeared around sunset [which was at about 6:50 p.m.] and after getting "dark" (sometime after sunset) Hall noticed UFO was located about 7° due N of Venus [apparently at about 7 p.m. when Venus was at 42° elevation 273° azimuth, thus UFO at about 45° elevation 282° azimuth in the W to WNW, the direction of Denton from Hall at McKinney Airport and the direction Hall observed the UFO]. UFO was apparently not moving relative to Venus as UFO set in the W and disappeared at about 9:00 p.m. from darkness. Hall established a 3-mile triangulation baseline with Anderson that did not work, then another 3-mile baseline that resulted in about a 3° convergence angle [thus about 300,000 ft slant range] and estimated a 100,000 ft altitude [hence roughly 20° elevation apparently at about 9 p.m. in the WNW at about 293° when Venus was at 17° elevation 287° azimuth]. Hall estimated a 1 arcminute angular size and thus a 200+ ft [actually ~90 ft] diameter. *Denton Record-Chronicle* phoned Carswell AFB officer-of-the-day who could not identify UFO. Later, Carswell AFB reported that a C-47 at 45,000 ft had identified light as a weather balloon, and Perrin AFB scrambled fighters which confirmed identification as weather balloon [however weather balloon would be in darkness by 7-7:10 p.m.]. Hall found other observers 100 miles W and 50 miles N who sighted object as "overhead" [meaning anywhere from about 30°-45° to 90° elevation], thus Hall thought object might have been at altitude of 100 miles. (See April 6 and 13, 1956, sightings near McKinney, Texas.) (See Hall's April 13, 1956, sighting.) (Sparks; Berliner; Printy/Taylor; CUFOS; Denton, Texas, *Record-Chronicle*, April 5, 1956, p. 1; BB files) | 5-3/4 hrs | 5+ (many) | 1/30 [7 in 200x telescope] | real-time triangulation by Weather Bureau observer; 2 telescopes; newspaper staff photo |

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| 1181. | | April 5, 1956. Almy Pond, Newport, Rhode Island (at 41°30’ N, 71°18' W). 12:30-12:35 p.m. (EST). USN Underwater Ordnance Test Station physicist Mrs. Genevieve Mathison and her 3 children from the front door of their home saw a circular silver object with no trail or sound descending from 45° elevation in the N down to 0° elevation on an approaching path, with a receding 135° maneuver [?] and disappearing by whirling into the haze. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 5 mins | 4 | 20 (? binoc equiv ?) | USN physicist; binoculars |
| 1182. | | April 6, 1956. 5 miles E of McKinney, Texas (at 33°11’ N, 96°32’ W). Royce Mitchell and a companion saw a 5-8 ft silvery, balloon-shaped craft land in a field 300 ft away from them. They stopped the car to investigate, but the object took off at terrific speed. (See April 4 and 13, 1956, sightings near McKinney, Texas.) (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 379; Saunders/FUFOR Index; CUFOS; BB files) | | 2 | | |
| 1183. | | April 8, 1956. N of Schenectady to W of Syracuse, New York. 10:15 p.m. (EST) Capt. Raymond E. Ryan, First Officer William Neff, flight attendant Phyllis Reynolds, and passengers, took off in an American Flight 775 Convair airliner from Albany heading N then turned nearly due W (about 280° True) at 260 mph [207? mph] and 6,000 ft N of Schenectady when a brilliant white light about 2-3 miles away was spotted about 90° to the left appearing like an airliner heading in to land at Albany. The white light rapidly moved about 90° to dead-ahead position about 8-10 miles away at high speed estimated at about 800-1,000 mph where it changed color to orange and seemed to block the airliner’s path or risk collision, disappeared briefly, reappeared as an orange light again but standing still ahead of the airliner to the W. Airliner contacted Griffiss AFB, Rome, NY, where controllers asked pilot to turn lights off and on to help identify aircraft and was told airliner was seen and the orange UFO leading it, both to the S. Airliner was ordered to follow the UFO to the W, skipping its scheduled landing at Syracuse after nearly 30 mins of following the object until interceptors could arrive. Promised fighter jet interception was not seen (scrambled at 10:48 p.m., takeoff at 10:52). Object disappeared at high speed to the NW (or N) towards Oswego, NY. Final BB file missing many key documents (indicated in summaries). Official denials of AF-ordered course deviation to pursue UFO are contradicted within AF documents in the BB file including a surviving teletype from Watertown, NY, AF radar station (655th AC&W Sq) stating that airliner flew from Schenectady to Oswego, NY, instead of to Syracuse/Rochester, NY. AF theories of planet Venus required a major 20°-25° course deviation by the airliner in order to place airliner heading towards Venus roughly over Oswego. (Sparks; McDonald list; NICAP website) | 30+ mins | 6+ (?) | | |

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| 1184. | | April 13, 1956. McKinney, Texas (at 33°12.00’ N, 96°37.44’ W). 9:15 p.m. (CST). At Charles Anderson’s house, Weather Bureau observer Capt. Roy F. Hall, U.S. Army (Ret.) sighted 2 rapidly moving red lights pass low over house tops to the S disappearing in the W. Later obtained independent report from another observer, Tully B. Lucas, Jr., [about 0.57 mile to the SSW at 33°11.55’ N, 96°37.69’ W] who had sighted objects passing directly overhead, though seeing 3 pale blue lights, and Hall used the data to triangulate objects as passing over at about 150 ft height [~3° elevation?] and covering 40° of arc [~2,000 ft traveled?], thus estimating speed at about 1,800 mph [incorrect; actual speed ~700 mph if at ~3,000 ft distance]. Possible meteor IFO? (See April 4 and 6, 1956, sightings near McKinney, Texas.) (Sparks; CUFOS; BB files) | 2 secs | 2 | | | triangulation |
| 1185. | | April 16, 1956. Henderson, North Carolina. 5:00 a.m. FBI agents Richards and another, driving on Route 1, just before dawn, saw a top-shaped object as large as the road pass over their car, no sound. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 381) | few secs | 2 | | | |
| 1186. | | April 28, 1956. Near Newport (?), England, UK. 8:30 p.m. Lockheed/Curtis-Wright technical rep and JCS scientific consultant and his wife saw bright white star increase in brightness in the E for 10+ secs at “high altitude,” dim to medium dull red, then move from E to W roughly 3°/sec, dimming after 30 secs of travel to dull red, accelerating to “enormous speed,” wobbling as it disappeared. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 91-92) | 3 mins | 2 | | | aeronautical scientist |
| 1187. | | May 8, 1956. Aliquippa, Penna. (40.62° N, 80.26° W). 9:48 a.m. (EST) (McDonald list) | 10 mins | | | | |
| 1188. | | May 22, 1956. 58 miles NW of Monroe, Louisiana. 11:05 p.m. (CST) USAF officer 1st Lt. Earl D. Holwadel, piloting T-33 jet, and an accident investigation officer 1st Lt. Curtis Carley in the back seat during a night flight heading 50°-55° at 18,000-19,000 ft at 240 knots, saw a bright light due E, then saw it again in the E at 11:15 p.m. Holwadel banked right to the SE somewhat behind the object now seen in the SE at great distance. Object suddenly came straight at them at high speed passing in front of the T-33 at about 225 ft away under the "nose" of the object, no jet wash, on a heading of 330° when the object flashed an intensely bright white light from a "greenhouse-shaped dome" or cockpit window at its front end that lit up the canopy of the T-33. Object about 30-40 ft long, elliptical in shape, shorter than a C-47 but wider, a small steady red running light in the center, with no wings, only stubby protrusions extending 3-4 ft and 25 ft long on each side, bottom surface like steel with ribs extending down 2-4 ft with a wave-like appearance. Object moved away then returned at high speed on a W course with "fantastic" maneuverability never changing flight attitude at any time, disappeared at estimated distance of about 60 miles. (Sparks; BB Misc Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 173-182; NARCAP; McDonald list; Hynek-CUFOS files) | 10-15 mins | 2 | 20 | | |
| 1189. | | June 2, 1956. Newton, Mississippi. 10:51 p.m. Military pilot of Convair T-29 saw white-green light on parallel course at 5-7 miles [distance?]. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | | | | |

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| 1190. | 4127 | June 6, 1956. Banning, Calif. (33.93° N, 116.88° W). 5:30 [4:30?] a.m. Mr. Bierman saw a thin disc with a small dome, shimmering silver, hover about 300 ft away at 100 ft height then zoom up. [Crossed the road slowly, turned, crossed the road again behind the car and vanished suddenly. ??] (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 383; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 8-10 secs | 1 | | |
| 1191. | | June 29, 1956. Los Angeles to San Diego, Calif. 5:10 p.m. (PST). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 hrs | | | |
| 1192. | | July 6, 1956. Euclid, Ohio. 9:37 a.m. (EST). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 1193. | | July 17, 1956. Otis AFB, Westover, Mass. 11:42 p.m. (EDT). USAF jet fighter pilot saw a white-yellow circular object that reversed course. (Sparks; McDonald list; Weinstein; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 40 mins | 1 | | |
| 1194. | 4270 | Aug. 8, 1956. 20 miles S of Quartzsite, Ariz. 11 p.m. (MST). Attorneys W. B. Buttermore and J. W. Smith saw a blue-white pulsating light fly fast, straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5-7 mins | 2 | | |
| 1195. | | Aug. 10-11, 1956. Duncanville AFS near Dallas, Texas. 12:05/12:20 p.m. (CST). McConnell. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4 hrs | | | |
| 1196. | | Aug. 13, 1956. RAF Bentwaters, England, UK. 9:55 p.m. Extremely high speed radar-visual approximately 18,000 mph E-W radar track of brilliant white light, from about 30 miles E to 30 miles W passing directly over the radar site, “streaked under” C-47 at 4,000 ft near base. Radar track provides height-finding data confirming extremely low altitude, roughly 2,000 ft, also estimated by ground visual observers. (Sparks) | 30 secs | several | | RV |
| 1197. | | Aug. 13-14, 1956. RAF Lakenheath, England, UK. 11 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Radar-visual of hovering-darting objects that outmaneuvered Venom NF-3 jet interceptor beginning at 12:01 a.m. Later attempted intercepts at about 2-3 a.m. were unsuccessful. (Sparks) | 1-1/2 hrs | several | | RV |
| 1198. | | Aug. 16, 1956. Near Azores [41.41° N, 95° W ?]. 1:45 a.m. [2:30 a.m. GMT?]. Capt. Dennis and crew of Eastern Airlines DC-4 Flight 49, flying at 4,000 ft en route to New York heading W, saw a bright white light to the W pass within 40 ft from above and below [multiple passes?]. Pilot took evasive action. (Sparks; NARCAP; Weinstein; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 20-25 mins | multiple | | |
| 1199. | | Aug. 17, 1956. SSW [of] Spragueville, Maine. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1200. | | Aug. 20, 1956. North Bend, Oregon. 10:15 p.m. (PST). Camillo. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 hrs | | | |
| 1201. | | Aug. 22, 1956. Bornholm, Denmark. 8:50 p.m. (GMT). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3 hrs | | | radar |
| 1202. | 4348 | Aug. 27, 1956. Juniata, Penna. 9:55 p.m. Mrs. R. S. Pope saw a bright disc with a clear dome fly vertically, then N. A very cold breeze seemed to emanate from the object. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3 mins | 1 | | |
| 1203. | 4379 | Sept. 4, 1956. Dallas, Texas. 9 p.m. USMC T/Sgt. R. D. Rogers and family saw a large star, changing to red color, remain stationary for 20 mins, then move W at 200 knots (230 mph). (Sparks; Berliner) | 23 mins | 3+ | | |

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| 1204. | | Sept. 13, 1956. S Calif. (at 34°32' N, 119°48' W, near Santa Barbara). 9:35 [9:34?] p.m. United Airlines Flight 459 crew saw a star-like object stationary then moving. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min | 2+ ? | | |
| 1205. | 4399 | Sept. 14, 1956. Highland, North Carolina. 1 a.m. Scaly, N. Car., policeman O. S. Gryman saw 14 yellow-to-red round objects with tremendous exhaust fly in a vague formation from SW to E to NE and back again, while swooping up and down. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1.5 hrs | 2 ? | | |
| 1206. | | Sept. 25, 1956. Grand Rapids, Mich. 4 p.m. Cessna pilot Marcus saw 2 delta-shaped objects flying S under the right wing. (Sparks; Weinstein; CUFOS files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 1207. | | Oct. 7, 1956. Castle AFB area, Calif. 10:45 p.m. (PST). 2-3 USAF F-86D pilots, Lt Jerry Owen Robinett, Lt Alvin A. Akins, and possibly Lt. Donata Correa, Intelligence Officer, [on ground?] from 456th FIS, Castle AFB, were scrambled or redirected already in air about 11:10 p.m. to intercept a UFO reported by ground witnesses [Thomas Salazar and police officers in Merced, and another in Merced]. Football-shaped or dome-shaped UFO estimated at 100-120 ft diameter and 50-60 ft high, dipped up and down vertically into an overcast cloud bank layer at 11,000 to 21,000 ft, playing "cat and mouse" with F-86 pilots stationed above and below cloud layer to catch the object. Akins got brief airborne radar contacts that immediately terminated as if the UFO was monitoring the radar beam (by ELINT). (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Loren Gross Sept-Oct 1956, Nov-Dec 1956 Supp.; McDonald papers; BB files) | 3-4 secs + 45-60 Secs + ? | 5+ | | |
| 1208. | | Oct. 9, 1956. Little Easton, Essex, England (51°54' N, 0°19' E). 6:55 p.m. (GMT). USAF witness Pollock. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | hrs | 4 | | |
| 1209. | | Oct. 17 [18?], 1956. Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya. 10:17 p.m. (GMT). (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 1210. | 4489 | Nov. 1, 1956. 60 miles E of St. Louis, Missouri, near Mt. Vernon and Sandoval, Illinois. 5:30 p.m. [11:30 a.m. CST?] USAF Capt. W. M. Lyons, Intelligence Division Chief (Aerial Weather Recon Officer) [and Daniel?], flying a T-33 jet trainer, saw an orange light with a blue tinge, fly across the sky. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; etc.) | 2 mins | 2? | | |
| 1211. | | Nov. 4, 1956, Point Arena, Calif. 8:22 p.m. (PST). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 hrs 40 mins ? | | | radar |
| 1212. | | Nov. 9 [?], 1956. Destin, Florida. 7 p.m. (EST). USAF pilot flying RF-84F with 3242nd Test Group saw a long narrow object with a series of bright orange lights. (Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4 mins | 1? | | |
| 1213. | | Nov. 11, 1956. El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Calif. 9:30 p.m. (PST). USMC pilot flying helicopter and ground witneses saw a flashing red light with ground radar tracking. (Sparks; Weinstein; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 hrs 45 mins | 3+ ? | | radar |

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| 1214. | | Nov. 14, 1956. Near Jackson, Alabama (at 31.5° N, 87.9° W). 10:10-10:12 p.m. (CST). Capital Airlines Flight 77 pilot Capt. William J. Hull with 3 million miles, 15,000 hours and 16 years' flight experience and author of anti-UFO skeptical article "The Obituary of the Flying Saucer" in *The Airline Pilot* magazine (Sept. 1953), was with copilot FO Peter H. McIntosh flying from New York to Mobile, Ala., in a Viscount airliner at 300 mph descending at 10,000 ft, headed SSW. They saw a brilliant bluish-white light (mag. -7) descend in a steep downward angle diagonally [about 45°?] from left to right [from S to SSW?] to dead ahead in the SSW where it stopped at the same or slightly higher altitude. Hull radioed Bates tower near Mobile to look for object, then at that moment the object began a series of maneuvers for 30 secs, rising and falling, darting back and forth, instant 90° turns, then hovered motionless again at same/slightly higher level [?]. When Bates Field radioed again the object began another series of "crazy gyrations, lazy 8's, square chandelles" with undulating motion, then shot out over the Gulf of Mexico in a steep climb at "fantastic speed" until it disappeared. AF radar at Brookley AFB in Mobile was not turned on. See Aug. 30, 1957, case. (Sparks; Condon project Unexplained case, CR pp. 127-9; McDonald critique of CR Jan 1969; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; Hull letter June 5, 1957; NARCAP; Herb Taylor; Printy; van Utrecht) | 2+ mins | 2 | 1/10 | |
| 1215. | 4543 | Nov. 30, 1956. Charleston AFB, South Carolina. 12:48 p.m. USAF aerial navigator Maj. D. D. Grimes saw an unspecified object fly at an estimated 100 ft altitude over water. No further details. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | 1+ ? | | |
| 1216. | | Dec. 17, 1956. Near 34° N, 131° E (Japan). 3:20 p.m. [?] USAF pilot, Lt., 68th FIS intelligence officer, Itazuke AFB, Japan, flying F-86D interceptor at 25,000 ft heading 330° then 270°, initially at 340-350 knots IAS (400 mph IAS) tracked UFO on radar at 20 NM range at 30° left (11 o'clock) [12? o'clock?] level, turned to pursue [at 270°? 300°?] radar lockon at 15 NM, closed at steady overtake, saw a golden brown round object accelerate to 1,500 to 1,800 knots (1,700 to 2,100 mph) at disappearance at 5 NM range. Strong ECM interference on airborne radar and that of F-86D wingman's radar 6 NM behind lead plane; wingman did not see or track UFO but did receive ECM interference. Radar interference anti-jamming device (frequency change) worked for 10 secs at a time but interference would return again. Ground GCI radar did not skin-track either the F-86's or the UFO but had to use IFF transponders on F-86's. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP; Shough; Weinstein; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 7-8 mins | 2 | | radar, ECM |
| 1217. | 4577 | Dec. 31, 1956 [Jan. 1, 1957?]. Guam. 2:10 a.m. USAF 1st Lt. Ted Brunson, flying an F-86D jet interceptor, saw a round, white object fly under the jet, which was unable to turn as sharply as the object. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 mins | 1 | | radar, EM |

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| 1218. | | Jan. 16, 1957. Bet. Ft. Worth and Lubbock, Texas (at 33°15'N, 99°15'W). 8:00 p.m. USAF crews of 2 B-25's flying from Maxwell AFB, Birmingham, Ala., to Reese AFB, Lubbock, Texas, including passenger Lt. Col. Howard T. Wright, Capt. [illegible] W. Davis, pilot Lt. Robert I. Kaplan, and Lt. [illegible] Daniel, saw a round white object make rapid maneuvers, with effects on radio compass. B-25 sent on 4-hour search of visinity with no results. (Sparks; McDonald files; BB files; Weinstein; Jan Aldrich) | 1 hr | 4+ ? | | radar, EM |
| 1219. | | Feb. 7, 1957. Las Cruces, New Mexico. 3:53 a.m. (MST). 54 radar targets? (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 hr 39 mins | | | radar |
| 1220. | | Feb. 13, 1957. Marrero, Louisiana. 8 p.m. Martin. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 hr 40 mins | | | |
| 1221. | | Feb. 13, 1957. Tierra Amarilla AFS, New Mexico (36°37'25" N, 106°39'50" W). 4:40 a.m. (MST). 1st Lt Sidney Meyer, radar controller of FPS-3 search radar at 767th AC&W Sq, Tierra Amarilla AFS, tracked and with FPS-5 height-finder painted UFO at 24,300 ft at azimuth 310° at 25 NM distance. 2nd UFO [?] at 26,500 ft orbited around 1st UFO which was stationary. Interceptor trailed by one UFO for 25 NM before breaking off. Visual of red, yellow and green blinking lights. Missing documents not forwarded to BB by 4602nd AISS. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 2 hrs | | | |
| 1222. | | Feb. 13, 1957. Lincoln AFB, Lincoln, Nebraska. 2:30 a.m. USAF SAC (98th Bomb Wing?) Director of Operations and 3 tower controllers at 2 radar sites, and the GCA's NCOIC, tracked several targets flying behind an airliner at a distance of 5-6 miles traveling 2x as fast. No IFF response. Objects could hover and move at high speed, one split into 2 objects, another did 180° turn. Blips the size of a B-47. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-7) | 3-5 mins [25 mins?] | 5 | | RV multiple radars |
| 1223. | | Feb. 27, 1957. Castle AFB, Calif. 9:45 p.m. (PST). 9 radar targets. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 24 secs | | | radar |
| 1224. | | March 6, 1957. Great Meadows-Hope, New Jersey. 2 p.m. Martin's attention drawn by barking dogs looking up at white derby-hat-shaped object 50+ ft wide hovering low over a field about 450 ft away with a gentle rocking motion and streamers underneath like tinsel. Object suddenly took off almost vertically to the NE without sound disappearing into cloud bank. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 151-4; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min + | 1 | 12 | |
| 1225. | | March 22, 1957. Point Mugu, Calif. 12:10 p.m. (PST). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 1226. | | March 22, 1957. Long Beach-Los Angeles Airport, Calif. 11:55 p.m. (PST). CAA airport surveillance radar operated by Norman Johnson [at Los Angeles or Long Beach?] picked up 2 high speed 3600 mph targets in trail with each other (later just one blip) in the NW at 300° Mag at 10 miles range headed outward radially from radar at about course 320° Mag [probably 4 blips 10 miles apart for 30 secs] until stopping abruptly at 40 miles range [for 10 secs?]. Target reversed course heading radially inward to station going 30 miles in reverse direction [in 10 secs?] then a 2nd stop at 10 miles range [for a 10-sec sweep?]. Target reversed direction going 40 miles [in 40 secs?] on 320° Mag heading beyond radar range last blip at 50 miles at 315° Mag azimuth. High speed radar targets traveling radially inward and outward from station only on one side of scope with probably slight curvature of path (i.e., 300°, 315° and 320° Mag azimuths or headings) is suggestive of mutual interference with another radar at almost exactly the same frequency (thus IFO's of non-real targets). 2 F-89 jets scrambled from Oxnard AFB found nothing. No visuals at any time. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; NICAP) | 120 secs | 1 | | radar only |
| 1227. | | March 23 [22?], 1957. Oxnard AFB, Calif. 11:15 p.m. (PST). Beaudoin and several independent witnesses saw maneuvering lights. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 53-54; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 hrs 45 mins ? | several | | |
| 1228. | | March 27, 1957. Roswell, New Mexico. 8:35 p.m. USAF pilot Lt. Sontheimer flying C-45 transport saw to the left 3 bright white circular objects in tight formation on collision course. He immediately flashed his taxi lights, one object shot straight up above him the other 2 continued on passing in front. When he flashed his taxi lights (again?) the objects instantly blinked out and disappeared. (Sparks; Weinstein; NARCAP; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 6 secs | 1? | | |
| 1229. | | April 14, 1957. 1/2 mile E of Vins sur Caramy, France (at 43°25.7' N, 6°10' E). 3 p.m. Mrs. Marie Garcin and Mrs. Julia Rami walking NE on Road D24 heard a loud deafening noise and saw about 300 ft ahead of them a 5 ft tall 3 ft wide metallic top-shaped object covered with vibrating sharp spines landing near a road sign which started to vibrate loudly, then the object hopped over the road at a height of about 15-30 ft, the women cried out and another witness Mr. Jules Boglio about 1,000 ft away looked and with the women saw the object land (a 2nd time) in the next road, then jump over another road sign which then vibrated with loud noise. 2 other witnesses reportedly saw the object at a much greater distance. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 9, case CEII-16; Mark Cashman) | 1-2 mins | 3 | 2 | |
| 1230. | 4706 | April 25, 1957. Ringgold, Louisiana. 2:30 a.m. (CST). Military witness Robertson. Case missing. (Sparks; NARA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 25 mins | 1 | | |

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| 1231. | 4715 | May 2, 1957. Edwards AFB, Calif. (at 34°53’30” N, 117°40’30” W). 7:55-8:20 a.m. [6:55-7:20 a.m.?] (PDT). James D. Bittick and John R. Gettys, Jr., civilian phototheodolite operators, were driving by truck to Askania Site #4 when they sighted an object above them about 500 yards away. They radioed a report to their supervisor Frank Baker who told them to set up the camera and try to film the object, which they did after about 10 mins. They photographed what they described as a golden luminous domed-saucer shaped object with holes or ports around the dome about 100 ft in diameter about 1 mile in the distance to the N headed E (photos show multiple? objects). Available phototheodolite frames 614, 620 and 651 (609 too blurred, data cut off on edge) show azimuth 10°28’ elevation 2°24’ shifting E to azimuth 40°30’ elevation 1°0’. Frames 600 to 6xx were taken at 2 frames/sec at about 8:07 a.m., frames 6xx to 653 CHECK were taken at 4 frames/sec at about 8:15 a.m. Disappeared at about 5 miles estimated distance. Possible jet fighter interception. [Possible explanation as weather balloon (with slow leak and hugging the ground) denied by Edwards AFB records proving balloon was not leaking and hugging the ground but rising at about 1,000 to 1,200 ft/min as normal. Balloon explanation denied by Lt. Col. Raymond Klein (and Lt. Col. Harold Russell), Acting DCS/Operations and Asst, AF Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, analyzing actual tracking of balloon and wind direction, which proves UFO and balloon to be different objects in different locations. Balloon was at about 39,300 ft at 8:15 a.m., launched at 7:40 a.m. from Edwards AFB at 34°54’30” N, 117°52’00” W.] (Sparks; BB files; McDonald files; Tom Tulien; Jan Aldrich; McDonald 1968 pp. 75, 85; Loren Gross Mar-May 1957 pp. 67-68; IUR Oct 2005) | 25 mins | 2 | 8? | photo-theodolite |
| 1232. | | May 4 [5?], 1957. Near Calif. coast (at 33°52' N, 127°?33' W?). 3:25 a.m. (PDT) [4 a.m. PDT?]. USAF copilot of radar patrol aircraft with 552nd AEW&C Wing saw a yellowish-red light at 10,000 ft pass in front of aircraft. (Sparks; Weinstein; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 secs | 1? | | |
| 1233. | | May 29, 1957. Houma, Louisiana. 3:03 p.m. (CST). (Sparks; McDonald list) | 14 mins | | | radar |
| 1234. | | May 30, 1957. Detroit, Mich. 9:01 a.m. (CST). (Sparks; McDonald list) | 30 secs | | | radar |

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| 1235. | | June 3, 1957. Shreveport to Converse, Louisiana. 8:30 [9:35?] -9:30? p.m. (CST). Shortly after takeoff from Shreveport Airport, heading for Lake Charles, La., and climbing, Capt. Lynn Kern and FO Abbey Zimmerman flying Trans-Texas Airlines Flight 103 were told by the control tower that a small light was visible nearby. They saw the star-like blue-green pulsating [?] object hovering (approaching?) at their 10 [2?] o'clock position at about 400 ft then climbing rapidly to 1,000 ft paralleling the airliner then at 110 knots speed (130 mph later 165 mph) but at higher altitude and 1/2 mile away. Kern flashed landing lights and object responded with a beam [?] of light. 2nd blue-green pulsating object joined the first on the opposite side of the airliner (then at 9,000 ft), air crew confirmed from tower that it had both objects on radar and visually through binoculars, objects headed S at 170° climbing to about 10,000 ft and followed airliner to Converse, La., (about 45 miles S of Shreveport) where pilot queried ADC radar site, England AFS, Alexandria, La., which confirmed the 2 targets in the airliner's vicinity at 9,700 ft. Objects disappeared from sight in a cloud deck to the SW. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-6; NARCAP) | 1 hr ? | 4+ | | RV, multiple radars, bincoculars |
| 1236. | 4760 | June 12, 1957. Milan, Italy. 7:30 p.m. G. U. Donadio, translator for export-import firm, saw an object "big as a hen's egg" [at arm's length?] fly very fast, zigzag, hover and revolve, then shoot up. (Sparks; Berliner) | 17 mins | 1 | | |
| 1237. | | July 16, 1957. Las Vegas, Nevada/N Arizona. 1:56-1:58 p.m. (MST). USAF ADC radar station 865th ACWRON, Las Vegas AFS, Angel Peak (36°19.1'N, 115°34.4'W), Nevada, Senior Director 1st Lt. Clifford E. Pocock, scope operator A/2c Walter Lyons, and control technician A/1c Armand Therrien, using the FPS-3A L-band search radar tracked an inbound target at average speed of about 6,200 mph for 48 secs [?] when it "stopped abruptly" and "remained stationary" for 12 secs to the ENE at 75° azimuth 85 miles range, N of Grand Canyon, then target headed outbound at about 7,000 mph on 85° heading over the last 72 secs before disappearing at the radar's maximum range at 81° azimuth 224 miles range (near Marble Canyon, Ariz.). Target responded to encrypted (?) military IFF transponder signals and transmitted encrypted (?) responses. Similar occurrence 2 days earlier noted by night crew but none others in 2 years. See July 17 and 18 radar-emitting and/or IFF-transmitting UFO incidents in Mississippi and Arizona. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 2 mins 12 secs | 3 | | radar and IFF |
| 1238. | | July 17, 1957. Gulfport, Mississippi, E Texas to Ft. Worth and to E of Oklahoma City. 4:30-6:40 a.m. (CDT). Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) RB-47 jet on training mission repeatedly encountered maneuvering radar-transmitting UFO which correlated with visual of brilliant white-red light tracked at 10 nautical miles from RB-47 by Dallas/Duncanville AFS 647th ACWRON air defense FPS-10 radar (32°38.8' N, 96°54.3' W), with same motions outpacing jet, simultaneous blink outs on Duncanville radar, ELINT monitors, visually and on airborne APS-20 navigation radar. (Sparks in Jerome Clark, *The UFO Encyclopedia,* 3rd ed. 2018, vol. 2, pp. 953-1001) | ~5 mins +1 hr 10 mins | 6+ | | RV and ELINT |

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| 1239. | | July 18, 1957. Mt. Lemmon, Ariz. (32°26.5'N, 110°47.4'W). 10:46-11:20 p.m. (MST). USAF ADC radar station 684th ACWRON, Mt. Lemmon AFS, Senior Director Capt. Claiborne F. Bickham and crew using both MPS-7 L-band search and MPS-14 S-band height-finder radars tracked a stationary target at 42,000 ft to the NW at 308° azimuth 82 miles range (S of Chandler, Ariz.). Target responded to encrypted (?) military IFF Mode 3 transponder signals, transmitted encrypted (?) responses resulting in "normal Mode 3 paint" on radar scopes, and "a very slight strobe came from object appearing like ECM jamming." See similar incident on July 16, 1957, in Arizona (Las Vegas radar station) and RB-47 case on July 17. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 34 mins | 3+ ? | | radar and IFF |
| 1240. | | July 24, 1957. Nemuro Strait, Japan. 10 a.m. 2 USAF pilots flying F-86 jet fighters scrambled to intercept disc-shaped object, tracked by ground radar and seen by ground witnesses. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | 3+ ? | | RV |
| 1241. | | July 25, 1957. Niagara Falls, New York. 12:25 a.m. (EST). USAF pilot 1st Lt. Robert S. Hipkins and alert center operator S/Sgt Raymond C. Henry, both 47th Fighter Interceptor Sq on the ground, saw a circular brilliant white object with smaller 6? pale green lights on its perimeter move slowly at constant altitude at first then make fast pivoting turns, maneuvering radically SE to NE (from azimuth 150° elevation 45° to azimuth 75° elevation 65°), disappearing in a rapid steep climb. Radar tracked for 3 mins by CPS-6 ground ADC site. (Sparks; McDonald list; Jan Aldrich) | 8 mins | 2+ ? | | RV |
| 1242. | 4841 | July 27 or 29, 1957. Longmont, Colo. Early morning. J. L. Siverly saw a thick disc, ice blue, with a top like honeycomb (interconnected hexagons), hover and rock below the hill tops. Middle band was scalloped, bottom had four kidney-shaped forms. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | 1 | | |
| 1243. | 4847 | July 29, 1957. Cleveland, Ohio. 10:31 p.m. Capital Airlines Capt. R. L. Stimley and First Officer F. J. Downing saw a large, round, yellow-white object dim once, cross the bow of the airliner, which then gave chase but was unable to catch it. (Sparks; Berliner) | 8 mins | 2 | | |
| 1244. | 4848 | July 29, 1957. Oldsmar, Florida. 11:45 a.m. E. E. Henkins saw a pale yellow fireball glide into the water and exploded. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 min | 1 | | |

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| 1245. | | Aug. 3, 1957. About 175 miles SW of San Francisco, Calif. (at 35°30' N, 124°30' W). 7:45-8:24 a.m. (PDT). USAF 965th Aircraft Early Warning & Control Sq (552nd AEW&C Wing), pilot 1st Lt. Robert J. Springer, Jr., Tech. Sgt. Herman L. Giles, and 16 other air crewmen, while on routine Airborne Operations Center radar early warning patrol over the Pacific aboard RC-121D aircraft (s/n 53-3400) detected a target on IFF Mode 2 transponder only. At 7:56 the IFF target became a direct radar "skinpaint," at 8:02 the IFF equipment APX-6/APX-7 was turned off but target was still tracked on airborne radar. At 8:15 target was at 2 o'clock position 10 miles range when aircraft started a right turn to reverse course putting target at dead ahead and target "suddenly" took off to the NW at "very high" speed, disappearing at 58 miles range (within 1-2 mins? at 1,800-3,600 mph?). Regained radar contact at 8:18 at 1 o'clock position 22 miles range moving right to left, crossed in front of aircraft again, closing distance to 8 miles at 11 o'clock position at 8:20 when target turned to head on parallel path. Lost contact at 8:24 at 7 o'clock position behind the plane at 15 miles, IFF remaining off, no visuals. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich) | 37-39 mins | 2+ | | radar and IFF |
| 1246. | | Aug. 22, 1957 Cecil NAS, Florida. 3:40 p.m. Sheetz and another civilian in a car chased a 50 ft black, bell shaped object bearing two bright, white lights at the top until the engine stalled when object hovered 10 ft away. Underside resembled a disk with fins. When a jet took off from the airfield, the object went out of sight almost instantly. Car battery was found completely dead. Noise from the object compared to helicopter though no helicopter in the area. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 399; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | 140 ? | EM |

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| 1247. | | Aug. 21 and 22, 1957. Cambria AFS, Cambria, Calif. (at 35°31’22”N, 121°03’51”W, elev. ~680 ft MSL). 7:58 p.m. (Aug. 21) + 7:35 p.m. (Aug. 22) (PST). USAF radar operator S/Sgt William H. Miller at 775th ACWRON sighted 3 [2?] round red and orange objects in “stacked” formation to the SW (at 15° elevation?), observed in binoculars. Apparently unrelated radar target (2 targets?) in WSW at 240° altitude 12,000 and 17,000 ft at 12 mi range at 15° elevation [11° and 15°] due to anomalous propagation (?); disappeared at 7 mi range and 12,000 and 17,000 ft [elevations 18° and 25°]. Fighters scrambled from Moffett Field NAS and North Island NAS (F3D fighters) apparently unsuccessful. USAF personnel at 775th ACWRON, Major Joseph S. Anderson (Exec Ofcr), 1st Lt. Thomas E. Brinton (Director), and radar operator Miller, sighted 2 round white (later orange) objects in stack formation to the SW at 15° elevation, observed in binoculars. FPS-6 height-finder radar detected object(s) in the same direction at 40,000 and 41,000 ft range 13 miles dropping to 36,000 ft 13 miles, unclear whether azmuths 258° (initial) 263° (final) elevation 20° (initial) 18° (final) applied to radar or visual targets; unclear whether FPS-3 search radar detected objects. Observers at radar station saw 2 unrelated objects in the W, the planets Venus and Jupiter in conjunction less than 1° apart, which disappeared at the exact time, 8:22 p.m. (PST), that Venus and Jupiter set below the horizon at 269° and 270° azimuth (corrected for radar station elevation and refraction). Two F2H Navy fighters from Moffett Field NAS were sent to the area and made visual contact with what they considered to be a stars [apparently Venus and Jupiter in conjunction setting in the W]. Anomalous radar propagation indicated by the blanking out of both fighters’ IFF transponder signals on FPS-3 search radar scope when between ranges of about 50 to 70 miles from the objects. IFO’s and false radar targets. (NICAP; Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; BB files) | 1 hr 10 mins + 47 mins | 1 + 4 | | |
| 1248. | | Aug. 27, 1957. Dry Tortugas, Florida. 4:45 p.m. (EDT?). Crew of military aircraft saw an object with bright red to reddish-yellow pulsating light, tracked by ground radar. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | | | RV |
| 1249. | | Aug. 29, 1957. Paso Robles, Calif. Daytime? Taylor and Bunting saw silver circular object flying N to W. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 44; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4 mins | 2 | | |

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| 1250. | | Aug. 30, 1957. Chesapeake Bay nearing Norfolk, Va. [N or NNE of Norfolk]. Night [ca. 11:30 p.m. (EST)]. Capital Airlines pilot Capt. William J. Hull with 3 million miles, 15,000 hours and 17 years' flight experience and author of anti-UFO skeptical article "The Obituary of the Flying Saucer" in *The Airline Pilot* magazine (Sept. 1953), in a Viscount airliner [at 300 mph ? descending?] at 12,000 ft, with co-pilot, [on Capital Flight 875? from NY Newark airport to Norfolk] saw a fast-moving brilliant object stop motionless directly in front of their aircaft and remain there for several minutes. Pilot of Northeast Airlines DC-6 [DC-6B on Flight 89? from NY Idlewild airport to Miami] at 20,000 ft directly above the Viscount radioed Hull that he detected UFO on his radar at 20 [nautical?] miles [horizontal?] range only when antenna was tilted up at 15° [thus at altitude of about 53,000 ft vs. Hull's estimate of 60,000 ft]. UFO disappeared visually and from radar at same time by "dissolving" or "fading." At 15° elevation above aircraft local horizontal the UFO would have been difficult for DC-6B pilot to see, whereas the better vertical field of view in the Viscount would have enable Hull to see it at about 18° elevation. See Nov. 14, 1956, case. (Sparks; Condon project Unexplained case, CR pp. 127-9; McDonald critique of CR Jan 1969; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; Hull letter Oct. 26, 1957) | several mins | 3+ | | RV |
| 1251. | | Sept. 19, 1957. Point Pleasant, New Jersey. 6:40 p.m. Connell saw a boomerang-shaped object bigger than a house land. Grass flattened. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 403; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 1252. | 4959 | Sept. 20, 1957. Kadena AFB, Okinawa. 8 p.m. S/Sgt. H. T. O'Connor and S/Sgt. H. D. Bridgeman saw an object, shaped like a coke bottle without the neck, translucent and fluorescent, make four 5-10 second passes from N to S, with 4-5 mins between passes. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4 x 5-10 secs ? | 2 | | |

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| 1253. | | Sept. 20, 1957. Montauk AFS, New York – Benton AFS, Penna. 2:05:48 p.m. (EST). National air defense UFO alert (previous cases on Dec. 6, 1950, Apr. 17, 1952, not in BB files apparently; see subsequent alert of Apr. 18, 1962, in BB files). Radar track data corrected from detailed NORAD map plot (with supplemental data):<br>At 2:05:48 p.m. Montauk Point AFS (773rd Sq ACWRON) began tracking on NORAD-ADC radar FPS-20 (modified FPS-3) high-speed 4,000 mph (claimed) or 7,000 mph (actual) radar target, beginning about range 210 nmi (242 mi) at azimuth 110° over the Atlantic, on ESE-WNW path at [low-ball estimate] 50,000 ft altitude [probably closer to 100,000 ft].<br>Next sweep of radar at 3:06:00 p.m. painted target UFO at range 190 nmi (219 mi) [thus traveled 23 mi / 12 secs = 1.92 mi/sec = ~7,000 mph rounding to 1,000].<br>2:05:48 p.m. initial pickup 210 nmi from Montauk<br>2:06:00 p.m. 20 nmi (23 mi) from last (~7,000 mph)<br>(2:06:36) p.m. 33 nmi (38 mi) from last (~4,000 mph)<br>2:07:00 p.m. 29 nmi (33 mi) from last (~5,000 mph)<br>(2:07:24) p.m. 40 nmi (46 mi) from last (~7,000 mph)<br>(2:07:36) p.m. 34 nmi (40 mi) from last (~12,000 mph)<br>2:07:48 p.m. (7) nmi (8 mi) from last (2,300 mph)<br>located about 63 mi from Montauk<br>(2:08:00) p.m. (6 mi) from last (1,800 mph):<br>(faded about 50 nmi (57 mi) from Montauk)<br>Plotted by Montauk site at initial track 3,600 knots (4,100 mph) speed, average about 5,400 knots (~6,300 mph), during 2 mins tracking until disappearance at 2:08:00 p.m., about 50 nmi (57 mi) SE of Montauk. Falsely claimed by AF to be only 1 minute, or (inconsistently) 95 secs (~1.6 mins), of tracking, to downplay and minimize incident.<br>Montauk interrogated target with IFF Mark X, received confirmation radio response from UFO target at same location shown on radar for several 12-sec sweeps thus verifying initial 7,000 mph track and eliminating interference and equipment malfunction explanations, refuting AF debunking which omitted fact of IFF.<br>UFO target was projected to head about 289° [or WNW at about 302°] at 2,000 knots (2,300 mph) and Montauk alerted Benton AFS (648th ACWRON). [But UFO turned slightly left at 2:07:24 p.m. to course about 272° no longer towards Montauk, covering about 40-41 nmi (46-48 mi) in two 12-sec radar sweeps or ~7,000 mph. UFO covered same in 24 secs before turn, ~7,000 mph.]<br>In one sweep 3:07:24-36 p.m. UFO covered 34 nmi (40 mi) in 12 secs, or ~12,000 mph, the max speed.<br>Interception by two F-102 jets at 2:10 p.m. from Kinross AFB, Mich., roughly 600-700 miles farther to the WNW from the Montauk track or projection, and later two more F-102's from Truax AFB, Wisc., 500-700 miles W of Benton tracks, was attempted but UFOs disappeared.<br>At 2:17 (or 2:18) p.m. Benton AFS, Penn., radar tracked a 920 knot (~1060 mph) target, considered "correlated" with Montauk track BB-6 as one and same object, for 10 (to 11) mins, tracked successively by two overlapping separate radar beams at differing frequencies (Vertical-Upper and Vertical-Center beams) of multi-beamed CPS-6B (FPS-10) search and height-finder radar<br>(Cont'd next entry:) | 2 + 16 mins | multi ple | | IFF, multiple radars |

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| | | (but not on the FPS-6 height-finder radar).<br>At 2:17 (or 2:18) p.m. Benton AFS, Penn., radar tracked a 920 knot (~1060 mph) target, considered "correlated" with Montauk track BB-6 as one and same object, for 10 (to 11) mins, tracked successively by two overlapping separate radar beams at differing frequencies (VU and VC beams) of multi-beamed CPS-6B (FPS-10) search/height radar (but not on FPS-6 height-finder radar).<br>Beginning at about 90 miles NNW of Benton, UFO headed W almost transverse to Benton [hence cannot be interference which moves radially inward or outward] ending 2:28 p.m. ~220 miles at azimuth 305° (about NW) of Benton ~70 miles W of Buffalo, NY, in Ontario, Canada, heading ~266°.<br>Latter 266° UFO heading was straight towards SAC HQ in Omaha, Nebraska, about 800 miles further on track if extended (miss distance about the size of the map plotting error for headings).<br>[Between 2:23 and 2:24 p.m., UFO target transitioned from Benton's VU to VC radar beams at 6° elevation at about 135 nmi (155 mi) NW of Benton, which is an impossibility for radar interference since the VU and VC beams are at different frequencies, and can only be a real object at an altitude of about 100,000 ft. Speed ~1,200 mph at this transition.]<br>While 1st Benton UFO target was still being tracked, at 2:24 p.m., a 2nd Benton radar target, given separate track number BE-111, was picked up by Benton CPS-6B along a roughly parallel path shifted 10-20 miles farther N of the 1st Benton UFO track, heading W, starting about 90 miles NNE of Benton, heading 290° at 1,200 knots (1380 mph).<br>At 2:30 p.m., 2nd Benton UFO faded out of VU Benton radar beam about 145 nmi NW of Benton, at 2:32 p.m., then entered VC Benton radar beam about 160 nmi NW [thus a pattern indicating the UFO varied altitude from about 110,000 to 125,000 ft]. Benton radar site interrogated target with IFF Mark X, received no response (unlike Montauk which did). Track ended at 2:34 p.m. about 200 miles WNW of Benton and about 70 miles W of Buffalo, New York, in Ontario, Canada, heading ~265°.<br>Again, UFO headed straight towards SAC HQ in Omaha, Nebraska, about 800 m further on track if extended (miss distance about size of heading error).<br>Both Benton tracks on projected course ~265°-266° headed towards Omaha SAC HQ about 800 mi away, which was put on alert, along with NORAD, AF Command Post, AD Divisions. Other radar stations alerted did not pick up UFO tracks apparently because of their extreme speed and altitude (100,000 to 120,000+ ft). NORAD analysis suggested 135,000 ft altitude.<br>No temperature inversions. Triggered White House-NORAD-SAC alert, high level CIA, USAF Intelligence, IAC Watch Committee, IAC Executive Session meetings (Intelligence Advisory Committee, IAC, was board of directors of US Intelligence now called National Foreign Intelligence Board, NFIB). (Sparks; FOIA; BB/CIA/FBI files; Senate Hearings Jan. 1958) | 2 + 16 mins | multiple | | IFF, multiple radars |

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| 1254. | 5003 | Oct. 8, 1957. Seattle, Wash. 9:17 a.m. 2 U.S. Army sergeants saw 2 flat, round, white objects fly in trail formation along an irregular path, frequently banking. (Sparks; Berliner) | 25-30 secs | 2 | | |

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| 1255. | | Oct. 14, 1957. North Island NAS, San Diego, Calif. (32.7° N, 117.2° W). 6:55 p.m. (PST). Navy Air Traffic Control Tower operators Vyrl E Ewing (Ac/3), Douglas Cowen (MM1), and Margaret Davis (Ac/c), Air Control Section No 3, North Island NAS, saw a bright, round, white light at 210° True azimuth, which remained stationary at about 300 ft altitude for about 2 mins, then became "smaller and smaller" [to disappearance?]. After 1-2 minutes the same or similar object reappeared slightly to the N and a bit lower than before, slightly brighter, remaining stationary about 2 mins then faded away. A light appeared about 1 min later, again slightly to the N and lower, but varying in intensity, wobbling slightly, with a halo encircling the upper half, white with bluish tinge on one side. Visible 1-2 mins. Ewing directed an S2F-1 Grumman Tracker aircraft towards the object at about 7:00 p.m., with crew of pilot USN Lt Allen L. Ries, [co-pilot] LtJG Glenn T Conrad, Jr., radar operator William E. Standley, and ECM operator William "P" Cooley, Air Anti-Submarine Sq 21 (VS-21). Ries and Conrad had already been alerted to the UFO while warming up the S2F-1 aircraft on the runway. Tower requested the crew fly at 200 ft and check object over Point Loma at 210° Mag (tower said 210° True), which flew seawards of the light to silhouette it against the lights of San Diego [unclear if successful]. When abreast of the light off right wingtip it rapidly accelerated away from them to the W [right]. Lt Ries saw relative motion between UFO and the lights of San Diego. Light began to vary in intensity and from bright red and blue-white, at irregular intervals. Ries turned W [right] heading 230° Mag with light dead ahead. After S2F-1's airborne radar warmed up for 4-5 mins, radar operator found target dead ahead at 17 miles and above them. UFO climbed steadily, pilot followed in gradual ascent at 140 knots IAS, closing irregularly. At 4,500 feet, the object levelled out 12 miles ahead, then moved right 10° in about 5 secs [1,700+ mph avg speed, 3,500 mph peak, 60 g's acceleration]. Pilot turned [right] to 240° Mag, levelled off, increased speed to 160 knots. Range to UFO closed to 10 miles [nmi] stabilized. After 3 mins pursuit at 10 miles range, pilot dropped speed to 120 knots but no range increase on radar, then sped up to 180 knots, still no change in UFO distance. Object moved 20° left (220° Mag) in no more than 10 secs [1,500 mph avg, 3,000 mph peak velocity], then closed range to 8 miles in one radar antenna sweep (7.5 secs) [avg relative speed to S2F-1 1,100 mph, peak relative 2,200 mph, peak absolute ground speed 2,400 mph]. UFO range stabilized at 8 mile. Aircraft gradually climbed to 8,000 feet, at about 40 miles from Point Loma the object levelled out and disappeared visually and from radar. Then 15 secs later it reappeared visually but not on radar. Visual UFO continued until aircraft was 50 miles from Point Loma, fading from view at 230° Mag. BB explanation of star Arcturus at 220° azimuth is nonsense, azimuth was 290°, or 70° away from the UFO. (Basterfield; Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | 25 mins | 7 | | RV, binoculars |

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| 1256. | | Oct. 19, 1957. Mildenhall RAF Station, England, UK (at 52°22’ N, 0°29’ E). 5:40 p.m. (GMT). USAF 1979-2 AACS Detachment air traffic controller Airman 2nd Class Harold R. Pringle, watch supervisor Airman 2nd Class Allen B. Warsewich, and GCA radar (CPN-4) operator Airman 2nd Class William H. Conn. Visual sightings of slow-moving circular object, light-yellow gradually changing to orange, low on horizon in the SW, at 5:40 p.m. at 5° elevation 230° azimuth, disappeared in clouds at 6:09 p.m. at 3° elevation 250° azimuth, after moving an estimated 15°-18° (rounded off to 20°). Mildenhall RAF Station Weather Observer sighted object at 5:55 p.m. Lakenheath AFB RAPCON sighted stationary object changing colors from yellow to orange at 7:28 p.m. to the SW of Mildenhall [thus about SSW of Lakenheath]. Initial visual sightings at Mildenhall possibly Venus though discrepancies in position (Venus was at about 220° to 225° azimuth moving only 5.9°, and at elevation 4° to 1°) and Venus set at about 6:21 p.m. thus cannot have been seen at Lakenheath at 7:28 p.m. Weather was "haze" [about 1-3 miles visibility] or clouds with only 6 miles visibility, making it unlikely that Venus or other astronomical bodies could be seen. Ghost radar UFO followed RAF Meteor jet ca. 10:40 p.m. Radar targets correlated with some visual sightings. (Sparks; McDonald list; NICAP website) | 29+ mins (visual) | 6+ | 1 ? | RV, EM, binoculars |
| 1257. | | Oct. 21, 1957. RAF Gaydon [North Luffenham?], Warwickshire, England. 9:18 p.m. RAF pilot flying Meteor fighter had near collision with object, 6 lights emerged when fighter approached, object disappeared suddenly, ground radar tracking confirmed sighting. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | | 2+ [?] | | RV |
| 1258. | | Oct. 22, 1957. Wiesbaden, West Germany. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 1259. | | Nov. 2, 1957. 3 miles W of Canadian, Texas. 3:30 a.m. Calvin and other military/civilian witnesses saw a submarine-shaped object, red and white, 2-3x car length (40-60 ft) and about 10 ft high, at ground level. A figure was seen near the object, compared to a white flag [?]. When a car stopped nearby, a flash of light from the object coincided with the sudden failure of the headlights. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 418; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2+ ? | | EM |
| 1260. | | Nov. 2, 1957. 4 miles W of Levelland, Texas. 10:50 p.m. Pedro Saucedo and Jose Salaz driving W saw a flash of light to the right of the road then a large 200 ft long 6 ft wide blue torpedo-shaped object, with yellow flame and white smoke emitted from the rear, rose up out of the field, headed straight toward their truck, passed directly overhead at about 200 ft with a loud thundering roar, a rush of wind and great heat, causing the truck engine to die and headlights to go out, then disappeared in the E towards Levelland, and the lights came back on spontaneously and the engine was able to be restarted. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 9; Tony Rullán; Vallée Magonia 419) | 2-3 mins | 2 | 100 | EM |

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| 1261. | | Nov. 3, 1957. 9 miles E of Levelland, 1 mile W of Smyer, Texas. 12:05 a.m. Texas Tech college student Newell H. Wright was driving W when the ammeter on his car dashboard started fluctuating widely, car motor gradually went out then headlights and radio died. He got out to check and saw a white or aluminum-colored oval-shaped object flat on the bottom like a loaf of bread, with a greenish tint, about 75-125 ft long. After a few mins object suddenly rise up from the road ahead and ascend almost vertically at great speed, slightly to the N, disappearing in secs. Afterward car was able to be restarted. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 9; Tony Rullán; Vallée Magonia 419) | 4 mins | 1 | | EM |
| 1262. | | Nov. 3, 1957. White Sands Proving Ground (WSPG), New Mexico. 2:30-3 a.m. (MST). Army Cpl. Glenn H. Toy and PFC James E. Wilbanks, Army Garrison Detachment 5, WSPG, in a jeep patrol driving N, located S of Stallion Site, saw an orange or fire-like, "apparently controlled," egg-shaped luminous object about 120 ft (PFC estimate) 225-300 ft (Cpl. estimate) in size, first high in the sky descending to 60-80 ft (PFC estimate) or 150 ft (Cpl. estimate) above ground, hovering for 3 mins (then disappeared for a few mins and reappeared almost as bright as the sun, then fell at about a 40° angle to the ground as if landing and light went out, about 2-3 miles away at the N end of the test grounds. Possibly the nearly Full Moon which set about 3:30 a.m. (MST) in the W. (Sparks; BB files; Magonia 420; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 mins | 2 | 2 ? | |
| 1263. | | Nov. 3, 1957. White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico. 8 p.m. (MST). Army Spec-3 Henry R. Barlow and Spec-3 Forest R. Oakes, Army Garrison Detachment 5, WSPG, in a jeep patrol driving W near the site of the first A-bomb explosion, Trinity Site, saw a pulsating red then white light, possibly 200-300 ft in size about 4-5 miles away, brightening and dimming sometimes going out, rising in the sky from the ground (per Spec-3 A) or from about 50 ft over the bunker (per Spec-3 Z) up to about 45° elevation until it looked like a star or point source then disappeared. Possibly Venus in the SW setting at about 8:30 p.m. (MST). (Sparks; BB files; Magonia 420; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 25 mins | 2 | 1? | |

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| 1264. | | Nov. 4, 1957. About 8-10 [4?] miles SSW of Orogrande, New Mexico (at about 32° 18' N, 106° 8' W, elev. 4100 ft). 1:10 p.m. (MST). James Stokes, electronics instrumentation technician, Rocketsonde Branch, High Altitude Test Division, AF Missile Development Center, Holloman AFB, NM, a Mr. Duncan of Las Cruces, NM, and Allan Baker of Holloman AFB. Stokes was driving S down Hwy 54 when his radio faded and the car slowed [stopped?] as if the battery was failing then he noticed 6-12 cars ahead of him had stopped and drivers were out looking at the sky (looking behind him to the NE), including Duncan and Baker. Stokes stopped and got out, saw pearl-white oval or egg-shaped object about 500 ft wide with slight purplish tinge heading S at high speed estimated 1500-2000 mph from the NE below elevation angle of Sacramento Mtns ridgeline (about 1°), descending from about 5,000 ft above ground level in shallow dive to about 1,500-2,500 ft AGL as it swerved to the W to pass to the S of Stokes and the other stopped cars about 2 or 3-5 miles at closest, then circling around headed W and disappearing. The same or another object appeared in the NE (as if the object had completely circled) and performed same rounded course but passing farther to the S of the parked cars [about 5 miles?] and disappeared in the W. Duncan took 35 mm film of the object. Stokes noticed a wave of heat from the object at closest approach, later that evening was sunburned, but it cleared up the next day. (Sparks; APRO; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; etc,) | 2+ 2 mins [~1.5 + 1.5 mins] | 7+ | 2-1/2 | EM |
| 1265. | | Nov. 4, 1957. Elmwood Park, Illinois (at 41°56.3' N, 87°49' W). 3:12-3:22 [3?] [3:15?] a.m. (CST). Police officers Joseph Lukasek and Clifford Schau and fireman Daniel De Giovanni on patrol noticed unexplained dimming of their spotlight and headlights, saw setting-sun-like orange globe straight ahead down the street to the W [street oriented to 268° azimuth], various maneuvers as they pursued it over 1-1/2 miles and U-turns, seen to N, passing over their car behind them to E and again W, approaching to within 150-300 ft [?]. Noiseless, changed to cigar shape at one point. Disappeared high up in the sky like a black shade pulled up from the bottom. Moon reportedly seen to the E [East of the UFO?] in clear sky. Moon at ~274° was to the right, or E of UFO at 268° (Moon at about 274°-275° setting at 276° at about 3:30 a.m., 90% full). Street oriented to 268° so Moon not visible through ½ mile of buildings lining alleyway of W. Wellington Ave. Independent witness Helmut Reuter saw the red-orange cigar-shaped object to the W at 3:15 a.m. from 73rd Ave., Elmwood Park. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 172-6; Vallée Magonia 421; Loren Gross Nov. 3-5, 1957, pp. 22-27; Herb Taylor) | 10-15 mins | 4 | 1 | EM |

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| 1266. | | Nov. 4, 1957. 3 miles SE of El Paso Airport, Texas. 7:30 p.m. Border Patrol inspector Burton saw egg-shaped object with bluish glow approaching from the SW at 30° elevation with whirring sound like artillery shell after car stalled and headlights dimmed and blacked out. Object passed over car at 100 ft height headed W, changing altitude at irregular intervals, rose vertically at Franklin Mtns. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 181; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | EM |
| 1267. | | Nov. 4, 1957. Kirtland AFB (at 35° 3' N, 106°38' W) and Manzano Base/Site A National Nuclear Stockpile, Albuquerque, New Mexico. 10:45 p.m. (MST). CAA air traffic controllers R. M. Kaser and E. G. Brink saw a highly maneuverable 15-20 ft egg-shaped object with a white light at its base circle over the W [E?] end of the base at 150-200 mph and come down in a steep 30° dive as if landing on Runway 26, to the N or NW of the tower at about 1500 ft. Radar tracked part of this maneuver. Object then crossed flight line, runways and taxiways heading towards the tower at about 50 mph and 20-30 ft above ground, observed through 7x binoculars till it reached about 3,000 ft to the ENE near the NE corner of the floodlit restricted nuclear Weapons Storage Area / Area D/Drumhead Area (Manzano Base/Site A National Nuclear Stockpile), and a B-58 bomber service site, where it hovered for 20 secs-1 min then headed E again, at about 200-300 ft height, then suddenly shot up at a steep climb at about 45,000 [4,500?] ft/min. Controllers contacted RAPCON which tracked object on CPN-18 radar traveling E then turning S, circling the Albuquerque Low Frequency Range Station then headed N [disappearing at 10 miles and reappearing 20 mins later to circle around ?] to follow 1/2 mile behind a USAF C-46 that had just taken off to the S for 14 miles until both went off scope. Hovering radar target then appeared to the N over outer marker for 1-1/2 mins before fading. (Sparks; McDonald 1968, 1972; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-3) | 25 mins ? | 3+ | 1/2 ? (2° ? equiv in binocs) | RV, binoculars |
| 1268. | | Nov. 5, 1957. Long Beach Airport, Calif. Zibello. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 1269. | | Nov. 5, 1957. Eglin AFB, Florida. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | radar |
| 1270. | | Nov. 5, 1957. About 200 [350?] miles S of Mobile (at 25° [27°?] 47' N, 89°24' W) and near Selma, Alabama. 5:16-5:23? a.m. US Coast Guard cutter Sebago heading NNE at 23° azimuth tracked radar target to the S at 188° azimuth range 22 miles traveling at 650 mph disappearing at 190° azimuth at 55 miles range. Visual object like a brilliant planet was seen at 5:21 for 5 secs traveling left to right from W to NW from 270° to 310° azimuth at about 31° elevation. A radar target seemingly stationary for 1 min at 5:20-21 to the N at 350° azimuth range 7 miles moved slowly towards the NE then accelerated rapidly off the scope at 15° azimuth (about NNE) at 175 miles. 3 USAF pilots at Selma saw a bright object flash from S to N, time uncertain. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; cf. CR p. 165) | 7 mins ? | 5+ ? | | RV |

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| 1271. | | Nov. 5, 1957. Scotia, Nebraska (41.46° N, 98.68° W). 5:30 p.m. Winslow heard helicopter-like noise, smelled "burning" odor, saw a balloon-like, elongated object coming to ground level, without touching down, emanating thick smoke, then object rose again and disappeared. Witness was "paralyzed" during sighting. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 424; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 1272. | | Nov. 6, 1957. Kagoshima, Japan (31°37’ N, 130°32’ E). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | radar |
| 1273. | | Nov. 6, 1957. Laredo AFB, Texas. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | radar |
| 1274. | | Nov. 6, 1957. Whiteman AFB, Missouri. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | radar |
| 1275. | | Nov. 6, 1957. N of Seoul, South Korea (at 37°30’ N, 127° E ?). Morning. A luminous bluish-white barrel-shaped object was seen close to the ground, reflected in a pool of water. It rose and vanished "like a light switched off." (Vallée Magonia 426) | | | | |
| 1276. | | Nov. 6, 1957. Santa Fe, New Mexico. 12:10 a.m. J. Martinez and A. Gallegos saw an egg-shaped object slowly coming toward them at low altitude, illuminating their car, producing a humming sound. Car engine, clock and a wristwatch stopped. Object shot away to the SW. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 425; BB files??) | | 2 | | EM |
| 1277. | 5205 | Nov. 6, 1957. Boerne, Texas. 6 p.m. McGregor saw an oval object, about 15 ft long, bright orange similar to glowing coals, hovering 12 ft above ground. He went to call his family but the object had vanished when he returned. Tape [?]. (Sparks; cf. Vallée Magonia 431; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 1278. | | Nov. 6, 1957. Lake County, Ohio. 6:30 a.m. Markell saw an unbearably bright round object, much larger than a plane, landing on a ridge, then taking off again. Object had an "odd color," left no trail, made no noise. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 428; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | |
| 1279. | | Nov. 6, 1957. Montville, Ohio (41.62° N, 81.06° W). 11:30 [11:20] p.m. (EST). Olden J. Moore, 28, a plasterer, while driving home suddenly saw an object like a bright meteor split into two pieces, one going straight up, the other getting larger while color changing from bright white to blue-green. Object hovered 200 ft above a field close to ground, 500 ft away, with a soft whirring sound. After 15 mins, Moore walked to the object, which was shaped like "a covered dish" 50 ft in diameter, 15 ft high, with a cone on top about 10 ft high, surrounded by haze or fog, pulsating slowly. Holes, footprints and decaying radioactivity found at the site by Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke about 12 (?) hours later, a maximum of 150 microroentgens/hour at the center of a 100-foot UFO hovering/landing site area, decaying to 20 microR/hr 3 hours later, suggestive of an approximately 1-hour radionuclide half-life or less (e.g., if background level was 10 microR/hr then 140 decreased to 10 in 3 hours, or about ¾ hour half-life). Initial radioactivity level might have been $2^{12} \approx$ 4,000x greater, for a 1 hr half-life, or about 0.6 R/hr. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 433; Michel-Mebane 1958; BB files) | 15 mins + | 1 | 12 + | radioactivity |

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| 1280. | 5227 | Nov. 6, 1957. Radium Springs, New Mexico. 10:50 p.m. Las Cruces policeman [Barela?] and a Dona Ana County Deputy Sheriff saw a round object changing from red to green to blue to white rising vertically from a mountain top. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 mins | 2 | | |
| 1281. | | Nov. 7, 1957. Harlingen AFB, Texas (26.18° N, 97.69° W). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 1282. | | Nov. 7, 1957. Amarillo, Texas. 7:45 p.m. AEC security guards and a Texas highway patrolman at the Pantex plutonium nuclear weapons assembly plant sighted 3 flashing objects that hovered for 30 mins over the plant only 50 ft in the air. The highway patrolman said the guards were "all shook up" when he got there. One object reportedly landed offsite. The guards attempted to approach it, but every time they got near, the object would slip away. BB case? (Sparks; David Rudiak; Amarillo Globe-Times, Nov. 8, 1957) | 30 mins | 3+ | | |
| 1283. | 5254 | Nov. 8, 1957. Merrick, Long Island, New York. 10:10 a.m. Mrs. L. Dinner saw a bar-shaped object, 3.5 ft long, giving off blue flashes and a swishing sound. No further data. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 1284. | | Nov. 9, 1957. Lake City, Missouri. 1 a.m. Boardman driving home from work saw a hovering object 50 ft long. Car engine died as he approached, restarted again after object's departure. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 439; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | EM |
| 1285. | | Nov. 12, 1957. Houma, Louisiana. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1286. | | Nov. 14, 1957. Rothwesten, West Germany. [601st AC&W Sq ?] (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |

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| 1287. | | Nov. 14, 1957. 23 miles NE of Hill City [airport], Kansas (at 39°37' N, 99°32' W). 5:34 p.m. (CST). USAF pilot Major William B. Taft and co-pilot 1st Lt. Joshua M. Hinson, flying B-47E bomber based at SAC 339th Bomb Squadron (Medium), Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas, at 36,000 ft true heading 183° at 410 knots TAS true air speed (=true course ~173° and true ground speed ~412 knots with 270° ~70 knot wind). Sighted oval metallic silver gray object shaped like a football but with rounder ends, and with a brighter Saturn-like horizontal ring not extending beyond the edges of the oval. Object was first seen about 25° above the aircraft nose [~20° above aircraft horizontal] and about 70° to the right (~253° true azimuth or nearly W) at about "2 o'clock high," stationary for about 4 minutes [8 mins?] 5,000 to 10,000 higher altitude (41,000 to 46,000 ft), then followed another B-47 headed in the opposite direction at same flight altitude (36,000 ft) north-bound true heading 360°, about 20 NM to the W, remaining stationary above the other B-47 for about 1 minute as UFO and other B-47 fell behind to about "4 o'clock high" at 120° relative bearing (~303° true azimuth or about WNW) about 25° above nose level [about same relative 20° local aircraft horizontal level] then rose vertically "very rapidly" accelerating until disappearing, brighter while in motion. [B-47E final position about 38°42' to 35' N, 99°25' to 24' W at 5:42 to 5:43 p.m. CST.] Dyess AFB ground observers suggested Venus was bright in the sky. However the sun had not set yet at the B-47E's altitude (upper limb ~1° to ~0.1° above earth's apparent horizon in about 248° to 249° (about WSW) corrected for refraction and aircraft altitude / geometric depression angle, gradually setting) and Venus' position was at 206° to 208° azimuth, elevation 19° to local aircraft horizontal, in the SSW not W/WNW about 47° to 95° away. If UFO was about 1-2 miles higher, thus 3-6 miles distant, and angular size roughly pea at arm's length (about 1 Full Moon), then actual size ~100-200 ft. (Sparks; BB files) | 8-9 mins | 2 | ~1 | |
| 1288. | | Nov. 22, 1957. 10 miles SE of Tarakly, Turkey (at 40°15' N, 30°32' E). Daytime. Turkish Air Force pilot saw a 10 ft regular-hexagon-shaped object. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | | |
| 1289. | | Nov. 23, 1957. Joliet, Illinois. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 1290. | | Nov. 23, 1957. 30 miles W of Tonopah, Nevada. 6:10-30 a.m. (PST). 1st Lt. Joseph F. Long, fighter pilot. Car engine stalled, he heard high-pitched whining noise, saw 4 landed 50-foot saucer-shaped UFO's to the right of the road at 900-1200 ft away. He approached on foot to 50 ft distance, objects lifted off, flew north over highway, disappeared behind hills 1/2 mile away. Ground impressions at the landing site. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 182-6; Willy Smith pp. 71-79; Vallée Magonia 445) | 20 mins | 1 | 72 | |
| 1291. | | Nov. 25, 1957. Eglin AFB [S of Hurlburt Field?], Florida. 10 p.m. USAF B-66 crew saw 3 objects, tracked by ground radar. (Sparks; McDonald list; Project 1947) | | | | RV |

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| 1292. | | Nov. 26, 1957. West Mesa AFS, New Mexico. 8:41 p.m. (MST). Airmen Montoya, Bazinette and Scott at 687th ACWRON Squadron ADC radar site M-94 with MPS-7 radar tracked unknown target at 3,000 knots (3,500 mph) at 315° azimuth 170 NM range decreasing range to 115 NM at 315° azimuth then disappearing at 63 NM, still at 315° azimuth, in 6 additional sweeps of radar antenna in 1 min 24 secs. Elevation angles unknown. Target correlated with IFF Mode 3 transponder siganls emitted by UFO radar target. (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 mins 24 secs | 3 | | radar IFF |
| 1293. | | Nov. 26, 1957. Sea of Okhotsk, W of Kamchatka, USSR (at 53°30' N, 154°28' E). 11:04 p.m. USAF crew of RB-50, 6091st Recon Sq, saw a brilliant red object with bluish-green tail in level trajectory. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | | | |
| 1294. | | Nov. 26, 1957. Joliet, Illinois. 6:30 a.m. Air National Guard F-86A pilot saw a stationary yellowish object disappear slightly [?] to the N. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | | |
| 1295. | 5419 | Nov. 26, 1957. Robins AFB, Georgia. 10:07 a.m. 3 control tower operators, 1 weather observer and 4 others saw a silver, cigar-shaped object, which suddenly vanished. (Sparks; Berliner) | 8 mins | 8 | | |
| 1296. | | Nov. 27, 1957. Yakima, Wash. 1:25 a.m. (PST). Northwest Airlines Flight 535 pilot in the air and control tower operator on the ground saw a bright red glow turning to white smoke moving S. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2 | | |
| 1297. | | Nov. 27, 1957. Toledo, Ohio. 7:35 p.m. (EST). Pilots of Eastern and Northwest Airlines airliners saw an object flying straight at about 4,800 knots (5,500 mph). (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2+ ? | | |
| 1298. | | Nov. 30, 1957. Minot, North Dakota. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 1299. | 5445 | Nov. 30, 1957. New Orleans, Louisiana. 2:11 p.m. 3 U.S. Coast Guardsmen saw a round object turn [?] white, then gold, then separate into 3 parts and turn red. (Sparks; Berliner) | 12 or 20 [?] mins | 3 | | |
| 1300. | | Dec. 11, 1957. Guthrie, Penna., and Parkersburg [near Lockbourne AFB, Ohio?], West Virginia. 10 p.m. USAF pilots of 3 F-86's with 87th FI Sq saw an orange circular or crescent-shaped object moving erratically at Mach 1.5 (about 1,000 mph) with ground radar tracking. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list) | | 3 | | radar |
| 1301. | | Dec. 11, 1957. Lake City AFS, Tenn. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | radar |

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| 1302. | | Dec. 12, 1957. Asoiwayama AFS, about 20 mi NNE of Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan (at 43°28'20" N, 141°31'18" E). 0856Z-0931Z. Capt Henry Kolb and numerous personnel of radar site P-45 (848th AC&W Sq., Det 45, Asoiwayama AFS, about 30 miles N of Chitose) sighted visual light in the sky, planet Venus, to the SW then discovered an unidentified target on the height-finder radar FPS-6, but not on the search radar FPS-3. One single target varying in altitude from 20,000 ft down to 12,000 ft with varying near-stops and accelerations to 1,700 mph. 2 F-86D's scrambled from Misawa AFB nearly 200 miles away at 0922Z but unable to reach target before disappearance at 0931Z. (Sparks; McDonald list; BB files; NICAP website; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 35 mins | nume rous | | radar |
| 1303. | | Dec. 13, 1957. Sea of Japan. 9:43 p.m. (local) (1243 Z). RB-47 of 6901st Recon Sq [on recon patrol] intercepted by ELINT "unusual double pulsed" radar signals at 1218 Z and 1307 Z that were evidently not UFO-related. RB-47 airspeed 432 knots, altitude 35,000 ft. A [meteor-like] "projectile" with long [luminous] trail was sighted by the RB-47 pilot, which passed over the tail of the RB-47 at unknown distance, traveling in an arc, disappearing with very bright explosion like flash bomb [like a meteor bolide] at relative bearing 220° and an undetermined altitude 50° elevation above aircraft at 1243 Z, RB-47 position 41°04' N, 132°05' E. Apparently at same time the onboard APQ-31 bombing / navigation radar was jammed from 1243 Z to 1244 Z, RB-47 True Heading 247°. Radar jamming signal was at True Bearing 335° to 001°; signal was continuous, no targets could be seen and "jamming could not be tuned out." Misdated by BB to Dec 23. Reported to NSA (?) and AFSSO. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Terry Colvin; Ballester-Olmos; BB files) | | | | radar jamming |
| 1304. | 5545 | Dec. 13, 1957. Col Anahuac, Mexico. 9:35 a.m. R. C. Cano saw 14-15 [or 30] circular, tapered discs, very bright, fly in a formation like a stack of coins, then change to an inverted-V formation. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Rpt. p. 120) | 20 mins | sever al? | | |
| 1305. | 5559 | Dec. 17, 1957. Fruita-Grand Junction, Colo. 7:20 p.m. F. G. Hickman, 17, saw a round object change from yellow to white to green to red, with red tail 2x as long as the body. Object stopped, started, backed up. (Sparks; Berliner) | 45 mins | 1 | | |
| 1306. | | Dec. 19, 1957. Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland, Canada. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1307. | | Jan. 3, 1958. Old Westbury, Long Island, New York. 2:35 p.m. (EST). Fensterstock. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 43; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 8-10 secs | | | |
| 1308. | | Jan. 4 [1?], 1958. SW Libya. 12:08 a.m. (GMT). Military aircraft pilot and navigator saw a bright orange light streaking across the sky on a NE heading, with airborne radar tracking. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 6 secs | 2 | | radar |
| 1309. | | Jan. 9, 1958. Biggs AFB, El Paso, Texas. 7:37 p.m. (CST). (McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | | | radar |

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| 1310. | | Jan. 11, 1958. Bering Sea, about 150 miles N of Atka Island, Aleutian Islands, Alaska (at 54°43' N, 175°15' W). 7:30 a.m. USN pilot of P2V-5F aircraft saw a formation of 3 lights flying at 900 knots (about 1,000 mph) tracked by airborne radar merging into one target. [Identical to Jan. 14, 1958, incident??] (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | | | RV |
| 1311. | | Jan. 14, 1958. Bering Sea. 8:34 a.m. Military aircraft crew saw 3 lights in triangular formation flying SW at 320 knots (about 400 mph) tracked on airborne radar. [Identical to Jan. 11, 1958, incident??] (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | RV |
| 1312. | | Jan. 16, 1958. NE of Trindade Island, Brazil (20°30' S, 29°19' W). 12:15 [12:20] p.m. IGY research ship crew members possibly including Cdr. Paulo Moreira da Silva of the Brazilian Navy Hydrography & Navigation Dept. and 46 other crew members (possibly as many as 100?), plus semi-official civilian photographer Almiro Baraúna, sighted Saturn-shaped object with greenish glow maneuvering over Trindade Island. Baraúna took 4 photos of object. Ship's radar detected unidentified supersonic target on Jan. 15 at 12:05 PM [or Jan. 16??]. Power failure on the boat just before object sighted. (Sparks; Hynek/CUFOS 1983 tape interview of Baraúna; APRO/Lorenzen/Fontes; etc.) | 1 min ? | 47 ?<br>100 ? | 3 | photos;<br>EM effects;<br>radar? |
| 1313. | | Jan. 31, 1958. 25 miles SW of Tokyo, Japan. Night. USAF pilots of T-33 jet(s) saw 12 yellow-orange lights fly S in 3 groups. (Sparks; Project 1947) | 30 secs | | | |
| 1314. | | Feb. 13, 1958. 21°19'N, 161°30'E (W of Wake Island). 8:14 p.m. (0914Z) Capt. William R. Paurot, pilot, and 1st Lt. Andrew S. Dehner, copilot of USAF C-54D, 421st Air Refueling Sq, Yokuta AB, Japan, flying at 7,000 ft at 190 knots true ground speed, heading 125° True, saw a greenish-blue object emitting a bright flash, felt he was "shot at" as if attacked. Within ½ hour before and after sighting, two unidentified radar contacts were made first by Capt. Paurot (sometime bet. 7:50 and 8:05 p.m.) then by navigator, 1st Lt. Douglas D. Smith, on APR-42 radar. The actual "fireball" was observed directly by only the flight engineer s/Sgt James A. Isaac, Jr. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP; Project 1947; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | RV |
| 1315. | | Feb. 20, 1958. NW of Winslow, Ariz. 6:32 p.m. (MST). 12 military officers including on the ground [?] saw a round or cigar-shaped stationary object. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4+ mins | 12 | | |
| 1316. | | Feb. 25, 1958. Glenwood, Newfoundland. 12:10 a.m. (AST). Johnson. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 hr 25 mins | | | |
| 1317. | | Feb. 25, 1958. Gander AFB, Newfoundland. 2:30 a.m. (AST). Miller. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 hr 30 mins | | | radar |
| 1318. | | March 2 [1?], 1958. Tampa, Florida. 7:45 [8:45?] p.m. Francis saw a balloon-shaped object with bright light land on the airfield then take off slowly and hover at 750 ft altitude before disappearing. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 461; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 15 mins | 1 | | |

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| 1319. | | March 9-10, 1958. Panama Canal Zone. 8:45 p.m. (Sparks; BB files) | 4 hrs | | | radar-visual |
| 1320. | 5716 | March 14, 1958. Healdsburg, Calif. 8:45 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cummings and another saw a 3 ft round, black object come from the W, touch the ground 50 ft away in the backyard, then take off to the E, turn S, and disappear. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 462) | 2 mins | 3 | 6 | |
| 1321. | | April 7, 1958. Dayton airport, Ohio. 7:30 p.m. Civilian pilot Hilt saw a very dark blue 6-8 ft cloud-shaped object on a SW heading. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4 mins | | | |
| 1322. | 5763 | April 14, 1958. Lynchburg, Virginia. 1 [12:20?] p.m. USAF Maj. D. G. Tilley, flying C-47 transport, saw a grey-black rectangular object rotate very slowly on its horizontal axis. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4 secs | 1 | | |
| 1323. | | May 3, 1958. Flagstaff, Ariz. 8:25 a.m. (PST). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 15 mins | | | |
| 1324. | 5800 | May 9, 1958. Bohol Island, Philippines. 11:05 a.m. Philippine Airlines pilot saw an object with a shiny, metallic surface, falling and spinning. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1.5 mins | 1+ ? | | |
| 1325. | | May 15, 1958. Caracas, Venezuela. Venezuelan Air Force aircraft pilot saw a formation of circular saucers disappear in the NW at high speed. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | | | |
| 1326. | | May 15, 1958. Fort Bragg, North Carolina. 10:57 p.m. (EDT). Military pilot Beck [?] and 2 civilian airline pilots saw an orange round object heading N at high speed. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | 3 | | |
| 1327. | | May 28, 1958. Templehof, Germany. 1:30 p.m. (GMT). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 1328. | | June 9, 1958. Central Puget Sound, Wash. 10:17 a.m. (PST). USAF 1st Lt. Charles Scharf, pilot of F-102 jet fighter (no. 1425) with 318th FI Sq. McChord AFB, Tacoma, Wash., and ground witnesses [?] saw a pinkish-whitish cylindrical object (length/width ratio 12:1) with a slight orange tint [?] and a dark circle in the center approaching at high speed at about 30° elevation with an oscillating motion. F-102 was heading S or 180° between 40,000 and 50,000 ft at about 600 mph. Pilot banked left to keep object in sight, object continued N, then climbed, decelerated, made a large 360° orbit, then circled the jet 3 times as it descended closer. Object finally pitched up 45° and accelerated in a climb, rapidly disappearing on a NW heading. (Sparks; NARCAP; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 4 mins | 3+ ? | | |
| 1329. | | June 12, 1958. 10 miles W of Huntsville, Texas. 5:26 a.m. (CDT). Military pilot saw an oval reddish object the size of a pinhead [at arm's length?] on a S to NE course. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | 4/10 ? | |

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| 1330. | 5852 | June 14, 1958. Pueblo, Colo. 10:46 a.m. (MST). Airport weather observer Orville R. Foster, using a theodolite for pilot balloon weather observation, sighted a 30+ ft ring-shaped object shaped like Saturn, less the bottom part, silvery white with no metallic luster that entered the field of view of the theodolite, at first in the ENE at azimuth 67.0° elevation 24.2° moving across N sky at about 540+ mph, reaching highest point in sky at about 50-55° elevation to disappearance in the SW at azimuth 237.2° elevation 8.1°. UFO appeared to pass behind wisps of cirrus clouds at 30,000 ft at one point, estimated distance about 66,000 ft (12.5 mi). (Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; McDonald files; Barry Greenwood; NICAP website; Berliner) | 5 ±1 mins | 1 | | theodolite; weather observer |
| 1331. | 5857 | June 20, 1958. Fort Bragg, North Carolina. 11:05 p.m. Battalion Communication Chief SFC A. Parsley saw a silver, circular object, its lower portion seen through a green haze, hover, then oscillate slightly, then move at great speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | 1 | | |
| 1332. | | July 20, 1958. 4 miles N of Glennie, Mich. (at 44° 37' N, 83°43' W). 2 p.m. (CDT). 3 independent witnesses heard an object hit water of a private lake making a circle 10 ft across with foam on edge of circle 2-3 ft high, making loud sound heard 200 yards away. Object sizzled 1.5 mins, zigzagged across surface 200 ft with violent motion, then sank into 50 ft depth of water as circling died out. (Sparks; Tony Rullan) | 1.5+ mins | 3 | 2 ? | |
| 1333. | | July 20, 1958. Crystal Lake, NW of Chicago, Illinois. 5:07 p.m. (CDT). Pilot Allyn saw a white disc the size of a basketball [at arm's length??] in straight line flight. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 0.1 min | 1 | | |
| 1334. | | Aug. 4, 1958. Malmstrom AFB, Montana (47.50° N, 111.18° W). 11:15 p.m. (MDT). (Sparks; McDonald list) | 0.5 min | | | |
| 1335. | | Aug. 11, 1958. Osel Island and Gulf of Finland. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1336. | | Aug. 12 [13?], 1958. 12 miles NW of Las Vegas, Nevada. 1:30 a.m. (MDT). Witness named Burgy. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 43) | 4+ mins | | | |
| 1337. | 5999 | Aug. 18, 1958. Warren, Mich (at 42°27’ N, 83° 03’ W). 7:05 (or 7:10) p.m. (CDT). Business machine repairman Alex D. Chisholm with Walter Milanion and latter’s wife and possibly young daughter saw an extremely bright point source light much brighter than Venus or stars when a flight of 4 aircraft drew his attention (sighting was in daylight) [sunset at about 7:31 p.m. CDT]. Object was viewed through 8x 30 mm Japanese military artillery-observer field glasses and seen to be Saturn-shaped grayish object like a “fried egg in pan” later seen when flipping over to be surrounded by another ring but elongated. Object size estimated at about 60 ft, was stationary for 5-8 mins at about 70-75° elevation 300° azimuth in the WNW, flip over and speed away in 30 secs. Probable IFO Univ. Minnesota cosmic-ray research Skyhook balloon that burst or collapse appearing to depart. (Sparks; Basterfield; Ballester-Olmos; Barry Greenwood NICAP files; BB Berliner; Martin Shough; files; etc.) | 6-10 (or 15) mins | 3-4 | 1 to 4 (in 8x binoculars) | binoculars |
| 1338. | | Aug. 30, 1958. Gray AFB, Killeen, Texas. 1:45 p.m. (CDT). (Sparks; McDonald list) | 2 mins | | | |

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| 1339. | 6027 | Sept. 1, 1958. Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya. 12:15 a.m. Philco technical representative A. M. Slaton saw a round, blue-white object fly at varying speeds. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 + 1.5 mins | | | |
| 1340. | | Sept. 5, 1958. Atlantic (at 29° 3' N, 68°56' W). 2:06 a.m. (EDT). Pan Am airline pilot saw a bright light move E to W, tracked on airborne radar [?]. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list) | | 1 | | radar |
| 1341. | | Sept. 7, 1958. Miles City AFS, Ellsworth AFB, 12 miles S of Minot, North Dakota. 5:08 a.m. (MDT). Military pilot saw 2 objects with green, white, red flashing lights. Ground radar target lost when aircraft approached. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list) | | multiple | | RV |
| 1342. | | Sept. 8, 1958. SAC HQ, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Neb. 6:40 [~6:46] p.m. (CST). SAC Operations officer-flight-engineer-celestial navigator Maj. Paul A. Duich, USAF, plus several USAF officers from AF Ballistic Missiles Division, Los Angeles AFS, Calif., and many other Offutt AFB officers and airmen, plus Offutt air traffic control tower personnel, saw an brilliantly white elongated cylindrical object hovering in the W at about 270° azimuth elevation 30° just after sunset [sunset at 6:46 p.m. CST at azimuth 278°], object oriented vertically with blunter end highest [about 1/10 width/length ratio]. After several mins object turned dull orange-red and became sharper in outline. A swarm of about 10 “black specks” appeared to “cavort” around the lower end of the object for about 1 min before disappearing then the cylinder object began to rotate counterclockwise so no longer oriented vertically and started drifting slowly to the S from due W and dropping in elevation angle over about 5 mins [to about 20° elevation about 268° azimuth] until oriented horizontally and diminishing in angular size. Then during final 5 mins object continued angular descent and S drift and gradual decrease in angular size but began rotating orientation back clockwise to about 45° angle (10:30 o’clock) until disappearing by fading into the slight atmospheric haze in the cloudless sky at about 265° azimuth 5° elevation [angular size about 1/3 of initial size]. USAF Col. took several color photos with 35 mm camera on tripod but later claimed nothing came out. Reported to ATIC but no report in BB files. (Sparks; NICAP; UFO Evid. pp. 25b, 27) | 20 mins | 25+ | 10-20? | SAC HQ + photos? |
| 1343. | | Sept. 14, 1958. Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 1344. | | Sept. 21, 1958. Sheffield Lake,Ohio (at 41.48° N, 82.12° W). 3 a.m. (EDT). Mrs. William H. Fitzgerald inside her house, and at the end 10-year-old stepson John, saw through her East-facing bedroom window a circular, aluminum color flat object, 12 ft diameter [investigator determined 22 ft estimate], 6 ft thick, about 10 ft away, sweep in about 8 ft high over front lawn headed N descending in a falling-leaf oscillating motion side-to-side to about 6 ft altitude, cross over her E-W driveway, stop for several secs about 50 ft [40 ft] away [to the NNE], then reverse course headed S over the driveway back over the front lawn, then hover 5 ft above the lawn about 25 ft away, making a jetlike sound. Object wobbled and emitted gray smoke, made two tight clockwise turns before rising and taking off, straight up over the house [high up towards the E]. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 471; BB files) | 5+ mins | 2 | 2+ to 16 | |
| 1345. | | Sept. 23, 1958. Kindley AFB, Bermuda. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1346. | 6089 | Oct. 2, 1958. Stroudsburg, Penna. 2:30 p.m. Naturalist Ivan Sanderson saw a dull-grey object, shaped like a pickle with a flat bottom, fly erratically in loops. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 secs | 1 | | biologist Ivan Sanderson |

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| 1347. | | Oct. 7, 1958. Alexandria, Virginia (at 38°47.9’N, 77° 2.6’ W). 6:02 p.m. (EDT). John R. Townsend, Special Assistant for Research & Engineering to the Asst. Secretary of Defense, saw a large stationary sharply outlined Saturn-shaped “silvery” or “aluminum clad” oblate spherical object (with “gossamer” surface appearance) with a rim or girdle around its equator in clear sky due S azimuth about 180° at about 20° elevation for about 10 secs, which started rapidly rising at an estimated speed of 1,000 mph and disappeared due to extreme distance at about 30° to 35° elevation still due S after 40 secs, with the impression it was heading away from him to the S growing smaller until unable to be seen [apparently increased distance to at least 400 miles to drop below minimum visual resolution, at about 36,000 mph average velocity at 80 g's acceleration to an altitude of about 200 miles, terminal velocity about 72,000 mph]. Witness estimated angular size 3° and actual size 600 ft at distance 3 nautical miles, using the passing and turning Capitol Airlines Flight 407 at 2 miles distance during the sighting as aerial distance reference point. Townsend was familar with standard takeoff pattern of flights from Washington National Airport and said that the airliner he saw during the sighting headed S on a track about 1 mile to his left (along the Potomac River) and then turned right across his field of view of the object. Pilot of Capitol Flight 407 took off in a DC-4 at 5:59 p.m. (EDT) from Washington National heading S and climbed to 2,000 ft and as he was turning right to a W heading out of the traffic pattern [at about 6:02 p.m.] he saw an “unidentified aircraft” with “nose light” at about 3,000 ft heading N, seen in the direction of or over Beacon Field 3 miles to the W (at about azimuth 265° so object was in the glare of the setting sun at approximately elevation 7° azimuth 258° and may have been reflecting the sunlight so as to appear to have a “nose light”). Thus sighting lines crossed with Townsend at right angles, establishing distance and location of object by triangulation as 2 miles S of Townsend at about 3,000 ft altitude and 1 mile W of the airliner, or at 38°46’N, 77° 3’W, and thus actual size as about 500 ft and angular elevation to Townsend about 17° in close agreement with Townsend’s measurement (done by protractor after the sighting) and in exact agreement with pilot estimate of 3,000 ft altitude of object. No sound. Townsend reenacted the timing by walking the half block down the N-S running Lee Street (which runs toward 190° True azimuth). Projected target radiant at ascent angle of about 30° at about azimuth 180° is at 17 hrs Right Ascension -20° Declination. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Loren Gross Oct. 1958 pp. 22-24, 26) | 50 secs | 2+ | 6 | highest DoD R&D official; air-ground triangulation |

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| 1348. | | Oct. 11, 1958. W of Holloman AFB, NM. 1:22:44.0 a.m. (CST). Special AF intelligence radar FPS-17 (XW-2) designed for overseas service undergoing testing at Laredo, Texas, detected an unusual meteor tracked at roughly ~105,000 mph, height 64 NM (73 stat. miles), for 0.75 sec increasing range from about 454 to 473 NM (±2 NM relative accuracy, ±5 NM absolute) at elevation angle 4.0° ±0.5° azimuth 313.0° ±0.5° on Radar Misson 164. Slow-moving meteor train (dust cloud) ~800 mph left behind by meteor persisted for succeeding 27.3 secs. Meteor apparently on ~300° (WNW) heading at descent angle ~20°, initial velocity ~125,000 mph, about 6 NM WNW of of Holloman AFB passed through radar beams descending from ~68 to ~60 NM height from radiant at approximately 5.3 hrs RA -13° Declination, within ~10° of Orionid shower radiant. (Sparks; McDonald list; NICAP; BB files) | 28.0 secs | | | radar (IFO) |
| 1349. | | Oct. 17, 1958. Grand Rapids, Mich. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 44) | 25 secs | | | |
| 1350. | 6148 | Oct. 26, 1958. Loch Raven Dam, Maryland. 10:30 p.m. (EST). Phillip Small and Alvin Cohen saw a large, flat egg-shaped object, flying low about 100-150 ft above the bridge, which affected their car's electrical system and caused a burning sensation, rose vertically and disappeared in 5-10 secs. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 9, case CEII-4; NICAP; BB Microfilm Roll ) | 1-2 mins | 2 | | EM |
| 1351. | | Oct. 27, 1958. Union Dale, Penna. Large gray cigar-like object with an assembly tail flew at treetop height, making a strong "swishing" sound. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 472) | | | | |
| 1352. | | Oct. 29, 1958. Atlantic. Radar track with jamming. (Jan Aldrich; AFOIN files) | | | | radar jamming |
| 1353. | | Oct. 31, 1958. Caledon East, Ontario, Canada. 3:50 p.m. Civilian saw an elliptical, aluminum-colored object at 6,000 ft altitude, coming down to 12 ft, flying up and down by sudden jumps, stopping at ground level less than 600 ft away for 5 mins. A red light appeared at one end of the object, which gradually took a fiery color, then exploded. Witness ran away. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 473) | 5 mins + | 1 | | |
| 1354. | 6153 | Nov. 3, 1958. Minot [AFB?], North Dakota. 2:01 p.m. [USAF?] Medic M/Sgt. William R. Butler saw a bright green object, shaped like a dime coin, and one smaller, silver round object. First object exploded, then second object moved toward the location of the first at high speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 min | 1 | | |
| 1355. | | Nov. 4, 1958. Pope AFB, North Carolina. 4:03 [9:03?] p.m. (EST). USAF pilot of a landing KB-50 tanker and USAF tower personnel saw an object with strange lights on collision course. Pilot and crew also noticed that "strange lights" were observed inside the cockpit. Pilot aborted landing, climbed and flew around to observe object. Pope AFB tower personnel had watched object hovering above the base through binoculars for 20 mins. (Sparks; NARCAP) | 20+ mins | 4+ ? | | binoculars |
| 1356. | | Nov. 8, 1958. Brazilia, Brazil. 2 p.m. (EST). Brazilian [?] Air Force pilot and 500 ground observers saw a moving saucer at 40,000 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 500 | | |

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| 1357. | | Nov. 13, 1958. Troy Peak and Tonopah Airport, Nevada. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1358. | | Nov. 19, 1958. Montauk AFB, New York. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1359. | | Nov. 20, 1958. W of Calif. coast. 6:15 a.m. (PST). Military pilot saw a round silver object traveling at high speed and high altitude. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1? | | |
| 1360. | | Jan. 4-5, 1959. Taft, Calif. 11:30 p.m. (PST). Pilots of TWA C-54 and TWA Constellation saw a silver oval object with silver trail flying at 20,000 ft and 10 miles from aircraft [?]. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 2? | | |
| 1361. | | Feb. 2, 1959. Near Sandusky, Ohio. University of Michigan professor and his wife driving on the Ohio Turnpike saw a yellow half-sphere in the sky. (Sparks; Willy Smith pp. 92-93) | | | | professor |
| 1362. | | Feb. 16, 1959. Benghazi, Libya. 9:30 p.m. British military man saw a silvery blue to reddish to dark round object with dome, sharply outlined, with vents of green light, varying brightness, varying speed from hovering to very fast, suddenly disappeared. (Sparks; CUFOS re-eval.; Jan Aldrich) | 15 mins | 1 | | |

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| 1363. | | Feb. 24, 1959. Central Penna. 8:30-9:30 p.m. (EST). At 8:40 p.m. control tower operators at Greater Pittsburgh, Penn., Airport, sighted 3 lights. At about 8:30 p.m. United Flight 937, at 14,000 ft, heading W, Flight Engr Lowell E. Baney sighted 3 bluish-white lights. At 8:40 p.m. pilot Capt Alvin D. Yates sighted 3 lights off left wing (S) moving parallel to airliner about 5° elevation, while near Lock Haven, Penn. Continued to watch, with co-pilot Frank A. Grona, the 3 lights until over Youngstown, Ohio, when they appeared to move closer. Near Warren, Ohio, while descending to land at Akron-Canton, Ohio, Airport, the 3 lights veered to the right crossing in front of airliner and disappeared in the NW. Sighting at 8:45 p.m. at 41°18'N, 77°15'W (about 13 miles WNW of Williamsport, Penn.), American Airlines Flight 139 pilot Capt. Peter W. Killian and First Officer James John Dee, stewardesses Mrs Edna LeGate and Beverly Pingree, and 35 passengers of DC-6B airliner including N. D. Puscas, gen mfg mgr of Curtiss Wright Aircraft, on a DC-6B airliner flying at 250 knots IAS [deducting headwind, true ground speed ~310 mph] at 8,500 ft [~9500 ft AGL] direct non-stop from Newark to Detroit heading 285° True. Capt Killian and crew saw 3 lights changing relative position, separation and color (yellow-orange to brilliant blue-white) at the 9 o'clock position to the SSW at 15° elevation [sometimes level at ~0° ?] occasionally moving to 11 or 11:30 o'clock and back to 9 o'clock at speeds up to 2,000 mph (based on Killian's contact with another airliner that saw the object 2 mins later at 70 miles displacement). Brightness about that of Sirius or mag. –1 at maximum, dimming to about mag. +3. Capt Killian radioed another pilot to take simultaneous bearings to triangulate objects at about 20-25 miles from Killian. Capt Killian lost sight after descending over Lake Erie through haze to land at Detroit and had American Airlines radio a CIRVIS report. 5 other airliners reported seeing the 3 lights, including 2 United Airlines flights 937 and 321, and 2 other American flights notified by Capt Killian by radio in-flight when Killian was near Erie, Penn. One American flight at Dolphin check point 42°25'N, 81°32'W over Lake Erie heading E, sighted the objects S over direction of Cleveland; the other American flight 20 miles NE of Sandusky, Ohio, heading E to Pittsburgh, sighted the objects a little left [?] of heading, at about 130° azimuth [sighting lines converging to triangulate over Cleveland area about 40 miles from Killian]. Also seen by an AF transport plane flying from Washington, DC, to Dayton (report suppressed by BB from its fles). Also seen by 8 people in Akron at 9:15 p.m. (Sparks; BB files; CUFOS tape index cards; Willy Smith pp. 85-96) | 60 mins total | many | 1 | real-time triangulation |

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| 1364. | | Feb. 24, 1959. Victorville, Calif. 10:00-10:15 p.m. Intense white light lit up bedroom, dogs barked as if terrified, witness sighted to the W at about 20° elevation a biconvex dull red object about 25 ft wide with a blunt tear-drop profile approaching rapidly within 10 secs lowering height to about 8-10 ft passing about 80 ft away N of house and veering slightly to NE disappearing from behind; 5 mins later reappeared to W and made a similar pass and at similar intervals 3 more W-NE passes. Object made high-pitched transformer hum, radio static noted. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 167-170) | 5 x 20 secs | 2 | 40 | EM |
| 1365. | | March 10, 1959. Grand Bahama Island, West Indies. 4:00-4:25 a.m. (EST). USAF FPS-8 missile tracking radar at Grand Bahama Auxiliary AFB picked up maneuvering object 50-70 miles to SSE on course of 145° which made 2 wide circles at 200-300 knots then a figure-8. Object went on an intercept course of 60° to follow a subsonic [600 mph] Snark intercontinental cruise missile launched from Patrick AFB, Florida, along the Atlantic Missile Range, with missile passing object at about 4:18 a.m. Both missile and UFO detected on radar scope simultaneously. Missile disappeared to SSE while object gradually disappeared at 60° [ENE ?]. All military and civilian agencies were checked for aircraft and none were in the area. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | 25 mins | 5 ? | | radar |
| 1366. | | March 12, 1959. Duluth-Finland, Minn. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1367. | | March 13, 1959. Duluth, Minn. 6:20 p.m. (CST). Military aircraft crews, 2 F-94's, 2 B-52's, and 2 F-102's, saw an object with orange, red, white, green lights, the red lights rotating on the bottom. B-52 pilot "certain" the visual was a planet probably Venus [which was low on horizon from 31,000 ft]. Ground radar tracking by 707th AC&W Sq, Grand Rapids AFS, Minn., and 756th ACWRON Sq, with scope photos taken for RAND project. F-94C and F-102A detected ECM radar transmissions. Complex case of 300+ pages poorly investigated by BB (see also March 12, 1959, case above). (Sparks; NICAP website; Project 1947; McDonald list) | 15 mins ? | many | | |
| 1368. | | March 14, 1959. Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1369. | | March 22, 1959. Ann Arbor, Mich. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1370. | | March 23, 1959. Bismarck, ND. USAF radar-visual of 4 objects, photo of 7 objects. ?? (CUFOS?) | | | | RV |

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| 1371. | | March 25, 1959. S Saskatchewan-N Montana. 7:36 p.m. (MST). ELINT Radar-Visual with F-89 intercept of radar-emitting UFO tailing B-52. B-52, call sign "Outcome 15," from 92nd Bomb Wing, Fairchild AFB, Wash., was on a SAC Emergency War Order exercise, Operation HEAD START II, for continuous airborne alert carrying fully-armed thermonuclear bombs, initially flown into Canada. At 7:36 p.m. at about 52°N, 118°W (near Swift Current, Sask.) while B-52 headed 180° Mag (SSW True) at 32,000 ft traveling 375 knots (432 mph) tail gunner Tech Sgt Joe Cobb sighted an object leaving a strange, non-persistent and intermittent contrail at 2 o'clock position (to the W) and headed N. At 7:41 p.m., Cobb detected a target trailing the B-52 at 8,000 yds (about 5 miles) range on his MB-9 airborne radar. B-52 Electronic Warfare Officer 1st Lt. Robert J. Millard detected on APS-54 Radar Warning Receiver an X-band radar emission at 9135 MHz from unidentified object tailing the B-52, then also detected same signal on APR-9 ELINT Radar Receiver, for 20 mins; sweep rate 1 per second, radio frequency oscillating around 9135 MHz. Shortly after, the B-52 radar officer Capt. Feirran detected UFO on MB-9 airborne radar showing it trailing behind at a range of about 11,000 to 15,000 yds (about 6-8 miles). B-52 pilot Capt John W. Jackson radioed 1/Lt Ronald S. Murray, Senior Director on duty, ADC GCI radar site (47°31'N, 111°10'W) 801st AC&W Sq, Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, Mont., that UFO had entered Air Defense Identification Zone by following B-52 into U.S. territory and ADC scrambled F-89J fighter interceptor call sign Board Pipe 27, pilot 1/Lt Austin E. Bond, Radar Observer 1/Lt Charles C. Abernathy, 29th FIS Sq, Malmstrom AFB, Mont. UFO had red and green bright flashing lights about 30-40 ft apart with a steady white light in between and somewhat to the rear, thus suggesting delta or swept-wing aircraft about the size of a B-57 bomber (~100 ft), described as "relatively high performance," speed in excess of Mach 0.8 (530 mph), altitude above 53,000 ft, with a "considerable acceleration capability." UFO lost by F-89J at 8:42 p.m. when it climbed beyond reach of pursuing F-89J at 49°50'N [50°20'N ?], 113°00'W. B-52 EWO Lt. Millard had regained UFO radar signal at 8:36 p.m. for 5 mins but at 9130 MHz; noted pulse repetition frequency (PRF) of 2,500 Hz [indicative of radar set to range of 37 mi]. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | 65+ mins | many | | ELI NT<br>RV case |
| 1372. | 6317 | March 26 or 27, 1959. Corsica, Penna. 12:45 p.m. T. E. Clark saw a dark red, barrel-shaped object, 20 ft long, 6-7 ft high, descend below some trees. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3 mins | 1 | | |
| 1373. | | April 13, 1959. Antigo & Madison, Wisc. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 1374. | | April 14, 1959. Tokyo-Mitaka, Japan. 7:32:24.53 p.m. (Japan time UTC+9). SAO satellite tracking photos 6+ frames of No. SC-5-498 time exposures of 9.6-11.8 secs showed 2+ UFOs during tracking of Vanguard 2 satellite. One object flashed every 0.36 sec, with 0.25 sec on, 0.11 sec off cycle. Wavy motion from elevation 21°24’09.36” rising to 22°09’51.32” in first 9.61 secs, falling to 18°20’51.29” then rising to 18°24’37.86”. Azimuth shifted from 237°51’14.75” (roughly WSW) to 248°33’34.65”. Not in BB files though reported to BB. (Sparks; Vallee computer proposal; Robt. Klinn) | 40+ secs | 2+ ? | | satellite tracking camera |
| 1375. | | May 2, 1959. Pease AFB, New Hampshire. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1376. | | May 13, 1959. Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1377. | | May 14, 1959. Philadelphia, Penna. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1378. | | May 18, 1959. Greenbush, Kansas. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1379. | | May 21, 1959. 8 miles E of Rapid City, South Dakota. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1380. | | June 3, 1959. Genoa, Italy. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1381. | | June 9, 1959. Manassas-Roanoke, Virginia. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1382. | | June 16, 1959. SE of Meridian, Mississippi. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1383. | | June 18, 1959. Pacific bet. Hawaii and Calif. (at 33° 5' N, 134° W). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1384. | | June 18, 1959. Forest Park, Illinois. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1385. | | June 18, 1959. Stephenson-Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1386. | | June 18, 1959. Enon, Ohio. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1387. | | June 18, 1959. Lyons, Colo. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1388. | 6400 | June 18, 1959. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. 9:30 p.m. A. Cavelli and R. Blessin, using 7x binoculars, saw a brown, cigar-shaped object come from below the horizon (close to the witnesses) ascending to 40°-50° above the horizon. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4 mins | 2 | | binoculars |

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| 1389. | | June 22, 1959. South China Sea S of Macao, China (at 21° N, 113°12' E). 6:23 a.m. ELINT operator 4 aboard RB-66C recon mission detected "strange" pulsed signals on ELINT APS-63 (and APR-5) and called attention to the location about 1 o'clock position 60 NM away, based on 6 ELINT "cuts" (direction-finder or D-F bearings that intersected) triangulated as coming from a 3-beam [or 3-lobed] radar signal. At 6:46 [6:40?] a.m. USAF pilot Maj. Noble J. McSwain , Operations Ofcr of 11th Tactical Recon Squadron, Yosuka AB, Japan, and gunner of RB-66C (serial no. 55-389; mission FJ-056 of 67th Tactical Recon Wing) at 34,000 ft initially headed 035° then turned to 127° [to intercept UFO's? at about 6:32 a.m.], at 430 kts TAS, saw 4 pairs of dark round or spherical objects of uniform size (total of 8), spaced over 50-mile area and 15 NM between each pair, aligned parallel to the aircraft flight path, each pair about 600-900 ft apart and in echelon formation, heading 215° (about SW) at about 15 kts (17 mph) [?] and appearing to be 200-500 ft above water surface, casting shadows on the water roughly 3 object diameters from objects [sun at about 12° to 14° elevation, azimuth 69° to 70°, from 6:46 to 6:52 a.m. contrary to mistaken BB calculation of 6° elevation] indicating objects were airborne. Objects about 100-200 ft diameter looking like an EW (electronic warfare) or ground radar radome [consistent within one-digit precision of 3-diameter separation of shadows from objects if say 200 ft diameter x 3.5 diameters = 700 ft separation at 175 ft altitude above water, or 14° sun elevation]. One pair of UFO's moved together as RB-66 approached. Round shape did not change when RB-66 passed directly over objects. A single surface ship was sighted approx. 3-5 NM off each end of line of objects' flight. ELINT continued to detect the same weak radar signals at same intensity for 250 NM (about 35 mins) after visual sighting ended. Roll of KD-2 negative film showing ELINT scopes, included frame 8180 at 7:45:02 [6:45:02?] a.m. which showed the radar signal emanating from area of objects (contrary to Pacific AF which claimed radar was commercial radar unconnected to UFO's). BB suggested preposterous explanations of "submarine" objects, fishing boats, or "giant manta rays" (!!) disregarding sun shadow evidence objects were airborne. (Sparks; USAF Air Intelligence Report 1264291 dated 13 July 1959; NICAP files; Project 1947; McDonald list; Ballester-Olmos; BB files) | ca. 64 mins (radar signals);<br>6 mins (visual) | 3+ | 1/3 to 2/3 | UFO emitting radio/radar signal on ELINT with D-F triangulation; ELINT scope photos |
| 1390. | | June 25, 1959. S of Taegu, Korea. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 1391. | | June 26, 1959. Boianai Mission, Papua New Guinea (10.02° S, 149.71° E). 6:45-7:20, 8:28-9:10, 9:20-9:30, 9:46-10:10, 10:30-10:50 p.m. Father William Gill plus 38 others. Platform shaped object with "men" on top appeared in the sky above Venus (which was to the W at 297° azimuth, 32° elevation initially, but set before 9:06 p.m. below the mountains), with electric blue spotlight, about 500 ft away at 300-400 ft height (object shined light on broken cloud cover at 2,000 ft altitude known from nearby mountains). Men and spotlight disappear at 7:20 and object disappears into clouds, reappears at 8:28 without "men" or spotlight but joined by 2rd, 3rd and 4th objects at 8:29, 8:35 and 8:35-50, coming and going through clouds. Main "mother ship" "large, clear, stationary," gives red light and disappears overhead into cloud at 9:10, reappears at 9:20, moves across sea to Giwa [to the NE?] appearing white-red-blue disappears at 9:30. Overhead objects reappears 9:46, hovering, disappears behind cloud 10:10, reappears in gap between clouds 10:30, gone at 10:50. [Further sightings June 27 and 28, 1959]. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 216-223, etc.) | 2 hrs 11 mins | 39 | 5 | |
| 1392. | | June 27, 1959. Dunville, Virginia. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1393. | | June 27, 1959. Boianai Mission, Papua New Guinea (10.02° S, 149.71° E). 6:02-6:30 p.m. Object returned from previous night with 2 others, one to the W and one overhead. Father William Gill and another waved their arms and "men" on the main object waved back; to the waving of a torch the object moved back-and-forth laterally. [Other sightings June 26 and 28, 1959.] (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 216-223, etc.) | 28 mins | many ? | 20 ? | |
| 1394. | | June 28, 1959. Boianai Mission, Papua New Guinea (10.02° S, 149.71° E). 6:45-11 p.m. Father William Gill [and others?] saw up to 8 lights at varying heights. [Prior sightings June 26 and 27, 1959.] (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 216-223, etc.) | 4 hrs 15 mins | | | |
| 1395. | 6409 | June 30, 1959. Patuxent River NAS, Maryland. 8:23 p.m. USN Cdr. D. Connolly saw a metallic gold, oblate-shaped object, major/minor axis ratio 9:1, with sharp edges, fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20-30 secs | 1 | | |

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| 1396. | | July 3, 1959. 10 mi E of Needles, Calif. 7:34 p.m. (PST). Pilot, William Gebenini, Director of Washington State Aeronautics Commission, and the copilot, of Piper Commanche aircraft, flying at 10,500 feet at 140 mph, apparently heading N to Las Vegas, Nevada, sighted 4 kite-shaped objects, first looking like an eagle, moving back and forth sideways but stayed in the same relative position at about their own altitude of 10,500 ft [thus about 1.8° above geometric earth horizon]. Pilot turned towards objects at 270° Mag [285° True] but could not close the distance and lost objects in darkness. Clear sky with 45 miles visibility. Pilot suggested possibility rays of setting sun had been seen through dust particles, but sky was clear and mirages must occur within about 0.6° of earth horizon whereas objects were seen at about 1.8° above earth horizon. Sun had set at aircraft's 10,500 ft altitude at about 7:10 p.m. PST depending on exactly where the Piper Commanche was located at that time (within 60 mi of 7:34 p.m. location). Sun was about 3° to 5° below geometric earth horizon at 303° to 305° True azimuth at ground level during 10-minute sighting (about 1° to 3° below visible horizon to the aircraft at 10,500 ft) and could not possibly have been visible. Any hypothetical "dust" particles would have had to be at least 80,000 ft in altitude to be illuminated by the sun so far below the earth's limb, thus in the stratosphere impossibly high for dust to reach. Only violent volcanic eruptions and large surface-burst or low-altitude nuclear explosions could loft dust that high and none had occurred. (Sparks; BB files; Basterfield; McDonald list) | 10 mins | 2 | | |
| 1397. | | July 4, 1959. South China Sea S of Macao, China (at 20°38' N, 112°35' E). 7:43 a.m. USAF pilot and gunner of RB-66 saw a group of 18 cream-colored oval objects flying at 36,000 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947; BB files??) | | 2? | | |
| 1398. | | July 5, 1959. South China Sea S of Macao, China (at 20°38' N, 112°35' E). 7:18 a.m. USAF pilot and gunner of RB-66 saw 5 oval objects flying at 36,000 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947; BB files??) | | 2? | | |

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| 1399. | | July 9, 1959. Jamaica & Bahamas. 8:06-8:15 p.m. (EST). Trans Canada pilot Capt F. F. Beckett and First Officer J. Bosma at Ocho Rios, Jamaica (at 18.4° N, 77.1° W), hotel manager (?) W. B. Street, and others at Falconbridge Hotel, Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Object first spotted by Bosma and Street at 8:06 then called to Beckett's attention at 8:07, when it was at about 5° azimuth and 25°-30° elevation. Beckett's drawing shows object's flight path dipping down to about 20° then rising up to disappear at about azimuth 30°-40° elevation 25°-30°. Oval translucent haze or shape appeared around central object. Possibly object was Jupiter IRBM launched from Cape Canaveral at 8:01 p.m. EST. Beckett's and other witnesses' 8:06-8:15 p.m. timing put sighting long after Jupiter IRBM rocket engines and nose cone separation would have shut down or ended at 8:04 p.m., hence no prominence from propellant firing or nose cone blast. Jupiter missile would not have been visible through the vented propellant cloud given the already extreme dimness. Jupiter rocket body 45 ft long would have barely been visible at ~620 to 700+ miles slant range distance (when first seen mag. +3 to +5 depending on calculation but if obscured by the vent cloud then totally invisible) and the separated 15 ft nose cone not at all (mag. +5 or dimmer if not totally obscured by vent cloud). Beckett estimated stellar magnitude of object as "much brighter" than +2nd magnitude, comparable to a planet, or to aircraft landing light at 20 miles (about mag. –1). (Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; McDonald list; Ted Molczan; Printy) | 9 mins | 6+ | | |
| 1400. | | July 11, 1959. N Pacific, 1000 mi E of Hawaii. 6:02 a.m. (1302Z / GMT / UT). Pan Am Flight C947 Boeing DC-7C Stratocruiser pilot Capt. George Wilson, copilot Richard Lorenzen, and Flt Engr (at 28°25'N, 144°30W) at 20,000 ft saw in the SW, slightly higher than flight level possibly by 1,000 ft, a large bright white light heading towards them, followed by 4 smaller lights on the left, moving constantly at high speed made 180° path change (reversed course?) then 90° right turn, disappeared in the S. Other sightings by other Pan Am Flight C942, Slick Airways Flight 719/11, Canadian Pacific, Empress Flight 323-11, United Airlines Flight 21 (DC-6B) flight crews. Possible IFO meteor fireball except for unexplained 90° turn. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list; Menzel 1963; BB files) | 10-15 secs | 10+ | | |
| 1401. | | July 14, 1959. New Delhi, India. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1402. | 6446 | July 25, 1959. Irondequoit, New York. 1 p.m. Technical illustrator W. D. Neva saw a thin, crescent moon-shaped object, with a small white dome in the center, fly at tremendous speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5-10 secs | 1 | | |
| 1403. | | July 28, 1959. Corpus Christi, Texas. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1404. | | July 28, 1959. E of Florida. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1405. | | Aug. 2, 1959. Washington, D.C. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1406. | | Aug. 3, 1959. Silver Springs, Maryland. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 1407. | 6462 | Aug. 10, 1959. Goose AFB, Labrador, Canada. 1:28 a.m. RCAF pilot Flt. Lt. M. S. Mowat, on ground, saw a large star-like light cross 53° of sky. (Sparks; Berliner) | 25 mins | 1 | | |
| 1408. | | Aug. 13, 1959. Bet. Roswell and Corona, New Mexico (at 33°52' N, 105° 6' W). Jack H. Goldsberry, former USN PBY, flying Cessna 170 from Hobbs to Albuquerque, N.M., at 8,000 feet, noticed halfway between Roswell and Corona, that his Magnesyn electric compass suddenly moved around a slow 360° rotation in about 4-5 secs, and his other standard magnetic compass was spinning wildly. About this time, he saw 3 small gray slightly fuzzy elliptical objects in close echelon formation passing in front from left to right and around his plane at a distance about 450 to 600 ft and a speed of about 200 mph. Magnesyn compass followed the objects' position as they circled the plane, and after one full circle they disappeared to the rear, then both compasses settled back to normal. CAA controller at Albuquerque canceled his flight plan and ordered him to land at Kirtland AFB, where he was interrogated by a USAF major, who said he would become [radiation sickness?]. (Sparks; NARCAP-NICAP-McDonald; NICAP UFO Investigator, March/April 1965; BB files??) | | 1 | 4 | EM |
| 1409. | | Aug. 14, 1959. NE of Hawaii (at 37° N, 142°45' W). 7:53 p.m. (AHDT). Military pilot saw a very bright white light change color to red as it moved into [?] the sunlight. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | | |
| 1410. | | Aug. 16, 1959. Macon and Forsyth, Georgia. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1411. | | Aug. 19, 1959. 80 miles E of Otis AFB, Mass. [or E of Wash. DC?]. 3:37, 3:42, 3:44, 3:45, 3:46, 3:52, 3:57 p.m. (EST). 691st Airborne Early Warning & Control Sq RC-121 at 6,000 ft heading 55° 185 knots. Detected single high speed targets 3,000 to 7,800 mph on APS-20 S-band radar except 2 that were in trail. Blips on various headings of 360°, 180°, 290°, and final 2 were together in trail on 60° heading but made 60° turn to 360° (0°). BB conclusion of "Possible IFF interference" is nonsense, as IFF cannot possibly have "interference" as if it was merely a radar. IFF transponders send signals on one frequency that trigger a timed and coded message signal in response at a different frequency. (Sparks; McDonald list; Vallée *Challenge to Science*; BB files) | 1 min each | 3 | | radar IFF |
| 1412. | | Aug. 19, 1959. Elburn, Illinois. 9:30 p.m. (CDT). Airline pilot saw a string of 3-4 white lights seemingly part of one object. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | | |
| 1413. | | Aug. 28, 1959. Charlotte Island, Canada. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1414. | | Sept. 5, 1959. Naha, Okinawa. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1415. | | Sept. 7, 1959. Wallingford, Kentucky. Walter Ogden. 15-ft burned mark left by object on takeoff. (Sparks; McDonald list; Loren Gross 1959 Supp.) | | | | |
| 1416. | | Sept. 10, 1959. Camp Kinser, Okinawa. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1417. | 6506 | Sept. 13, 1959. Gills Rock, Wisc. 1:05 a.m. R. H. Daubner saw a round yellow light, with 8 blue lights within it, and 5 larger red lights, fly very fast vertically while making a pulsating jet noise. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | | | |

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| 1418. | 6507 | Sept. 13, 1959. Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana. 10 a.m. to 4 [7:30?] p.m. (EST). At least 2 control tower operators and the pilot of a Mooney private airplane, Kenneth Davenport, saw a nearly motionless white, cream and metallic pear-shaped object, with a trail under it. Attempted intercept by USAF T-33 jet trainer to 37,000 ft failed. Possible Sept. 11 launches of General Mills Skyhook balloon from Minnesota (denied by General Mills) or AF Project ASH CAN krypton gas recovery nuclear intelligence Skyhook balloon from Sioux City, Iowa (normal same-day recovery on Sept. 11 would seem to preclude Sept. 13 persistence); Insufficient Data to identify a specific balloon launch. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner; Project 1947; Printy) | 6 hrs (9-1/2 hrs?) | 4+ | | |
| 1419. | | Sept. 15, 1959. Kadena AFB, Okinawa. 7 a.m.-1 p.m. 3 USAF personnel radar tracked multiple green objects, and sighted 4-5 mins a silvery object tilted downwards visible only when lit by a rotating beacon light and which moved slowly on a straight path in the direction of the winds. (Sparks; CUFOS re-eval.; Jan Aldrich) | 6 hrs ? | 3 | | RV |

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| 1420. | | Sept. 24, 1959. Near Redmond, Oregon (at about 41.26° N, 121.15° W). About 4:00 a.m. (PST). Redmond Police officer Robert Dickerson saw a strange bright light [white ball-shaped?] rapidly descending N of the airport about ¼ mile [?] away then stopped and hovered several hundred (or 200 ft) feet above ground [elevation about 10°?] for several mins where it lit up the juniper trees below. He drove [due E] toward it on the Prineville Hwy (Route 126) then turned [SE] toward the airport, when the object turned orange [reddish-orange?] and moved rapidly to climb at an angle with a reddish streak about 10 miles NE (or E?) of the airport at about 3,000 ft height above ground [Redmond is at 3,000 ft elevation MSL].<br>Dickerson arrived at the airport to report sighting in person at ca. 4:10 a.m. at Redmond FAA Air Traffic Communication Station. FAA Flight Service Specialist Laverne Wertz, Dickerson (and others?) viewed object through 7x50 binoculars outdoors to the E and to the right or S of the due W-E road Route 126 [road oriented 91°], seemingly about 7-8 miles away towards (beyond) Powell Butte [about azimuth 100°]. They watched the bright white oval light, long axis horizontal, as it emanated “heat radiation waves,” remaining stationary with small oscillations. [Next night at same (4 a.m.) time, Wertz and Dickerson noticed Venus as a round not oval light to the left or N of Route 126 whereas UFO had been S or right of Route 126. Venus was in fact at about azimuth 87° on both nights, left or N of Route 126, elevation 5°-6°.]<br>FAA Redmond station (Wertz) reported UFO to FAA Seattle Air Route Control Center at ca. 4:30 a.m., after the UFO “relocated” to 10 mi NE [SE?] of airport. Dickerson drove on Route 126 towards UFO at about 4:30 a.m., but after 2-3 miles it suddenly climbed at high speed into a broken cloud deck, lighting them up. ARTC in turn reported it to 28th Air Division ADC, Hamilton AFB, Calif., at 4:32 and 25th Air Division ADC, McChord AFB, Seattle, at 4:44 a.m.<br>Mt Hebo AFS radar site, Keno AFS radar site and 25th Air Division ADC scrambled various aircraft over the next 9 hours, including vectoring a B-47, scrambling 6 F-102 jets and an F-89 jet from Portland, and 2 helicopters to intercept UFO or locate it on the ground at Newberry Volcanic Crater. Possible radioactivity?<br>FAA station observers saw object hover and emit long tongues of red, yellow and green light which extended and retracted at irregular intervals. As F-102’s approached the object from the SE [?] at 5:19 a.m. it turned into mushroom shape, emitted red and yellow flames from lower side and ascended rapidly, disappearing in 2 to 3-1/2 mins above scattered clouds at about 14,000 ft [altitude? height?].<br>[Object’s departure forced one F-102 to swerve to avoid collision, another nearly lost control from UFO’s turbulent wake; tracked on F-102 airborne radars but jets unable to intercept.]<br>(Cont’d next entry:) | > 2 hrs 15 mins | many | | RV multiple air and ground radars ?, radioactivity?? |

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| | | Redmond case cont'd:<br>Object (re?)appeared about 20 miles S of Redmond at about 25,000 ft at about 5:25 am. Seattle Center reported at 6:20 a.m. radar contact with object about 25 miles S of Redmond at 52,000 ft was made by USAF ADC radar site at Keno AFS, near Klamath Falls, Ore., which tracked a large 300-400 ft [?] target and vectored B-47 and F-89 aircraft to identify. Redmond FAA controllers lost sight of object.<br>Seattle FAA reported at 7:11 a.m. that Klamath Falls radar still tracked object at 25 miles S of Redmond but varying altitude from 6,000 to 52,000 ft. (Sparks; BB files; Fran Ridge/NICAP; McDonald files) | | | | |
| 1421. | 6534 | Oct. 1 [or 3rd or 4th week?], 1959. Telephone Ridge, Oregon. 9:15 p.m. Department store manager C. A. Cissman saw a bright light approach, hover about 30 mins, then take off and disappear in 2 secs. (Sparks; Berliner) | 30 mins | 1 | | |
| 1422. | | Oct. 2, 1959. 12:40 a.m. (PST). Seattle, Wash. Army artillery radar site radar-visual. (Sparks; McDonald list) | 3 hrs | | | RV? |
| 1423. | 6538 | Oct. 4, 1959. Quezon, Philippines. 9:25 p.m. USN Lt. C. H. Pogson and CPO K. J. Moore saw a large round or oval object, changing from red to red-orange, fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 mins | 2 | | |
| 1424. | 6543 | Oct. 6, 1959. Lincoln, Nebraska. 8:15 p.m. Selective Service Lt. Col. L. Liggett and wife saw a round, white-yellow light make several abrupt turns at high speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 mins | 2 | | |
| 1425. | | Oct. 12, 1959. Washington, Georgia. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1426. | | Oct. 19, 1959. N of Langley AFB, Virginia. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1427. | 6563 | Oct. 19. 1959. Plainville, Kansas. 9:25 [10:25? EST] p.m. Capt. F. A. Henney, engineering instructor at USAF Academy, flying a T-33 jet trainer, saw a bright yellowish light on collision course with the T-33, the pilot avoided it and the light dimmed. (Sparks; Berliner; Project 1947) | 30 secs | 1 | | USAF Academy Engr Prof |
| 1428. | | Oct. 21, 1959. Warsaw, New York. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 1429. | | Oct. 22-23, 1959. Near Loring AFB, Maine. 5:30 p.m. (EST). Presque Isle Police Dept [officers?] sighted "flying saucer" flying low over town with very bright lights on bottom. At 7:24 p.m. civilian in Fort Fairfield reported low-flying object with lights on bottom, making no noise. GCI [ADC radar site L80?] Caswell AFS (46°58′15″N, 67°50′04″W), 766th AC&W Squadron SAGE site, sent C-123 to check object. L80 RAPCON (?) had nothing on radar.<br>At 11:24 p.m. a quiet and bright low flying object was reported 11 miles south of Loring AFB (46° 57'N, 67° 53'W), by a civilian (Mr. Squibb?). Jets scrambled but only a bright star was seen.<br>By 12:30 a.m. (0030) civilian witnesses saw a blue-red object, a Mr Squibb (starting at 11:24 p.m. ?) and a Mrs Andrew Haun from a trailer court at Presque Isle using binocular glasses (and an Airman Brown?) continuing to at least 1:00 a.m. when 2 bluish objects with red rings [were still?] seen over Presque Isle (46°42'N, 68°07'W), Maine. One object hovering. Radar picked up objects at less than 15,000 ft. One sped N at 300 to 500 knots tracked by radar. At 2:20 a.m., 2 objects still reported over Presque Isle.<br>At 3:05 a.m., Airman Ronald F Brown, Air Police, Loring AFB, saw round white light, apparently stationary, tracked by ground search radar GPS-3 (FPS-8) at Caswell GCI. Radar FPS-6A height finder estimated height at 5,000 ft. At 4:00 a.m., Caswell GCI radar had objects at 25,000 (26,000?) feet, 88° (nearly E) from Loring AFB. At 5:00 a.m., Burlington AFB scrambled two F-102 aircraft. GCI vectored them from 40,000 ft. No visual by air crew. (Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; McDonald list) | 10.5 hours ? (intermittent) | several | | radar, possibly RV |
| 1430. | | Oct. 26, 1959. Toccoa, Georgia. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1431. | | Nov. 3, 1959. Utica, New York. 6:55 p.m. (EST). USAF pilot of T-33 with 4039th Strategic Wing saw a round a stationary round yellow-white object move away, disappear, then reappear. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1? | | |
| 1432. | | Nov. 5, 1959. Montauk AFS, Long Island, New York. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1433. | 6600 | Nov. 18, 1959. S of Crystal Springs, Mississippi. 6:25 p.m. J. M. Porter saw a row of red lights fly slow, then accelerate immensely. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5-6 mins | 1 | | |
| 1434. | | Dec. 18, 1959. S Victoria Island, Canada. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1435. | | Dec. 23, 1959. W of Albuquerque, New Mexico. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1436. | 6663 | Feb. 27, 1960. Griffiss AFB, Rome, New York (at 43.23° N, 75.41° W). 6:27 p.m. (EST). Control tower officer Capt. James Huey and 4 other tower operators saw a light trailing a white fan shape move from azimuth 170° elevation 20°, pass in front of [or near?] the star Sirius [at 151° azimuth, 25° elevation], disappear at azimuth 130° [typo correction of 180°] elevation 19°, elevation angles from clinometer readings after sighting. Probable IFO: NASA Echo balloon satellite non-orbital test launch from Wallops Island, Virginia, at 6:20 p.m. (EST). (Sparks; Berliner; Printy) | 3-4 mins | 5+ | | |

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| 1437. | 6667 | March 4, 1960. 3 mi S of Dubuque, Iowa (at 42°26’ N, 90°42’ W). 5:55 [5:57?] p.m. (CST). Pilot instructor Charles R. Morris and wife saw 3 elliptical-shaped objects, about 200 ft long x 60 ft wide about 5 miles away at 25° elevation [≈11,000 ft altitude] estimated at 20,000 [?] ft altitude (another witness, Nesler, estimated 40,000 ft), in the SE headed NNE at about 200 mph, making a slight climb as they disappeared in the NE after covering about 135° of arc in the sky. Morris took 6 ft of 8 mm color film during sighting but it showed no images of the objects, thus neither disproving IFO or UFO. Two witnesses, Ferdinand Nesler and Allan A. Jones, used binoculars and described objects as aircraft in appearance. Jones using 10x50 binoculars said he saw what looked like the tail of a B-52 jet. Insufficient data on possible IFO’s (flight of 3 B-52’s). SAC records showed flight, of uncertain or ambiguous date, of 3 B-52’s at 31,000 to 32,000 ft that passed about 25 miles E of Dubuque on course 001° True at 370 knots (~430 mph) ground speed, at about 5:50 p.m. CST, date uncertain. ADC radars and Chicago ADC Air Defense Sector Hq had no records or radar tracks of B-52’s or B-52 flight. ATIC rejected SAC’s claims of B-52’s in the area and called case “Unknown / Unidentified.” (Sparks; Berliner; *UFO Evidence*; NICAP *UFO Investigator* March 1960; BB files; Printy/Taylor) | 4 mins | 6 | 1/8 | |
| 1438. | 6691 | March 23, 1960. Indianapolis, Indiana. 3:35 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Larsen saw a series of balls, arranged like an “X” with one diagonal line. Note: Little data on the case in the files. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3/4 min | 2 | | |
| 1439. | 6711 | April 12 [18?], 1960. La Camp (Lacamp), Louisiana. 9 p.m. Physical scientist Monroe Arnold saw a fiery-red disc from the S touch the ground about 1,000 ft away with a loud explosion heard by many people, and a flame. It bounced in an E direction for about 1,000 ft then rose again, turned W and disappeared. The ground was scarred in 9 places, and a substance resembling metallic paint was found, analysis inconclusive. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 503) | 2-3 secs ? | 1 | | physical scientist |

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| 1440. | 6721 | April 17, 1960. Richards Gebaur AFB (38.8° N, 94.6 W), ~20 mi S of Kansas City, Missouri. 8:29 to 8:31.5 p.m. (CST). USAF Major Jim G. Ford and A. Chapdelaine, Field Rep of LINK, while observing M-42 Great Orion Nebula [at about 15° elevation azimuth 250°] noticed a reddish glowing object with unaided eye and then in a 6-inch Newtonian reflector telescope (1-inch eyepiece 48x magnification), first seen N of Orion's Belt at about 30° elevation [about 250° azimuth or roughly WSW] traveling SW [to the left] at about 2°/min angular velocity, then passed about 1° below Sirius [at 19° elevation 229° azimuth about SW] accelerating to about 1°/sec at last sighting as it then disappeared below horizon [in the SSW?], with no apparent change in size, color or magnitude brightness. Estimated angular size about 5 arcsecs [equivalent of 4 arcmins in 48x telescope]. (Time incorrectly reported by witness as 1429 GMT / 8:29 ***a.m***. CST but was apparently 8:29 ***p.m***. CST thus also incorrectly converted to GMT. Should be 0229 GMT next day as BB did correctly note on the Record Card.) (Sparks; Berliner; CUFOS) | 2.5 mins | 2 | ½ (equiv. in 48x telescope) | 6-inch reflector telescope |
| 1441. | 6727 | April 25, 1960. Shelby, Montana. 7-10 p.m. Mrs. M. Clark saw 5 circular objects fly in trail formation, hover, accelerate and make sharp turns. Case file includes other reports from Mrs. Clark for previous 3 years. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3 hrs | 1 | | photo movie film ? |
| 1442. | | May 7, 1960. Canada, Montana, North Dakota. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1443. | | May 19, 1960. Dillingham, Alaska. Silver-colored round object 20-25 ft wide with hanging appendages hovered at 50-100 ft distance at 12 ft altitude, sucked up trash cans and grass, carried them about 300 ft then dropped them. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 146-9) | | several | 40 | |
| 1444. | | June 4, 1960. Pacific Ocean. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1445. | | July 14, 1960. 2 miles E of Miho AFB, Japan. 1:03 a.m. Military aircraft pilot saw a brilliant pale yellow oblong object with a short trail flying at about 10,000 mph. (Sparks; Project 1947) | | 1 | | |
| 1446. | 6858 | July 19, 1960. St. Louis, Missouri. 8:30 p.m. T. L. Ochs saw a round, bright red light fly overhead, stop and hover, and then back up. Ochs reported similar sightings on 3 following nights [July 20 and 21 plus ?]. | 20 mins | multiple? | | |
| 1447. | | Aug. 13-14, 1960. Red Bluff, Calif. 11:50 p.m.-2:05 a.m. Officers Charles A. Carson and Stanley B. Scott plus 3 others observe maneuvering silent red light with 5 white lights to the E descending to 100-200 ft height, reversed course, lifted to 500 ft, hovered, swept ground with red beam, aerial gymnastics, then headed E chased by police car, joined by similar object from S, disappearing in the E. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 92-94) | 2 hrs 15 mins | 5+ | 6 ? | RV |
| 1448. | 6914 | Aug. 23, 1960. Wichita, Kansas. 3:24 a.m. Boeing aeronautical engineer C. A. Komiske saw a dull-orange round object, with yellow lights coming from what looked like 3 triangular windows at bottom, flying in an arc. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 mins | 1 | | Boeing aeronautical engr |
| 1449. | 6929 | Aug. 29, 1960. Crete, Illinois. 4:05 p.m. Farmer Ed Schneeweis saw a shiny, round, silver object fly straight up at high speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | 18 secs | 1 | | |

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| 1450. | 6962 | Sept. 10, 1960. Ridgecrest, Calif. 9:50 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Evans saw 2 light gray glowing objects, saucer or boomerang-shaped, which swished when accelerating [in 2 sightings?]. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 x 1-2 secs | 2 | | |
| 1451. | | Sept. 17, 1960. Kirksville AFS, Missouri (at 40°17'52"N, 92°34'34"W). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1452. | | Sept. 19, 1960. Susanville, Calif. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1453. | | Sept. 20, 1960. Kirksville AFS, Missouri (at 40°17'52"N, 92°34'34"W). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1454. | | Sept. 20, 1960. SE of Farmington, New Mexico. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1455. | | Sept. 25, 1960. S of Midway Island (at 21°52' N, 178°25' W). 8:11 p.m. (26/0711Z). USAF aircraft crew saw a bright, round/oval object, continuously changing color from red to green to white, then repeating the cycle for 3-4 secs before changing. Sighted when aircraft turned left from course 030° to 210° at distance estimated at 2 miles. Object climbed from water level, sped past the tail of the aircraft to 5 o'clock position, then was lost to view. Next seen when aircraft was at 15,000 ft course 210°, object at 60° relative and 40° elevation, moving across nose of aircraft to relative bearing 330°, low, disappeared behind cloud bank, with tops at 10,000 ft, at about 20 miles distance. (Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; McDonald list) | 1+3 mins | 4 | 4 [?] | |
| 1456. | | Sept. 28, 1960. Kirksville AFS, Missouri (at 40°17'52" N, 92°34'34" W). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1457. | 7057 | Oct. 5, 1960. Mount Kisco, New York (41.2° N, 73.7° W). 7:37 p.m. (EDT). E. G. Crossland saw a bright, star-like light, as bright as Venus or greater, move across 120° of sky from 30° elevation in the SE to almost directly overhead to disappearance in haze about 30° elevation in the NW, heading NW [thus retrograde for a satellite orbit and no retrograde satellites had ever been launched]. No sound. Counted off seconds right after the sighting ended, to reenact the duration. (Sparks; Castner/CUFOS; BB files; Berliner) | 20 secs | 1 | | |
| 1458. | | Nov. 15, 1960. 30 miles from Cressy, Tasmania. 10:40 p.m. USAF pilot and navigator of RB-57 saw a spherical 75 ft object flying at great speed at 36,000 ft. (Sparks; Project 1947; BB files??) | | 2? | | |
| 1459. | 7133 | Nov. 27, 1960. Chula Vista, Calif. 7:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hart and 5 others saw an orange-red point of light, with white sparkler-like light moving in and out of it, make huge circles, seen to the S and to N, overhead, then stopped. 3 witnesses had separate binoculars. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 78-80) | 20-30 mins | 7 | | 3 binoculars |
| 1460. | 7134 | Nov. 29, 1960. S of Kyushu, Japan. 6:38 p.m. USAF Lt. Col. R. L. Blwlin [sp?] and Maj. F. B. Brown, flying a T-33 jet trainer, saw a white light slow and parallel the course of the T-33. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | 2 | | |

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| 1461. | | Jan. 10, 1961. Cape Canaveral, Florida. 12:15 p.m. (EST). During the tracking of a Polaris A-1 missile Test 5016, launched at 12:14:02.06 p.m. (EST), at 1st stage separation at about 12:15 p.m. (at about T+85 secs??) Eastern Test Range's Radar Site 1.4, using an AF Missile Test Center S-band pulse radar 2.1.2 and a continuous-wave (CW) radar, started tracking "strongest target return," an "unidentifiable object," instead of tracking the Polaris 1st stage to impact as intended. Object alternately moved slowly then moved fast, lost at T+880 secs (?) (12:28:42? p.m.). See next case. (Jan Aldrich-Barry Greenwood NICAP-CUFOS; Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | ~14 mins | | | 2+ radars |
| 1462. | | Jan. 10, 1961. Atlantic bet. Cuba and Haiti (at 19°48' N, 73°40' W). 12:44 p.m. (EST). USN aircraft carrier USS Franklin D Roosevelt radar SPS-12 reported an airborne object on a course of 175° traveling at 3,960 knots (4,560 mph) altitude unknown. BB conclusion claiming it was a Polaris missile launch from Cape Canaveral was in error as Polaris A-1 missile Test 5106 was launched ½ hour earlier, at 12:14:02.06 p.m. (EST), some ~700 miles away and impacted the ocean within 15 mins. See preceding case. (Jan Aldrich-Barry Greenwood NICAP-CUFOS; Basterfield; Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | 1+ min | | | radar |
| 1463. | | Jan. 10, 1961. Wichita Falls, Kansas. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1464. | | Feb. 16, 1961. Atlantic N of Bermuda (at 36°35' N, 67°45' W). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1465. | | Feb. 23, 1961. Misawa AFB, Japan. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1466. | | Feb. 26, 1961. Tyndall AFB, Florida. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1467. | | Feb. 27, 1961. Yuma, Ariz. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1468. | | Feb. 27, 1961. Herndon, Virginia. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1469. | 7284 | Feb. 27, 1961. Bark River, Mich. 10:15 p.m. Mrs. LaPalm saw a fiery-red, round object, preceded by light rays, slowing and descending, while her dog howled. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | 1 | | |
| 1470. | | Feb. 28, 1961. Waverly AFB, Iowa. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1471. | | March 3, 1961. Ephrata, Wash. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1472. | | March 10, 1961. RAF Upper Heyford, England, UK. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1473. | 7321 | Spring 1961 or 1963. Kemah, Texas. 10 a.m. or 2 or 4 p.m. Original case missing; re-reported by witness in 1965. Spider web material followed hours later by a sighting. (Basterfield; Sparks; BB files; Berliner) | | 1 or 2 | | |
| 1474. | | March 22 [23-29?], 1961. Ft. Pierce, Florida. 9:45 p.m. Beechcraft pilot and passenger saw an intense bright light rise from 8,000 to 20,000 ft and accelerate. (Sparks; McDonald list; cf. Project 1947) | | 2 | | |

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| 1475. | | April 11, 1961. 9:57 a.m. (EST). Cape Canaveral, Florida. Polaris submarine missile scheduled for launch at 9:30 a.m. was delayed to 10:52:51 a.m. Patrick AFB FPS-20 radar tracked UFO from 150 to 600 knots (200 to 700 mph) at ranges of 10 to 55 mi at azimuths 125° to 127° in a [6-7 mile?] orbit pattern at around 44 miles range.<br>April 27?: IFF confirmation. F-102 interceptor from Jacksonville had radar lockon for 2 mins. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | 33 mins | | | |
| 1476. | | April 27, 1961. (EST). Cape Canaveral, Florida. Juno missile launch. Patrick AFB radar tracked UFO. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | x mins | | | |
| 1477. | | April 14, 1961. Far East. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1478. | | April 18, 1961. Eagle River, Wisc. 11 a.m. Joe Simonton heard a whining sound and saw an object, 30 ft in diameter, 12 ft high, with exhaust pipes around the periphery, land near his house. A door opened and a man appeared, about 5 ft tall, wearing a black, turtle-neck pullover with a white band at the belt, and black trousers with a vertical white band along the side. Two other [?] figures were visible inside. Simonton filled a jug with water, returned it to the man, who gave him three ordinary pancakes, and the object took off. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 517) | | | | |
| 1479. | | April 20, 1961. Hanna City AFS, Illinois. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1480. | 7359 | April 24, 1961. 200 miles SW of San Francisco, Calif. (35°50' N, 125°40' W). 3:34 a.m. (PST). 551st AEW&C Sq aircraft commander Capt. H. J. Savoy and navigator 1st Lt. M. W. Rand, on USAF RC-121D radar patrol plane at 11,000 ft saw reddish-white round object or light, similar to satellite or aircraft, angular size of pinhead at arm's length, moving W to E, tracked through sextant from 29°55' elevation 140° azimuth (SE) disappearing at the horizon at 50° (or 60° text barely legible) azimuth. No sound, no trail, weather clear, check for Echo satellite negative. (Sparks; Berliner; Jan Aldrich-NICAP; AFRHA index for 551st AEW&C Sq History) | 8 mins | 2 | 1/6 | sextant |
| 1481. | | May 19, 1961. About 7 miles W of Bay Minette, Alabama (at 30°52' N, 87° 53' W). 10:18 a.m. Man checking mast of a ship saw an oval aluminum or silver-like object with tapered edges reflecting sunlight to the NNE at 20° azimuth 60° elevation traveling to SSW at 200° azimuth 60° elevation, no sound or trail. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files) | 30 secs | 1 | 20 ? | |
| 1482. | | May 20, 1961. Maxwell AFB, Alabama. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 1483. | | May 20, 1961. Tyndall AFB, Florida (30° N, 85.6° W). 2:50 a.m. (CST). USAF fighter and helicopter pilots, and personnel (Staff Sgt + 3 airmen) of 4756th Air Police Sq saw a white-orange round object. Air policemen sighted orange or white object in the E moving from azimuth 30° (or 70°) to 130° at elevation angles of about 30° to 40° disappearing at 90° (?). Tyndall AFB Rapcon CPN-18 radar and ADC ground radars, FPS-20 search radar and FPS-6 height-finder radar, tracked slow-moving 2 to 45 mph targets 2 to 12 miles to the W at 2,000 to 10,000 ft from 3:45 to 5:10 a.m., which were apparently unrelated to visual sightings (Venus??) towards the E. Last radar contact at 25 miles to NNW. F-102 jet airborne at about 3:50 a.m. was unable to intercept the radar targets, though the F-102 onboard radar picked up target sporadically. Helicopter intercept from 4:45 to 5:05 a.m. by pilot Capt. Paul F. Vandergriff and flight engineer Airman/1c B. Selph, reached less than 5 miles of flight before it was called off. Venus was rising in the E at azimuth 83° to 96° in 1hr 40mins from 2:50 to 4:30 a.m., elevation 1° to 26°. (Sparks; BB files; Project 1947; NICAP) | 2 hrs 20 mins | 10+ | | |
| 1484. | 7417 | May 22, 1961. Tyndall AFB, Florida. 4:30 p.m. (CST). AF wives Mrs. A. J. Jones and Mrs. R. F. Davis saw revolving silver-dollar disc hover at about 3.5° elevation in the SE, rise to 35° elevation then suddenly disappear. No sound, no trail, no exhaust. (Sparks; BB files; Castner/CUFOS; Berliner; NICAP) | 15 mins | 2 | | |
| 1485. | | June 2, 1961. Tampa, Florida. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1486. | 7437 | June 2, 1961. Miyako Jima Air Station, Japan (24 47' N, 125 18'E). 10:17 p.m. 1st Lt. R. N. Monahan and Hazeltine Electric Co. technical representative D. W. Mattison saw a blue-white light fly erratic course at varying speed, in an arc-like path. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 2 | | |
| 1487. | | June 25, 1961. Pacific Ocean. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1488. | 7491 | July 7, 1961. Copemish, Mich. (44°30' N, 85°54' W). 11 p.m. (EST). Waitress Nannette Hilley saw a large blue to red ball at 45° elevation, 330° azimuth (about NNW), fly slow, split into 4 after 45 mins flying close formation, descend, then fly away to the W, coming down low behind trees, disappearing at 10° elevation, 270° azimuth (W). Additional 4 witnesses about 5 miles from Copemish sighted landing of object until after 1 a.m. (EST). (Sparks; BB files; BB/SAFOI Carl Hart June 25, 1962, Summary 10 Unidentifieds in 1961, CUFOS-Hynek files/Mary Castner; Basterfield NICAP website; Berliner) | 2+ hrs | 5 | | |
| 1489. | | July 10, 1961. Golden, Colo. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1490. | 7499 | July 11, 1961. 4 mi NW of Springfield, Ohio. 7:45 p.m. Ex-air navigator G. Scott, wife, and neighbors saw a round, bright light like shiny aluminum, pass overhead. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 mins | 4+ | | |
| 1491. | | July 17, 1961. 1 mile N of Bonny Spring Ranch [Bonnie Springs?] near Las Vegas, Nevada. 2 a.m. On U.S. Highway 91 [95?], 2 civilians in a car saw in the rear-view mirror a low-flying object that overtook their car, followed by a rush of cold air. It stopped, circled the vehicle, flew off and was lost to sight behind the mountains, where it may have landed but exhaustive military investigation found no trace. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 521) | | 2 | | |

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| 1492. | 7510 | July 20, 1961. Houston, Texas. 9:03 a.m. (CDT). Trans-Texas Airlines Capt. A. V. Beather, flying a DC-3 at 160 knots, saw 2 very bright white lights fly in trail formation. Ground radar report vague. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner) | 30 mins | 2+ ? | | Radar, audio tape |
| 1493. | 7579 | Aug. 12, 1961. Kansas City, Kansas. 9 p.m. College seniors J. B. Furkenhoff and Tom Phipps saw a very large oval object with a fin extending from one edge to the center, like a sled with lighted car running boards, which hovered at 50 ft altitude for 3-5 mins, then flew straight up and E, disappearing in about 5 secs. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 522) | 3-5 mins + | 2 | | |
| 1494. | | Sept. 2, 1961. Albuquerque, New Mexico (35°05' N; 106°36' W). 4:40-4:50 p.m. (MST). Ziegler saw reflection of sun from a shiny surface of a round silver object moving erratically W to E from about 240° azimuth (about WSW) to 210° when it stopped and emitted several smaller silvery objects about 1/6 the size of the main object. Then it continued on to about 150° azimuth (about SSE) where it again stopped and emitted several silvery objects about 1/6 size then moved away and climbed to about elevation 50° until disappearance by fading. (Sparks; Basterfield; Project 1947; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10 mins | 1 | | |
| 1495. | | Sept. 7, 1961. Cape Canaveral, Florida. (Hynek UFO Rpt p. 44) | | | | missile tracking scope |
| 1496. | | Sept. 19-20, 1961. Indian Head, New Hampshire. 11 p.m.-2 a.m. (EDT). Barney and Betty Hill saw a lenticular object with a double row of portholes and half-a-dozen dark figures working at control panels inside, when they stopped to investigate a light following their car. They became afraid and drove away. A "beeping sound" enveloped the car, they felt a prickling sensation before losing consciousness. When they came to, they were driving near Ashland. A series of nightmares and medically controlled hypnosis brought back what apparently was the memory of their abduction by the occupants of the object. Pease AFB 1917th AACS Det. 2 had an unidentified radar contact on Precision Approach Radar at 2:14 a.m. of an unseen or invisible object at 4 miles range aborting a landing on the runway at ½ mile range. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 524; BB files; etc.) | 3 hrs ? | 2 | | radar? EM? |

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| 1497. | | Sept. 27, 1961. W of Calif. [?] coast. 7:57 a.m. (PST). Radar air defense patrol aircraft [probably RC-121D], callsign Ethan 43, from 552nd Airborne Early Warning & Control Wing, McClellan AFB, Sacramento, Calif., detected 5 targets on APS-95 UHF 425 MHz radar at high speed, 4 of which heading 90° Mag (E) and 1 at 80° Mag (nearly E), all of which disappeared in sea clutter. About 3 mins later [at 8:00 or 8:01 a.m.?] 2 targets appeared heading 70° Mag (about ENE), crossed the radar scope, one of which was tracked at 1,800 knots (2,100 mph) over a path of 200 NM [about 6-1/2 mins], both disappearing in sea clutter. During these tracks a third target appeared, stationary for 2 mins, then began moving at 60 knots (70 mph) on heading 265° Mag (nearly W), disappearing in sea clutter at about 8:10 a.m. No temperature inversion, weather clear. Targets detected by IFF only. (Sparks; McDonald list; BB files) | 13 mins | | | IFF |
| 1498. | | Sept. 30, 1961. Las Vegas, Nevada. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1499. | | Nov. 7, 1961. Arlington Heights, Illinois. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1500. | 7741 | Nov. 21, 1961. 7 miles ENE of Old Town, Florida. 7:30 p.m. (EST). C. Locklear of Florida State Road Dept. and Helen Hatch of Shaw Ford dealership saw a round, red-orange object at about azimuth 180° (South) fly straight up, brighten then fade and disappear. Insufficient Case Data, possible Titan I missile launch about 170 miles to ESE at Cape Canaveral at 7:30 p.m. (EST) with brightening due to second stage firing. (Sparks; Berliner; Printy; BB files) | 3-4 mins | 2 | | |
| 1501. | 7742 | Nov. 23, 1961. Sioux City, Iowa. 9:30 p.m. F. Braunger saw a bright red star fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 mins | 1 | | |
| 1502. | 7754 | Dec. 13, 1961. Washington, D.C. 5:05 p.m. C. F. Muncy, ex-U.S. Navy pilot W. J. Myers, and G. Weber saw a dark diamond-shaped object with a bright tip fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1-3 mins | 3 | | |
| 1503. | | Jan. 22, 1962. Kirksville AFS, Missouri (at 40°17'52"N, 92°34'34"W). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1504. | | Feb. 12, 1962. Winnemucca AFB, Nevada. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1505. | | Feb. 19, 1962. Dauphin Island (at about 30°18' N or farther N initially, 88° 8' W), Alabama. 3 witnesses driving S on the Dauphin Island toll bridge saw a reddish-orange object 1/3 the sun's diameter to the S about 10° elevation, changing shape from round to football or cigar shape then covered with fog. Car stopped for witness to call Dauphin Island AFS radar site, 693rd Radar Sq which coincidentally had 2 USAF airmen driving N on the toll bridge and saw the object to the W, and thus object's location can be approximately triangulated at about 30°16' N, 88° 10' W, distance to civilian observers 2-5 miles depending on how far N when first seen, and actual size at least 30 ft. No radar contact reported. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files) | 12 mins | 5 | 4/10 | triangulation |
| 1506. | 7818 | Feb. 25, 1962. Kotzbue, Alaska. 7:20 p.m. U.S. Army private and 6 anonymous civilians saw red light, trailed 30 secs later by a blue light. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 7 | | |

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| 1507. | 7823 | March 1, 1962. Salem, New York. 10:35 p.m. Mrs. L. Doxsey, 66, saw a gold-colored box, 12-14 inches x 3-4 ft fly straight and level across the horizon. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-4 mins | 1 | | |
| 1508. | 7840 | March 26, 1962. Ramstein AFB, Germany. 1:35 p.m. USAF Capt. J. M. Lowery, from an unspecified aircraft, saw a thin, cylindrical object, 1/3 snout, 2/3 tail fins, fly at an estimated Mach 2.7 (1,800 mph). (Sparks; Berliner) | 5-8 secs | 1 | | |
| 1509. | 7841 | March 26, 1962. Naperville, Illinois. 11:40 p.m. Mrs. D. Wheeler and Claudine Milligan saw 6-8 red balls, arranged in a rectangular formation, become 2 objects with lights by the end of sighting. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 min | 2 | | |
| 1510. | 7930 | March [May?] 26, 1962. Westfield, Mass. 10:45 p.m. Many unidentified young people saw a large red ball fly or fall down, then rise back up. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-10 min | many | | |
| 1511. | | April 2, 1962. Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1512. | 7851 | April 3-4, 1962. Wurtland, Kentucky. 8:50 p.m. (EST). G. R. Wells and J. Lewis, using 117x telescope spotted a small object changing brightness, giving off smoke but stationary like a comet. Case missing. (Sparks; Berliner) | 6 mins | 2 | | telescope |
| 1513. | | April 12, 1962. Kunia, Hawaii (at 22° 2' N, 160° 4' W). 10:54 p.m. (HST). ADC Air Defense Control Center, 326th Air Division, Kunia Annex, Wheeler AFB, reported 700 knot (800 mph) aircraft-like radar return apparently headed toward station at 318° azimuth, below 24,500 ft. (Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; NICAP website; McDonald list) | | 1+ | | radar |
| 1514. | | April 18, 1962. New York to Eureka, Utah, to Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada. National air defense UFO alert (previous cases on Dec. 6, 1950, Apr. 17, 1952, not in BB files apparently, and Sept. 20, 1957, in BB files). High speed brilliant maneuverable object is tracked by radars and sighted visually across the continent by numerous military and civilian witnesses. (Sparks; Berliner; Kevin Randle; etc.) | hrs | many | | RV |
| 1515. | | April 28, 1962. Ft. Worth, Texas. Night. Nuclear engineer Ralph Jackson saw egg shaped light crossing the sky brighter than the Echo I satellite. (Sparks; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | | 1 | | nuclear engineer; telescope, binoculars |
| 1516. | | May 19, 1962. Marksville, Leesville, Colfax, Louisiana. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1517. | | May 24, 1962. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1518. | 7931 | May 27, 1962. Palmer, Alaska. (NARA) | | multiple | | |

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| 1519. | | June 7, 1962. Hallett Station, Antarctica (at 72°19' S, 170°13' E). 0105Z. US Navy Officer in Charge of Hallett Station [and other personnel?] sighted a brilliant, white light, about 20 times brighter than 1st magnitude star, at 250° True azimuth, 30° ["1?" perhaps teletype error for "10" degs altered from original TWX in handwriting to "30" degs] elevation. Stationary for 5 mins. Viewed with 7x50 binoculars. Object circular, with dazzling gold color. Seen "between" two mountain peaks [not literally between but above gap in between, then descending to the S in between]. Sun was below the horizon (long Antarctic night there, May 14-July 31). After 5 mins it moved S and lost to view behind a peak [possibly unnamed 3600 ft peak at 248° azimuth about 7-1/2 mi distant or 5° elevation] but did not reappear on other side of peak as expected from S motion. No similar object seen on succeeding 3 days despite bogus and inconsistent BB conclusions it was star Fomalhaut or planet Jupiter. Fomalhaut never set, and Jupiter was already below the horizon, having set at about 0050Z below a local mountain ridge at 264° azimuth ~6.5° elevation about 10 miles away at about 6,000 ft elevation. (Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; McDonald list) | 5+ mins | 1+ ? | | binoculars |
| 1520. | 7957 | June 21, 1962. Indianapolis, Indiana. 4 a.m. Lt. Col. H. King and tail gunner M/Sgt. Roberts, aboard a B-52 heavy jet bomber, saw 3 bright, star-like lights, first one then 10 secs later 2 more. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3 mins | 2 | | |
| 1521. | 7968 | June 30-July 1, 1962 [?]. Richmond, Virginia. 9 a.m. 13 year old Meadors [?] saw a red, star-like light for unspecified length of time. No further details in files. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1? | | |
| 1522. | 8020 | July 19, 1962. Metuchen [Bayhead?], New Jersey. 9:30 p.m. C. T. Loftus and H. Wilbert saw 3-5 lights from different parts of the sky dart about the sky with no pattern, brightness increased with speed of motion, complete stops, zigzags, generally straight lines, N course [?]. No trails or sound. (Sparks; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | 7-10 mins | 2 | | |
| 1523. | 8034 | July 29 [30?], 1962. Ocean Springs, Mississippi. 11:20 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Barton saw a bright cherry-red, diamond-shaped object fly slow, hover, make fast 1/2 loops. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins + | 2 | | |
| 1524. | 8064 | Aug. 18 [19?], 1962. Bermuda. 5 p.m. Owner M. Sheppard and chief announcer A. Seymour of radio station saw 3 dull-white, egg-shaped objects waver as they moved. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 mins | 2 | | |
| 1525. | | Sept. 15, 1962. Oradell, New Jersey. 5, 6, 7:50 p.m. 2 bright disks seen at 5 p.m., again at 6 p.m., at the state line. 2 witnesses saw one round object with a fin on top and another under it at 7:50, heading down toward Oradell reservoir. 3 young men saw and heard the object touch the water. Another witness called police. Bright luminous object surrounded with a glow, apparent size of a small plane 1/2 mile away, took off a few minutes later to the S. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 547) | few mins ? | 6+ | 1/10 ? | |

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| 1526. | 8133 | Sept. 21, 1962. WSW of Biloxi, Mississippi, in Gulf of Mexico. 7:37-7:50 p.m. Fishing boat captain S. A. [Danny?] Guthrie and deck hand saw 2 objects, red and black with orange streaks, one as big as the Moon, and the other smaller and trailing [?], arcing across the sky. (Sparks; Mary Cadtner/CUFOS; Berliner) | 13 mins | 2 | 1 | binoculars |
| 1527. | 8182 | Oct. 23, 1962. Farmington, Utah. 3 p.m. R. O. Christensen saw a grey and silver ball, trailing what looked like twine with two knots in it, swerve, and climb away at a 45° angle, making a sound like a flock of ducks (rushing air). (Sparks; "Duck Hunter Case") (Berliner) | 20 secs | 1 | | |
| 1528. | 8215 | Nov. 17, 1962. Tampa, Florida. 9 p.m. F. L. Swindale, college graduate and ex-USMC Capt., saw bright star-like lights approach, hover and bounce, then fade. (Sparks; Berliner) | 11-15 mins | 1? | | |
| 1529. | | Jan. 5, 1963. Nantucket Point, Long Island, New York. 3 a.m. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 45-46) | 1 hr | 2 | 16 | |
| 1530. | | Jan. 28, 1963. Shilton, U.K. 5:20 p.m. Mary Sharp and Mrs. E. L. Sharp saw an object on the ground with 4 windows, emitting yellow-orange light, departed toward Rugby. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 559) | | 2 | | |
| 1531. | | Jan. 28, 1963. Mamina, Chile. Nighttime. Former Chilean Air Force officer, driving a truck, saw 2 disk-shaped objects follow him. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 560) | 10 mins + | 1 | | |
| 1532. | | Feb. 5, 1963 (approx.). Ascension, Paraguay. Student, Anastasio Lenven, saw an object land on the school grounds. A separate sighting by several residents, including an official of the Ministry of the Interior, was of an object flying at very high speed over Ascension. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 562) | | 1 + several | | |
| 1533. | 8277 | Feb. 8, 1963. About 5 miles S of Maysville, Kentucky (at 38°32.5'-38°35' N, 83°47.5' W, 720 ft elevation ASL). 9:50 p.m. Mr. Pyles and 4 other witnesses saw a hovering saucer-shaped object about 200 ft away about 100 ft altitude (or 240 ft?) over a nearby field. Object was >30 ft across with 2 blue and 2 red lights equally spaced on periphery. Object tilted vertically then flew away to the W disappearing over low hill horizon about 1/2 mile away at 840 ft ASL after tarveling about 1 mile. Sound like an aircraft engine. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 1113, 1131; NARA Microfilm Roll 1, p. 284; Loren Gross Jan-Jun 1963, pp. 17, 19) | 30 secs | 5 | 15? | |
| 1534. | | Feb. 15, 1963. Willow Grove, NW of Moe, Victoria, Australia. 7:10 a.m. Charles Brew saw a 25 ft blue and battleship-gray metallic object, 9-10 ft high, arrive from the E, stop at 50 ft altitude over his farmhouse [75-100 ft over a tree and a shed on his property]. Object made a swishing sound, underside spun counter-clockwise slowly about 1 rev/sec, had a bright chrome 5-6 ft long "aerial" or antenna, scoop-like protuberances on the outer rim spaced 1-1.5 ft apart, no light except for pale blue glow of underside, took off faster than a jet to the W at a 45° angle into the cloud deck, after hovering about 5 secs. Animal reactions. Witness developed strong headaches on the approach of the object and all day. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 563; Project 1947; Bill Chalker) | 5 secs + | 1 | 20 ? | |

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| 1535. | | March 6, 1963. Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas. 10:37-10:40 a.m. (CST). Insufficient data / possible meteor radar tracked through US Naval Space Surveillance network radar fence at 10:38:19 CST. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1536. | 8360 | May 18, 1963. New Plymouth, New Zealand. 10:30 p.m. C. S. Chapman, 15, saw a white, fuzzy, flashing light hover and dart around. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4 mins | 1 | | |
| 1537. | 8363 | May 22, 1963. Pequannock, New Jersey. 10:45 p.m. Myra Jackson saw 4 pink wheels spin or roll very fast from E to W in succession, each about 1 sec. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4 x 1 sec | 1 | | |
| 1538. | 8388 | June 15, 1963. Indian Ocean SW of India [not near Venezuela] (at 14°27' N, 69°57' E [not W]). 8:39 p.m. [not 10:39 a.m.] 3rd Mate R. C. Chamberlin (and Master/Captain R. W. Higgenson?) of S/S Thetis saw in the NW about 325° True about 30° elevation a "luminous disk with no clear outline, with a light filament-like cloud in front no trail behind, traveling at about 1-1/2 times the angular speed of the Echo satellite seen about 9:10 to 9:20 p.m. local time. [NRO POPPY-GRAB ELINT satellite Agena D upper rocket stage launched about ½ orbit earlier, partial failure with possible vent cloud in front?.] (Printy Mar 2013; Sparks; Berliner) | 4 mins | 2? | nearly 1 | |
| 1539. | 8371 | Summer 1963. Middletown, New York. 9:30 or 10 p.m. Grace Dutcher saw 8-10 lights move at random, then in an oval formation, then singly. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 min | 1 | | |
| 1540. | 8434 | July 1, 1963. Glen Ellyn, Illinois. 8 p.m. R. B. Stiles, II, using a theodolite, saw a light, the size of a match head at arm's length, flash and move around the sky. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1.5 hrs | 1 | 1/2 | theodolite |
| 1541. | | Aug. 4-5, 1963. Near Mt. Vernon (or Keenes) to Wayne City, Illinois. 11-11:30 p.m. – 12:20 a.m. (CDT). Ronnie Austin and Phyllis Bruce while driving E noticed a bright white round object to the SW about 20° elevation then S then N which followed them for several miles. When Austin dropped off Phyllis at home it was to the E about 500 ft away and her sister Forestine also saw the object with them. After about 15 mins Austin attempted to leave for home but the object followed him, at one point as he headed E it came over his car at about 100 ft, changed color to orange and appeared car sized, hovered above the car while the car radio had whining noise static and car engine almost failed, then made a pass from behind W to E. On arriving home object was about 900 ft to the SE or E and other family members also saw it, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Austin, sister Roxie and a brother. (Sparks; Fran Ridge/NICAP; BB files; Condon files unpublished AF Briefing Nov. 17, 1966) | 50-80 mins | 6 | 16 ? | EM, radioactivity? |

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| 1542. | | Aug. 7, 1963. 4 miles E of Fairfield, Illinois. 8:45-9:10 p.m. Chauncey Uphoff and Mike Hill heard dogs bark, saw a yellowish-orange diamond shaped noiseless luminous object to the SW about 1,000 ft altitude moving E, joined by a pinpoint white light that went from SE to NW climbing with a possible drumming sound and when near the first object the latter blinked out. When the pinpoint light disappeared to the NW the diamond-shaped object reappeared as dim gray to the SW maneuvering towards them to the S about 45° elevation then SE with a U-turn or loop, appearing on edge with a tail or trail, changing color to orange then brilliant blue-white, disappearing in the SE. Object's angular size much larger than the moon. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 1115-6; NICAP) | 25 mins | 2+ | 20 ? | |
| 1543. | 8506 | Aug. 11, 1963. Warrenville, Illinois. 10 p.m. R. M. Boersma saw a light move around the sky. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 secs | 1 | | |
| 1544. | 8514 | Aug. 13-14, 1963. St. Calen, Switzerland. 8:04 p.m. A. F. Schelling saw a fireball become a dark object after 4 mins, then a bigger glow, 1 min later, finally exploding. Note: same witness had another, undescribed, sighting on Aug. 14. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4 mins + ? | 1 | | |
| 1545. | | Aug. 20, 1963. Rome, Italy. 9:32 p.m. Fattorini. In the Italian President's forest reserve area near Rome, President's chauffeur driving his official car saw an object like a plate turned upside down, with a central turret, flying low over his vehicle. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 579; FUFOR/Saunders; Edoardo Russo; Vallée Forbidden Science p. 133) | | 1? | | |
| 1546. | 8548 | Sept. 14. 1963. Susanville, Calif. 3:15 p.m. E. A. Grant, veteran of 37 years training forest fire lookouts for the U.S. Forest Service, saw a round object intercept a long object then either attach itself to the latter or disappear. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | 1 | | |
| 1547. | 8549 | Sept. 15, 1963. Vandalia, Ohio. 6 p.m. Mrs. F. E. Roush saw 2 very bright gold objects, one shaped like a "banana" the other like an "ear of corn," one staying stationary, the other moving from W to N. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10 mins | 1 | | |
| 1548. | 8581 | Oct. 4, 1963. Bedford, Ohio. 3:32 p.m. R. E. Carpenter, 15, saw am intense oblong light with tapered ends, surrounded by an aqua haze, flash and flicker while stationary. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 secs | 1 | | |
| 1549. | | Oct. 6, 1963. Philadelphia, Penna. Freidman. (Sparks; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | | | | |
| 1550. | | Oct. 7, 1963. Lanham, Maryland. Francis. (Sparks; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | | | | |
| 1551. | 8603 | Oct. 23, 1963. Meridian, Idaho. 8:35 p.m. Several unnamed students, including Gordon, and an adult saw an object shaped like a circle from below and a football from the side, hover low over the observers, making a deep, pulsating, loud, extremely irritating sound, changed course to SW, disappeared behind houses and trees. (Sparks; Mary Castner/CUFOS; Berliner) | 6 mins | several | | |

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| 1552. | 8604 | Oct. 24, 1963. Cupar Fife, Scotland. No time given. A. McLean, 12, and G. McLean, 8, saw a light move for an unspecified length of time. No further details in files. Note: BB Chief Maj. Quintanilla told the youngsters, in a letter, this was "one of the most complete" of the unexplained cases for the year. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 2 | | |
| 1553. | | Dec. 6, 1963. Évreux-Fauville [?] Air Base, France. 1710Z. RAPOC [RAPCO Radar Approach Control] of the 322d Air Division (Combat Cargo) reported tracking an object heading NW at 400 ft altitude at 40-50 mph. UFO made a turn as if on final approach to land [about a 90° right turn] lining up with Runway 23 [heading NE] when it suddenly dropped from 400 ft down out of the radar beam about 1-1/4 miles from touchdown point on the runway. Extensive search found nothing on the ground at the approximate location. Next day a radar kite was found at an unstated location and used by BB to write off the case when radar kite balloons cannot make turns. (Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; McDonald list) | 1 ? min | 1+ | | |
| 1554. | | Dec. 10, 1963. White Plains, NY. (Sparks; Mary Castner/CUFOS) | | | | |
| 1555. | 8647 | Dec. 11, 1963. McMinnville, Oregon. 7:00 a.m. W. W. Dolan, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, and dean of the faculty of Linfield College, saw a bright, star-like light the brightness of Jupiter in the N just above the horizon hovering about 30-60 secs, then slowly move to the right level with the horizon, then dimmed and then brightly flashed like a sun glint on a window (but sunrise was about 7:40 a.m.), picked up speed, while dimming, crossing 5° to 10° of arc in about 15 secs before disappearing behind a tree. (Sparks; Berliner; BB files) | ~1 min | 1 | point source | Astro / Math Prof |
| 1556. | 8654 | Dec. 16, 1963. Pacific, 800 miles N of Midway Island (at 40° N, 175°54' W). 5:05 p.m. Crew of military aircraft saw a white light blink 2-3 times per second moving very fast across the sky. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 secs | | | |
| 1557. | 8729 | April 3, 1964. 1 mile W of Monticello, Wisc. 9 p.m. R. Wold, graduate student in anthropology, and wife, Rossing and another, saw 4 huge red lights in a rectangular formation, with a white light above, near the ground, tilt and fly away. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 594; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 3-4 mins | 4 | | |
| 1558. | | April 10, 1964. 30 mi E of Merced, Calif. 11:40 a.m. (EST, not PST). NORAD, National Military Command Center and AF Command Post reported that radar detected 12 objects at 60,000 ft and 90,000 ft and higher altitudes moving in a 60-mile “race-track pattern” (impossible for balloons). 2 F-106’s scrambled from Castle AFB and at 50,000 ft one or both jet pilots obtained radar lock on some of the objects but could not hold lockon and no visual was obtained. Due to extreme altitude NORAD scrambled 2 U-2’s at about 2 p.m. (EST). One U-2 pilot allegedly identified “the” object as a balloon according to NORAD report at 3:30 p.m. – no confirmation of such nonsense, no ID of balloon type, launch site, launch time. No explanation of 12 radar targets or how 1 balloon could be at different altitudes at the same time (60,000 ft, 90,000 ft and higher). (Sparks; BB files; Paul Dean) | 3+ hrs? | 5+ | | |

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| 1559. | 8739 | April 11, 1964. Homer, New York. 6:30 p.m. physiotherapist W. B. Ochsner and wife saw 2 cloud-like objects darken, one shot away and returned. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Exp, case DD-2) | 30-45 min | 2 [3?] | | |
| 1560. | 8766 | April 24, 1964. 1 mile SSW of Socorro, New Mexico (landing site near 34° 2’33” N, 106°53’52” W). 5:45-5:50? p.m.<br>Socorro Police Dept. patrol officer Lonnie Zamora, while chasing a speeder heading S, heard a roaring sound and saw a bluish-orange funnel of flame in the sky to the SW slowly descending possibly 1/2 to 1 mile away, bottom of flame hidden behind a hill. He tried to pursue the flame, turning off to the right on a rough gravel road to the SW, lost sight of flame while trying to get car up steep rough hill.<br>At the top after 10-15 secs of continuing along gravel road he suddenly noticed a shiny whitish-aluminum color landed object about 12-15 ft tall about 800 ft away to the SW down in a gully, at first looking like upturned car but actually appearing oval long-axis vertical on two legs, and for about these 2 secs also saw 2 small-adult-like figures in white coveralls near object, one turning toward him seemingly startled and jumping.<br>He lost sight of object as he drove about 1,000 ft further WSW, radioed headquarters he was investigating possible car accident, then stopped at the top of the ridge about 103 ft from landing site down in the gully to the SE. He got out, heard 2-3 loud thumping noises like a door shut hard, walked 3 steps to the front of the car to possibly 90 ft distance when he heard a very load roar increasing in volume and saw a smokeless blue-orange flame coming from beneath the oval object, now seeming long-axis horizontal at this angle (about 120° from previous sighting), with a red insignia or lettering in the middle about 2 x 2-1/2 ft, and slowly rising. He thought it was going to explode and ran away, putting car between him and the object, about 25 ft and 6 secs of running from the car he glanced back and saw object had risen about 20-25 ft to level of his car, ran another 25 ft and "ducked down" below edge of ridge.<br>Roaring noise stopped, he looked up and saw object heading to the SW (towards W end of private Socorro airport 1 mile away) at level height just clearing 8 ft dynamite shack by about 3 ft moving "very fast," no flame or smoke or noise. He ran back to patrol car, radioed headquarters, saw object climbing slowly and "get small" in the distance just clearing Box Canyon or Sixmile Canyon Mtn. (about 6 miles to WSW). Immediate police and military investigation found physical traces, smoldering grass, burning mesquite bushes and shallow indentations in the ground, and several other more distant witnesses. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 223-9; BB files; etc.) | 5 mins ? | 1+ | 20 | |

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| 1561. | | April 26, 1964. La Madera, New Mexico. 1:30 a.m. (MST). Orlando Gallegos was chasing away stray horses, when he saw, in a gravel area, some 200 ft away, an ellipsoidal object on the ground, estimated telephone pole length [about 30 ft] 14 ft in circumference [4 ft diameter], rings of blue flame coming from underside. Object shiny metallic egg-shaped or butane-tank shaped with no windows. His family refused to go outdoors to look at the object. Next morning a 20 ft diameter charred area of ground was found [at landing site] still smoldering, with melting of glass and metal debris on the ground. 4 landing-leg-like imprints in the ground. (Basterfield; Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | | 1 | | |
| 1562. | | April 26, 1964. 1 nmi S of Thunderbird Airfield, N Las Vegas, Nevada (at 36°11' N, 115°12' W). 11:26 a.m. (MST). Mr. Fuchs, Westinghouse engineer, saw in clear sky 12-15 silver oblong parachute-canopy shaped objects, in a bee-like random pattern formation at 20°-30° elevation, flying S in level flight for 30 secs, then reversed course to the N disappearing in 45 secs. (Basterfield; Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | 2 mins | 1 | | |
| 1563. | | April 28, 1964. Minot AFB, N.Dakota. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1564. | | April 30, 1964. Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Montana. 9:30 [10:30?] p.m. Flittner, Harold Rust family children, and Linda Davis, saw egg-shaped object size of an automobile land about 150 [125?] ft away. Left 4 indentations in the ground, 8 x 10 inch rectangles, 4-8 inches deep, about 13 ft apart, and a burned area. (Tony Rullan; Lorenzen 1966, pp. 223-4; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | < 60 secs | 6 | 10-15 | |
| 1565. | 8787 | May 9, 1964. Asheville, North Carolina. Civilian witnesses. (NARA) | | multiple | | |
| 1566. | 8788 | May 9, 1964. Chicago, Illinois. 10:20 p.m. J. R. Betz, U.S. District Court reporter, saw 3 light green crescent-shaped objects, about half the apparent size of the moon, flew very fast in tight formation from E to W, oscillating in size and color for 3 secs. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3 secs ? | 1 | 1/2 | |
| 1567. | 8811 | May 18, 1964. Mt. Vernon, Virginia. 5:15 p.m. Civil engineer F. Meyers saw a small, glowing white oval split twice after moving from the right of the moon (to the E, half moon phase, 115° azimuth, 48° elevation) around to the left. (Sparks; Berliner) | 17 mins | 1 | | civil engineer |
| 1568. | | May 24 [26?], 1964. Millinocket, Maine. 9 p.m. Man and a friend driving on Millinocket Lake Road saw a fiery, structureless 2 ft spherical object to the side, stopped, left the car to get a better look. They became afraid, walked back to the car, the sphere followed them. Car would not start while sphere was within 5-10 ft. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 607) | 5 mins | 2 | 20-40 ? | |

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| 1569. | 8836 | May 26, 1964. Cambridge, Mass. 3:43 p.m. (EDST). Paul Wankowicz, RAF pilot and ex-Smithsonian satellite tracker, saw a thin, white ellipsoid (3.5x length/width ratio), estimated 15-20 ft in length if at 1,000 ft, fly straight and level, travel from nearly overhead at 80° elevation in the NE to about 20-30° elevation in the ENE, where it disappeared behind the roof of the Sears Roebuck store as viewed from his car in the parking lot to the S, looking out the window [to the NE]. Estimated angular speed equivalent of 200 mph at 1,000 ft (17°/sec) or 1,000 to 3,000 arcmins/sec (17°-50°/sec) in agreement. Briefly lost sight of UFO as it passed behind 40% cumulus cloud cover. No noise or trail. Estimated tops of cumulus clouds at least 3,500 ft, thus UFO speed at least 700 mph and length 50-70+ ft. (Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; NICAP website; Berliner) | 3-4 secs | 1 | 1/3 – 1/2 | satellite tracker |
| 1570. | 8839 | May 26, 1964. Pleasantview, Penna. 11 p.m. Rev. H. C. Shaw saw a yellow-orange light, shaped like the bottom of a ball, in a field and chased down the road for 2 miles. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 1571. | 8870 | June 13, 1964. Toledo, Ohio. 9:15 p.m. B. L. English, announcer for radio station WTOD, saw 3 glowing white spheres, glowing red on their sides, moving slow, hover then moving in circles very fast, making a low, rumbling sound. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 1572. | | July 10, 1964. Cape Guardian, Missouri; Jackson, Mississippi, Belleville. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1573. | 8924 | July 16, 1964. 15 miles S of Houghton Lake, Mich. 11:15 p.m. Northern Air Service pilot K. Jannereth saw 4 white lights in a stepped-up echelon formation, joined by 2 more, closing in on the airplane, then rapidly slow and fly along with it. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 1 | | |
| 1574. | 8942 | July 20, 1964. Clinton, Iowa-Littleton, Illinois [?]. 4:45 a.m. J. J. Winkle saw a 60 ft diameter round-topped, flat-bottomed object with a long acetylene-colored flame shooting downward, flying straight and level, make a half loop, then rise up. [Military and civilian witness(es)?? Two different cases?] (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 min | 1 ? | | |
| 1575. | | July 24, 1964. Langley AFB, Virginia. (McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1576. | 8969 | July 27, 1964. Norwich-Sherburne, New York. 7:30 [9?] p.m. Duabert, engineering supervisor [engineer?] stopped his car when he saw an aluminum sphere with a flourescent luminous ring, stationary 50 ft above ground, which emitted 3 beams of very bright light before flying off at high speed. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 618) | 4-5 mins<br>[6? mins] | 1 | | |
| 1577. | 8973 | July 27, 1964. Denver, Colo. 8:20 p.m. A. Borsa saw a white ball of fire, the size of a car, climb slowly, then speed up. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2-3 mins | 1 | | |

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| 1578. | | July 28, 1964. Lake Chelan, Wash. 10:30 p.m. Former Navy pilot and another man, at work in a field saw an intense light, cone-shaped, emitted from the ground and a similar light in the sky, alternating which was on and off. A round, aluminum-looking object, about 30 ft in diameter, with one red and one white light, then appeared and descended to ground with a strong whistling sound similar to a small jet, piercing and high-pitched voices similar to those of children playing were heard. Before this object took off a low-flying jet circled its position. The densely wooded area was explored by helicopter and on foot 3-4 days later by Sheriff Nickell and a USAF officer, but nothing was found. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 619) | 40 mins | 2 | | |
| 1579. | 9031 | Aug. 10, 1964. Wake Island. 5:16 a.m. Aircraft commander Capt. B. C. Jones and navigator 1st Lt. H. J. Cavender, in parked USAF C-124 transport plane, saw a reddish, blinking light approach the runway, stop and make several reverses. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 mins | 2 | | |
| 1580. | 9048 | Aug. 15, 1964. New York City, New York. 1:20 a.m. S. F. D'Alessandro saw a 10 ft x 5 ft bullet-shaped object with wavy lines on the rounded front part and 6 pipes along the straight rear portion, making a "whishhh" sound. Witness' dog growled. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 1581. | 9049 | Aug. 15, 1964. Yosemite National Park, Calif. 8:15 a.m. E. J. Haug, of the San Francisco Orchestra and Conservatory, and C. R. Bubb, high school math teacher, saw 3 bright silver, round objects, in a stack formation, fly very fast, changing positions within the formation, with a sound of rushing air. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-4 secs | 2 | | |
| 1582. | 9053 | Aug. 18, 1964. Atlantic, ~207 miles ENE of Cod Intersection of NY Oceanic Control Area (air traffic zone) [at about 42.8° N, 64.35° W]. 5:35 to 5:37 a.m.[EST? EDT? GMT?]. USAF Major D. W. Thompson and First Pilot 1st Lt. J. F. Jonke flying a C-124 transport (no. 31007) with the 31st Air Transport Sq, 1607th Air Transport Wing, out of Dover AFB at 9,000 ft and 200 (knots) true airspeed, saw a large round, blurred or diffuse-edged, reddish-white luminous object dead ahead of the C-124 at about flight level or 500 ft below, then appeared at aircraft flight level on collision course averted when pilot took evasive action by turning from a 260° Mag [=247° True] heading to 340° Mag and object made a right turn and disappeared. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Exp ch. 5, case NL-10; NARCAP; CUFOS) | 2 mins | 4 | | |

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| 1583. | | Sept. 5 [4?], 1964. 10 p.m. Near Cisco Grove, Calif. Donald Schrum on a hunting trip became separated from his 2 friends, climbed a tree for the night, saw 3 flying silvery lighted objects [one dome-shaped?] about 1/4 mile away emitting "cooing" noises which dropped 2 objects to the ground with a loud crashing noise on impact. 2 human-like and one robotic being were drawn to his signal fires, Schrum tried to scare them away and shot the robot with arrows, the robot emitted noxious fumes that nauseated him and made him black out [a second robot appeared with similar effects]. Finally the vehicles departed with a noxious vapor emission that made him black out. One of his companions also saw one of the UFO's. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 210-2; Vallée Magonia 624; NICAP website; etc.) | several hrs | 2 | | |
| 1584. | 9104 | Sept. 10, 1964. Cedar Grove, New Jersey. 7:09 p.m. Chemist P. H. DePaolo saw 4 white lights, 3-4 [degrees?] apart, to the N, going W. (Sparks; Berliner) | 45 secs | 1 | | chemist |
| 1585. | | Oct. 25?, 1964. Caribbean. US Navy radar tracking. (Sparks; Tony Rullan) | | | | |
| 1586. | 9170 | Nov. 14, 1964. Menomonee Falls, Wisc. 9:40 p.m. Dr. G. R. Wagner, MD, and two girls, saw 3 dim, reddish lights fly through 160° arc. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5-6 secs | 3 | | |
| 1587. | | Nov. 16, 1964. Caribbean. US Navy radar tracking of unidentified object emitting encrypted (?) IFF Mode 1 transponder signals in response to shipboard IFF interrogation. (Sparks; Tony Rullan) | | | | radar IFF |
| 1588. | | Nov. 17, 1964. Caribbean. US Navy radar tracking of unidentified object emitting encrypted (?) IFF Mode 1 transponder signals in response to shipboard IFF interrogation. (Sparks; Tony Rullan) | | | | radar IFF |
| 1589. | | Nov. 18, 1964. Caribbean N of Puerto Rico. 10:00 a.m. (EST). US Navy Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range (AFWR) radar tracked for 8 NM from 19°17' N, 65°33' W [about 70 mi NE of San Juan, Puerto Rico], a low altitude 180 knot (200 mph) unidentified object emitting encrypted (?) IFF Mode 1 transponder signals in response to IFF interrogation, heading 170° flying directly over USS Bainbridge. Interception attempted but failed. (Sparks; BB files; Tony Rullan) | | | | radar IFF |

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| 1590. | | Nov. 19, 1964. About 200 mi NW of Puerto Rico (at 20°41.5' N, 68°34' W). 8:46:56 p.m. (AST=GMT-4). USS Gyatt radar SPS-49 (XN-1) operators plus Norfolk Test & Evaluation Detachment tracked low altitude low speed object to the E moving SSE towards Puerto Rico, beginning at 75° azimuth at 85 NM range. Gyatt radioed USN Lt Cdr Kyle H. Woodbury, Exec Ofcr of Navy Utility Squadron VU-8's, Roosevelt Roads Naval Air Base, Puerto Rico, who was piloting F-8F [F-8C ?] fighter at 30,000 ft, Mach 0.84 [550 mph], heading 145° Mag (about SE), at 18°10' N, 66°12'W [in central Puerto Rico], when vectored at 9:01 p.m. F-8F pilot sighted very high speed, estimated Mach 3+ (2,000+ mph) black or dark gray delta-shaped object [visible in full moon light] with cone-shaped fire from tail at times of acceleration, size of F-4 jet fighter [50 ft] at high altitude. Pilot climbed to 40,000 ft at 9:02 p.m. Pilot first sighted object at 3 o'oclock position (about SW) at 45° elevation which flew overhead at high speed, high altitude, making about 276° [typo for 270° ?] turn to N [right turn?] then made about 16° dive while circling to 9 o'clock position on a parallel course at about 8-9 miles distance [radar tracks from USS Gyatt relayed to pilot]. To close on object F-8F neared its home base, Roosevelt Roads Naval Air base, Puerto Rico, closing to 4 miles from behind. Pilot attempted but failed to intercept object despite using afterburner and reaching 50,000 ft; at 5 miles range object accelerated at extremely high speed at 20° climb angle, said he was "hopelessly outclassed" by UFO. Object climbed steeply to 52,000 ft to disappearance off radar at about 9:11 p.m. estimated 3,800 knots (4,400 mph) (highest recorded speed was near end of track when scope photos at 9:10:18 to 9:10:37 p.m., showed speed of 1,800 mph, but final high-speed burst after 9:10:57 p.m. may not have been scope-photoed). An inconsistent disappearance scenario (different UFO?) in same report claims object did not follow F-8F down on the F-8F's descent and was lost at 4 miles to the 6 o'clock of F-8F. Unexplained jamming of Gyatt's SPS-49 radar occurred at 9:09-9:10 p.m., possibly also at 9:03-9:05 p.m. (Sparks; BB files; Saunders index; Tony Rullan) | 45 mins | multi ple | | IFF signals, radar, radar jamming |
| 1591. | 9183 | Nov. 19, 1964. 34°55' N 164°05' E (Pacific, about 1,400 miles E of Tokyo). 12:00 a.m. (1100Z). US Coast Guard ship Matagorda personnel saw a bright white flashing light traveling from horizon to horizon in level flight about 15° elevation above horizon traveling at estimated 10,000 mph on course 20° True. (Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; Berliner) | 10-20 secs | multi ple | | |
| 1592. | | Nov. 24, 1964. Caribbean NE of Puerto Rico. 8:55 a.m. (EST). US Navy Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range (AFWR) radar tracking of unidentified object on NNE course 30° from 19°07' N, 65°05' W, to 19°52' N, 64°45' W, emitting encrypted (?) IFF Mode 1 transponder signals. DF-8 fighter at Mach 0.99 (650 mph) at 45,000 ft vectored for intercept but object speed was Mach 1+. (Sparks; BB files; Tony Rullan) | | | | radar IFF |
| 1593. | | Dec. 4, 1964. Baker, Oregon. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 1594. | | Dec. 19, 1964. Patuxent River NAS, Maryland (at 38°17’15” N, 76°24’04”W). 3:50 + 3:54-3:55 p.m. (EST). USN Radar Approach Controller ACC Everett D. Pinkerton, RATCC (Radar Air Traffic Control Center) Watch Supervisor ACC James D. Flanagin [sp?], and Precision Approach Controller AC3 Bernard R. Sujka, tracked 2 abnormally large targets 10 NM apart on CPN-18A radar (with MTI on) at azimuth 120° Mag azimuth heading directly toward the radar antenna at about 6,900 mph, detected at each 6-second sweep at scope’s 40 NM maximum range, 30 NM, and 20 NM then faded. Then 24 secs later single blip reappeared at fade point range 20 NM on reciprocal heading at each 6-sec sweep at 30 NM and 40 NM, and disappeared. At about 5 mins later single blip appeared at 120° Mag at 40 NM range headed towards radar site at each 6-sec sweep at 30, 20, and 10 NM (again 6,900 mph) faded [disappeared?] 1 sweep, reappeared at 100° Mag at 10 NM (misinterpreted as a 160° “turn” by Sujka) headed outwards to next sweep at 20 NM (again 6,900 mph) to final disappearance. No visuals, no confirmation from other radars (FPS-37 radar and Wash DC ARTCC were checked). BB found targets caused by interference or circuit failure, in effect an IFO with no real objects. Classic radar interference with high speed radial inward and outward targets never crossing to other side of scope. (Sparks; NICAP; BB files; CIA files) | 12 + 12 + 18 + 6 secs | 3 | | |
| 1595. | | Dec. 21, 1964. 4 mi E of Staunton, Viginia. 5 p.m. Mr. Horace Burns while driving ESE on Hwy 250 saw to the N a huge beehive-shaped object 80-90 ft high x 125 ft diameter cross the road, then his car engine suddenly stopped. Object hovered at ground level in a field, then took off vertically for several hundred feet then to the NE. Burns stopped car and got out before object flew off. Prof. Ernest G. Gehman of Eastern Mennonite College obtained with Nuclear Chicago Portable Survey Meter Model 2612 (with P-15 Probe) Geiger counter reading of 17-18 milliR/hr on Dec. 30. Using Nuclear Chicago Beta-Gamma Survey Meter Model 2586, BB investigators on Jan. 12, 1965, found 1.5 milliR/hr (=1,500 microR/hr) on Burns’ left rear car door but wrongly claimed it was normal background level (in fact is likely 30x-40x background but actual background level should have been determined). Possible 11x-12x drop in radiation level in 13 days possibly indicates radionuclide with ≈ 3-4 day half-life. Reportedly several homes in landing area had lights dimmed and radios and TV’s cease functioning for several mins at time of event. (Sparks; BB files; Vallée Magonia 628) | 1-2 mins | 1+ | | radioactivity, EM? |
| 1596. | | Jan. 12, 1965. Blaine AFB, Wash. Member of a federal agency, who was driving toward the base, saw a low-flying object, 30 ft in diameter, which avoided collision at the last moment. He got out of the car and saw it hovering for 1 min, then fly off at high speed. Object tracked on radar. Same night, a round, glowing object with a dome on top landed on a nearby farm, melting snow in a 30 ft diameter circle. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 630; NICAP March 1965; BB files??) | 1+ min | 1 + ? | | RV |

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| 1597. | 9242 | Jan. 23, 1965. Lightfoot, N of Williamsburg, Virginia. 8:40 a.m. Cars stalled near intersection of US Hwy 60 and State Route 614, witness T. F. Mains saw light-bulb or mushroom-shaped object 75-80 ft tall, 10-25 ft wide, metallic gray, red-orange and blue glows, hovering over nearby field about 4 ft off the ground, making a vacuum cleaner-type noise, suddenly accelerate horizontally to the W against the wind and disappear. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 177-8; Vallée Magonia 633) | 25 secs | 2+ | | |
| 1598. | | Jan. 24-28, 1965. Alaska. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1599. | | March 2, 1965. E of Weeki Wachee, near Brooksville, Florida. 1:55 p.m. John F. Reeves, 65, retired, while walking in the woods saw an bluish-green and reddish-purple object 20-30 ft in diameter, 6 ft thick, saucer-shaped with an outer rim and a stairway, with 2 2-ft windows on top, landed on the ground on 4 4-ft legs about 2,000 ft away. He approached to 100 ft. After watching it for 10 mins [?], he saw a robot-like being about 200-300 ft away, about 5 ft tall, wearing a gray-silver uniform, glass dome headgear, wide-spaced eyes, pointed chin, walking to 15 ft from Reeves, stared at him for 1-1/2 mins, pointing a box [?] or 6-7-inch black object at Reeves that emitted a flash 3 times, then walked back to the landed vehicle and climbed in. Object had Venetian-blind-like blades on the rim that opened and closed, rim started rotating counterclockwise, landing gear retracted, then it took off with a whooshing-rumbling sound and disappeared vertically in < 10 secs, dropping 2 sheets of paper with indecipherable writing, and leaving indentations and footprints in the ground. Investigated by MacDill AFB. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 638; etc.) | 10 mins + | 1 | 20-30 (UFO)<br>40 (robot) | |
| 1600. | 9301 | March 4, 1965. Corvallis, Oregon. 9:23 [6:30?] p.m. W. V. Harrison and his employee while driving in a car saw 3 yellow-orange spheres or lights rise rapidly from the ground, several seconds apart. Next day an oily spot was found at the site. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 639) | secs? | 2 | | |
| 1601. | 9305 | March 8, 1965. Mount Airy, Maryland. 7:40 p.m. J. H. Martin, instrument maker for National Bureau of Standards, and 2 others, saw 6 lights fly overhead slowly [and/or a cigar-shaped object with 2 fixed red lights, fly above them, just missed hitting the house, disappearing to the NE]. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 640) | 3 mins | 3 | | |
| 1602. | 9345 | April 4, 1965. Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Mississippi. 4:05 a.m. USAF A/2c Corum, weather observer, with confirmation by college student R. Pittman not clear from available data. Saw a 40 ft black, oval object with 4 lights along the bottom, fly in and out of the clouds. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 secs | 1-2 | | [radar?]; weather observer |
| 1603. | | April 10-14, 1965. Misawa AFB, Japan. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |

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| 1604. | | April 23, 1965. Rivesville, West Virginia. 8 a.m. Woman saw a 25 ft object land near her house while she was working in the kitchen. Shaped like a disk, with portholes, a cylinder about 3 ft high, a sliding door from which a small being, about 3 ft tall emerged and jumped to the ground. Its face was not clearly visible but it had pointed ears, a sort of tail, was linked to the main object by a cable, wore white clothing, picked up something from the ground, then re-entered the cylinder, which slid up into the larger white disk. Outside rim of landed object started spinning in a counterclockwise motion with a soft whistling sound, it then rose straight up out of sight. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 644) | | 1 | | |
| 1605. | | May 6, 1965. Philippine Sea at 20°22' N, 135° 50' E. 9:10 a.m. [GMT? = 6:10? p.m. Local Time?] Crew of USN ship heading W at 265° at 15 knots sighted aircraft at bearing 000° [N?] approaching. At 9:14 the SPS-6C air search radar detected 4 targets at ranges up to 22 miles for the next 6 mins at extremely high speed 3,000 knots (3,500 mph) and various maneuvers, viewed through binoculars appeared as 3 lighted objects one of 1st stellar magnitude the others 2nd magnitude. Objects hovered directly over the ship for 3 mins as confirmed visually and on radar by the Commanding Officer, bridge crew and others on deck. No IFF response, one object to starboard appeared larger on radar. Objects departed to the SE at extremely high speed. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-5) | 10? mins | 12 | | RV |
| 1606. | 9389 | May 7, 1965. Oxford, Mich. (42°49' N, 83°16' W). 7:40 p.m. (EST). Pontiac Motor Works supervisor Marlin E. Marshall and 12-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter saw a light, like a satellite, at their zenith just a few minutes after local sunset [sunset at 7:40 p.m. but in the forest effectively sunset a few mins earlier] split into 2 parts, one of which was copperish color, then 4 smaller round objects appeared [~1/3 Full Moon in angular size each as viewed in 6x binoculars], 3 seemed to be ejected from the first object, the 6th object simply appeared further out. Only first 2 objects were large enough to be seen with naked eye; the others were visible in the 6x 30mm binoculars that Marshall was carrying. The 4 smaller objects started fading gradually. The reddish-copper-bronze colored object seemed to be tumbling and appeared oval-shaped [about 1:2.5 ratio of axes and ~2/3 Full Moon long in the binoculars] the other large object was round. Disappeared in cumulus cloud cover that came in. Insufficient Data / Possible IFO Project ASH CAN Skyhook balloon but Insufficient Data to locate balloon as being in the vicinity, normally ASH CAN recoveries occur in daylight in early/mid-afternoon, and insufficient sighting details (no on-site investigation by competent investigator to resolve issues) to identify it as the balloon. (Sparks; Berliner; Taylor/Printy; BB files) | 1 min | 3 | ~1/3 to 2/3 ? (thru binocs)<br>~1/20 to 1/10 (naked eye) | binoculars |
| 1607. | | June 8-9, 1965. Turkey. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1608. | | June 13, 1965. Ft Worth, Texas. 10:57 p.m. (CST). Noble Observatory. Harry G. Crawford, 2 others. Not in BB files though reported to BB. (Sparks; Vallee computer proposal; Robt. Klinn) | 28 mins | 3 | | 2 telescopes<br>binoculars |

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| 1609. | | June 29, 1965. Frankfurt, West Germany. 1242/1243 Z. U.S. FAA Flight Inspection Pilot flying an aircraft at 190 knots in final landing approach (aircraft on radar, object was not) saw a white, round object in clouds on a course intercepting the aircraft, size estimated larger than 4-engine transport aircraft also in view, speed that of a jet. At about 5 miles distance, UFO turned in front of the aircraft and disappeared by fading. No features were noted on the object; left no trail. Object flew through a haze and cloud layer at 5,000 ft which partially "camouflaged" object. (Basterfield; Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) | 2-3 mins | 1 | | |
| 1610. | | July 3, 1965. Antarctica. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1611. | | July 6, 1965. Arlington, Texas. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1612. | 9474 | July 6, 1965. Kiel, Wisc. 9:30 p.m. Mrs. E. R. Hayner saw a flashing light, like a satellite. No further data in the files. (Sparks; Berliner) | < 1 min | 1 | | |
| 1613. | | July 13, 1965. Penna. and Ohio. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1614. | | July 22, 1965. Forbes AFB, Kansas. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1615. | 9550 | July 25, 1965. Castalia, Ohio. 9:15 p.m. Amateur astronomer M. D. Harris, 16, saw a bright blue star cross 90° of sky. (Sparks; Berliner) | 10-15 secs | 1 | | |
| 1616. | | July 31 - Aug. 3, 1965. Oklahoma. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1617. | | Aug. 1, 1965. Ent AFB, Colo. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1618. | | Aug. 1 and 2, 1965. Whiteman AFB, Missouri. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1619. | | Aug. 2, 1965. Justin, Texas. 2 Tarrant County deputy sheriffs saw an object as bright as burning magnesium, land as they patrolled near Wagle Mountain Lake. Extensive investigation by police found no traces. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 667) | | 2 | | |
| 1620. | | Aug. 2, 1965. Oklahoma City, Okla. 5 children saw a brilliant, round object without wings, close to the ground, in the 600 block on Northwest 63. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 668) | | 5 | | |
| 1621. | | Aug. 3, 1965. Cocoa, Florida. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1622. | | Aug. 3, 1965. Lake Hefner, Okla. Young man saw an object rise from the lake area. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 669) | | 1 | | |
| 1623. | | Aug. 4, 1965. Dallas, Texas. 1:30 a.m. Man in a car saw a red and blue light, thought it came from a police car, then was passed by a huge, orange object flying at ground level. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 672) | | 1 | | |
| 1624. | | Aug. 4, 1965. Calumet AFS, Mich. (47.371° N, 88.171° W). USAF 665th ACWRON radar tracking of 7-10 targets in V-formation traveling from the SW headed NNE at about 9,000 mph over Lake Superior at 5,200 to 17,000 ft [1-3 miles]. Other targets over Duluth, Minn., allegedly chased by USAF jets. Commander of 665th denied UPI press report of radar track, claiming he was on duty on Aug. 5 and no such sightings came in (but date was Aug. 4 not 5). (Sparks; Todd Lemire; UFOCAT; CUFOS; BB files) | | | | radar |
| 1625. | 9675 | Aug. 4, 1965. Dallas, Texas. 9:30 p.m. J. A. Carter, 19, saw a light fly fast, straight and level. No further data in files. (Sparks; Berliner) | 12 secs | 1 | | |

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| 1626. | 9680 | Aug. 4, 1965. Tinley Park, Illinois. 11:35 p.m. 2 unnamed 14 year-olds saw a light move around the sky. No further data in files. (Sparks; Berliner) | 16-17 secs | 2 | | |
| 1627. | | Aug. 13, 1965. Baden, Penna. [> 9:30 p.m.?] 37-year-old civilian had just put his car in the garage when he saw an disk-shaped object about 300 ft in diameter, fly in front of the moon (which rose in the E about 9:30 p.m. EDT at 107° azimuth) on a N heading at about 50 mph about 2,300 ft away, surrounded with orange lights that weakened as a blue source came on, very intense for about 3 secs. Then all lights disappeared and a sort of "shock-wave" effect shaking tree leaves ensued. Witness entered his house and called the USAF, 20 mins later his vision became hazy, eyes painful, gradually losing vision in both eyes, and his entire body was "sunburned." Medical exam compared symptoms to UV exposure. Vision came back gradually over several days. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 677) | | 1 | 14 | |
| 1628. | 9806 | Aug. 19, 1965. Cherry Creek, New York. 8:20-9 p.m. (EDT). Mrs. William Butcher, son Harold, 17, and children [3 students?], heard radio interference and beeping sound in a barn, went outside to see 50 ft wide saucer like two plates lip-to-lip [elliptical?], 20 ft thick, shiny silver or chrome color with red glowing streamers [reddish vapor underneath?] and leaving a red-yellow trail, which landed nearby then rapidly ascended into the clouds turning the clouds bright green a few seconds later; burned gasoline odor; farm animals reacted and later reduced milk production. Object returned twice at 8:45 and 9 p.m. finally disappearing to SSW [or SW?]. Radio drowned out by static, a tractor engine stopped. Next day, a purplish liquid, 2 ft x 2 ft marks and patches of singed grass were found at the site by USAF Capt. James Dorsey and 4 technicians from Niagara Falls AFB. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 170-2; Vallée Magonia 675, 684) | 20 mins ?? | 5 ? | | EM |
| 1629. | | Aug. 20, 1965. Plattsburgh, New York. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1630. | | Aug. 28, 1965. Glasgow AFB, Montana. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1631. | 9864 | Aug. 30, 1965. Urbana, Ohio. 10:30 p.m. M. A. Lilly, N. Smith and T. Nastoff, saw a white ball, 5-8 ft in diameter and trailed by a 2-3 ft light, hit the road 100 ft in front of the witnesses' car, then bounce and fly away. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3-4 secs | 3 | 6-10 | |
| 1632. | | Aug. 31, 1965. Nevada. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1633. | 9890 | Sept. 3, 1965. 3 miles SW of Exeter, New Hampshire. 1-3 a.m. (EDT). Exeter Patrolmen Eugene Bertrand, Jr. and David Hunt, and Norman Muscarello saw a large silent, dark, elliptical object with a row of 5 bright red lights oriented about 60° to horizontal, move slowly and erratically around houses and trees at 100 ft height to SE [or 60-70 ft height 100 ft away], lighting up the ground and houses in red light, while lights blinked in sequence; falling leaf motion. Farm animals very noisy. Disappeared at 160° Mag after covering about 135° arc [from NNE?]. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 154-166; NICAP) | 1 hour + | 5 | 18 | |

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| 1634. | 9915 | Sept. 3, 1965. Damon, Texas. 11 p.m. Brazoria County Chief Sheriff's Deputies Billy McCoy and Robert Goode saw a triangular object, 150-200 ft long, 40-50 ft thick at middle and dark grey, with a long, bright, pulsing, purple [violet?] light on the right side and a long blue light on the left side, approach to 150 ft off highway and 100 ft in the air. Purple light illuminated ground beneath object and interior of police car, and object cast a shadow in moonlight. Driver Goode felt heat on his left arm and an alligator bite on his left index finger, suddenly relieved of pain and later healed rapidly but unnaturally. They drove away in fear but returned later that night to find object still there. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 694) | 5-10 mins + ? | 2 | 80 | |
| 1635. | | Sept. 22, 1965. Clover, Minn. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1636. | 9970 | Sept. 25, 1965. Chisholm, Minn. 9:55 a.m. Bett Diamon saw 5 orange lights in a row fly fast and make an abrupt turn. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 min | 3 | | |
| 1637. | 9971 | Sept. 25, 1965. Rodeo, New Mexico. 10 p.m. Dr. George Walton, physical chemist, and wife, saw 2 round white objects fly side-by-side, at 30-50 ft altitude, pacing the witnesses' car. (Sparks; Berliner) | 6 mins | 2 | | physical chemist |
| 1638. | | Sept. 26, 1965. Licking County, Ohio. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1639. | | Sept. 29, 1965. Swanlake, New York. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1640. | 10066 | Oct. 4, 1965. West Middletown to Poast Town, Ohio. 6:45 p.m. Mrs. Helen Tucker and 3 teenage girls driving in a car turned S onto Brown's Run Road and saw a bright, flashing red and white object, at one point with sparks shooting off. As they drove W to Poast Town, the object stopped flashing and appeared steady red and white (and possibly bluish) and began moving fast (to the SW?) toward the airport, then it landed past Carmody Blvd. on the river bank but before reaching the airport, where it looked like a Christmas tree (lights?), a winged-fuselage object with a possible cockpit dome, then lifted off like a helicopter and looked like (red?) "hot metal." (Case data missing.) (Berliner; Middletown *Journal,* Oct. 5, 1965) | | 4+ | | |
| 1641. | | Oct. 7, 1965. Edwards AFB, Calif. Ground radar tracked 12 objects and USAF F-106 pilot sighted object(s). (Sparks; Weinstein; McDonald list) | | | | radar [gun camera film?] |
| 1642. | | Oct. 14, 1965. Sawyer AFB, Mich. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1643. | | Oct. 23, 1965. 4 miles from Long Prairie, Minn. 7:15 p.m. Radio announcer James F. Townsend driving W on State Hwy 27 found road blocked by landed silver rocket-shaped object about 30-40 ft tall, 10 ft wide, after his car engine, lights and radio died, and he coasted to a stop about 20 ft away. He got out and saw three small brownish-black "creatures" with "tripod arms and matchstick legs," no eyes or facial features, emerge from behind the object, stand underneath in an intense lighted circle, and stare at each other for 3 mins then they returned to the object. A few secs later it lifted off and vanished by turning off its lighting about 1/4 mile up. At that moment the car restarted spontaneously and headlights came on. No traces found on the ground. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 206-8; Vallée Magonia 712) | 3 mins + | 9+ | 120 | EM |

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| 1644. | | Jan. 7, 1966. 3 miles SW of Georgetown (5 miles NE of Wilmer), Alabama. 3:17 p.m. Civilian had to stop his car when he found object landed on the road blocking his way. Round silver color object 10-12 [25?] ft diameter with 8-10-inch ring or hoop at equator, 5 ft hatch on bottom, [and a cone with a flashing green light?] hovered about 5 ft above ground at 20 ft away, gradually climbed to NE, engine [whirring?] noise increasing, then rapid acceleration to disappearance in a few secs. Watch stopped [engine had died and now could be restarted?]. [Sulfur or rotten-egg smell noted?] (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 42; Vallée Magonia 721) | 1-2 mins + | 1 | 60-70 | EM |
| 1645. | | Jan. 29, 1966. Rexburg, Idaho. 12:10 a.m. 2 civilians returning from a sporting event saw what they first thought was the moon. After driving for about 1/2 mile, they saw it was a flat, well-defined object blocking the road, the size of a truck, casting an intense yellow-orange light on the ground. They turned around and drove back to Rexburg. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 724) | | 2 | | |
| 1646. | 10193 | Feb. 2, 1966. Salisbury, North Carolina. 11:15 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wise saw a silver, diamond-shaped object with several balls constantly in very fast motion around it, and much light. Object hovered over the trees for 3-4 mins, while a dog barked, and then zipped out of sight. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 hour | 2 | | |
| 1647. | 10196 | Feb. 6, 1966. Nederland, Texas. 5:45 [6:05?] a.m. Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Gulley saw tadpole-shaped object about 14 ft long 2 ft wide with 8 yellow and red neon-like lights at 250-500 ft altitude, casting a pulsating red glow on the lawn. House and street lights went out, high frequency sound bothered the witnesses' ears. Object blinked out when aircraft passed overhead then came on again afterward. Object departed to W [or from W to SW] about 1-1/2 miles to vicinity of airport, where an aircraft's landing lights lit up UFO, then disappeared about 20°-25° elevation in a slow climb. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 186-8; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 8, case CEI-3) | 5-10 mins | 2 [3?] | 1-2 | EM |
| 1648. | | Feb. 16, 1966. Brunswick NAS, Maine. 8:30 p.m. A luminous object flashing red, blue, and green lights, landed in the woods. A second object was later seen to join the first one. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 726) | | | | |
| 1649. | | Feb. 26, 1966. 5 miles E of Farmington, 5 miles W of Hanna City, Illinois. Civilian witness was driving when a flying oval object, the size of a car, came within 10 ft of him, then circled twice and left toward the N. It emitted a bright red glow, supported a sort of dome with a green light on top, caused radio interference, and made a strange "signallike noise." (Vallée Magonia 727) | | 1 | 100 | EM |
| 1650. | | March 3, 1966. Oswego, New York. 7:20 p.m. Several civilians saw an object fly slowly to the S, hover, come within 50 ft, then fly off to the SW. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 728) | | several | | |

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| 1651. | | March 17, 1966. Milan, Mich. 12:00 midnight. Police officer with 10 yrs experience saw a 50 ft diameter object in the SW he thought was a plane crashing, though soundless. He tried to contact police headquarters, but his radio did not work. Object now with colored lights spinning at the periphery came within 80 ft of the patrol car, following it for 1/2 mile, then flew off to the NW. [Another sighting by police in the area at 4:25 a.m.] (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 730) | | 1 | 50 | EM |
| 1652. | 10247 | March 20, 1966. Miami, Florida. 12:15 a.m. USAFR Maj. K. C. Smith, with NASA Kennedy Space Center, saw a pulsating light, varying from white to intense blue, make a jerky ascent then rapidly accelerate away to the N. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 1 | | [aerospace engr??] |
| 1653. | | March 20, 1966. Dexter, Mich. 8-8:30 p.m. Frank Mannor and his son, Ronald [plus 40-60 others including 12 policemen ?] saw hovering over a swamp about 1,500 ft away a brown luminous car-sized object, with a "scaly" or "waffled" [or “quilted”] surface, cone-shaped on top, flat on bottom, or football-shaped, and 2 bluish-green lights on right and left edges that turned bright red and helped illuminate object in between. Lights blinked out and object reappeared instantly across the swamp 1,500 ft away. The whole object lit up with a yellowish glow at one point and also rose up 500 ft then descended again. After 2-3 mins of viewing, when 2 flashlights appeared in the distance the object seemed to respond by flying away at high speed directly over the witnesses with a whistling sound like a rifle bullet ricocheting. Object remained in the swamp area for 1/2 hr. [Various other sightings in the area by police shortly afterward.] (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 731; Todd Lemire; etc.) | 1/2 hr | 2+<br>40-60<br>? | 1.5 | |

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| 1654. | | March 21, 1966. Hillsdale, Mich. 10:32, 11:05 p.m.-4:30 a.m. 17 Hillsdale College students including Barbara Kohn [Cohn?], Cynthia Poffenberger, Jo Wilson and Sara Robecheck [sp?], saw a football-shaped object with red-green-white pulsating lights descend from the NE pass close to their dorm then disappear to the S as if crashing to the ground, then return at 11:05 p.m. William Van Horn, Civil Defense Director and rated commercial pilot, and police arrived and conducted a ground search 1/2 to 2 miles away to the E but found nothing until Van Horn reached the college dorm, 2nd floor, where he, using binoculars, and [87?] students saw a maneuvering lighted 20-25 ft object on or near the ground about 1,500-1,700 ft away to the E over the college baseball field and (Slayton) Arboretum, no swamp anywhere in the vicinity, with a dirty-white light on the left and dim orange on the right, which brightened after 10 mins to white and red and began to rise at a rate of 25-30 ft/min to a height of 100-150 ft (about 3-6 mins), stopped momentarily then descended and repeated the motion 4 times from 11:30 p.m. to 1:45 a.m. At one point on a descent a "convexed" surface (between?) the lights could be seen. Radiation was later detected at the landing area about 330 to 600 microroentgens/hr [milliroentgens/hr ?], roughly 10x-20x background level, and possible boron contamination. A reported decrease in radiation levels from 330 microR/hr to 270 microR/hr 3 hours later might suggest a radioisotope/radionuclide half-life of roughly 8 hours. Rocks of different types also had readings of 310 to 312.5 microR/hr and water at 315 microR/hr, hence those may be normal levels, and only a 600 microR/hr might be significant, but is not well-documented. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 732; Todd Lemire; etc.) | ? + 5.5 hrs + | 18+ [87?] | 1.6 [6° equiv in binocs] | radioactivity; binoculars |
| 1655. | 10262 | March 22, 1966. Houston, Texas. 1:30 a.m. S. J. Musachia saw white flashing lights light up witness' apartment; the air was full of smoke. Sound of "yen" [hen??] heard up close. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4 mins | 1 | | |
| 1656. | | March 23, 1966. Fort Pierce, Florida. 2 young men walking through woods saw a bright object like a balloon covered with fluorescent paint that became so intensely bright they could not look directly at it. As they walked closer, it exploded, leaving no trace. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 733) | | 2 | | |

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| 1657. | 10270 | March 23, 1966. 8 mi S of Temple, Okla. (at 34°10' N, 98°15'W). 5:05 a.m. (CST). Sheppard AFB civilian instructor and pilot, former newspaper publisher, William Eddie Laxson was driving W on US Hwy 70 when he found the road, about ½ mile W of Hwy 70 – Hwy 65 junction, blocked by a wingless aircraft, perch fish-shaped, landed in the road, about 75 ft [60-70 ft] long, nearly 8 ft high on 3 ft tall landing gear, 12 ft wide (thick), with a plexiglass bubble on top, 2 ft diameter porthole, 4 fyt tall door, bright lights forward and aft, silver or aluminum color. Laxson stopped his car about 240 ft [300? ft] away (by measured distance after the sighting) and walked toward the object to 160 ft [80 ft] away, noticing a labeling on its side like "TLA138" or "TLA738" (or "TL 4768" or "TL4138"). He saw a "man" wearing a baseball cap or mechanic's hat in AF-like green military fatigues uniform inspecting the underside with a flashlight then climbed steps or ladder on the object and soon after it lifted off vertically with a hissing or drilling sound to a height of 50 ft it , seen for about another 10-30 secs as it headed off SE (SSE) at about 720 mph. Laxson ran back to his car to get a camera but the object lifted off. Electrostatic effect on arm hair as UFO took off. No landing traces. Laxson found another witness, truck driver C. W. Anderson stopped 1-1/2 miles to the W down the Hwy 70 road who reported having been followed by the UFO then saw it stop or land then leave again. Another truck driver witness (not named) was located by Laxson and the same or another truck driver witness Bob Stoll was located by truck transport owner. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP/Fran Ridge; Greenwood/CUFOS; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 208-210; Vallée Magonia 734) | 40-60 secs | 3-4 | 140 | |
| 1658. | | March 24, 1966. Sheboygan, Wisc. 10:15 p.m. 2 women saw a glowing bowl-shaped object on the road hovering, with 2 intense white lights, and green and red light. They lost sight of it driving away but saw it again later, flying low on a S-N trajectory. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 735) | | 2 | | |
| 1659. | 10291 | March 26, 1966. Texahoma, Okla. 12 midnight. Mrs. P. N. Beer and Mrs. E. Smith driving back from Amarillo saw a flashing light [or object with waffle-like surface glowing intense red light] coming from the N buzz their car from the front, engine and headlights died, then the object hovered 1/4 mile away. After 10 mins they could restart their car and left. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 738) | 10 mins ? | 2 | | EM |
| 1660. | | March 28, 1966. Fayetteville, Tenn. 8 p.m. Man driving 60 mph suddenly saw a large lighted object 3 ft above the road on a hilltop, which flew off, as the car engine and headlights died. Headlight bulbs later had to be replaced. Object was oval, 25 ft long, dark gray, with about 30 lights along its periphery. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 739) | | 1 | | EM |
| 1661. | 10329 | March 30, 1966. Ottawa, Ohio. (Sparks; NARA) | | | | |

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| 1662. | | March 30, 1966. 10 miles N of Lexisburg, Indiana. 8:35 p.m. Civilian woman and her 4 children saw an oval object crossing the road as they were driving S, with a pulsating sound increasing in frequency as the object came nearer, but it seemed to come through the car radio rather than the object. They drove away in fear, but were followed for 8 miles by the object, with color suddenly changing from reddish-orange to bluish-white before accelerating out of sight. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 741) | 10 mins ? | 5 | | |
| 1663. | | April 1, 1966. 5 miles S of Tangier, Okla. 10:40 p.m. Civilian man, 34, while driving reached a hilltop and saw a green object wider than the road flying N at very high speed, emitting a shrieking noise and a "heat wave." Car engine died. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 746) | | 1 | | EM |
| 1664. | | April 4, 1966. <1 mile SE of Hague, Florida. 6:05 a.m. Civilian man, 40, saw an elongated object on the ground as he was going to work, 6 ft long, 2 ft high, with 6 4-inch openings, making a "turbine" noise so loud the witness had to put his hands over his ears. When he tried to touch it, the object left at great speed to the W vanishing suddenly after several feet of travel. Rain fell throughout. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 748) | 4 mins | 1 | | |
| 1665. | 10385 | April 5, 1966. Lycoming, New York. 3 a.m. Lillian Louis, 42, went to get a glass of water in her kitchen and saw a spinning vapor-like sphere, 10 ft in diameter, shooting its exhaust onto the ground from 20 ft height near her house, which departed very suddenly, leaving a trail. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 751) | 1 min | 1 | 50 ? | |
| 1666. | | April 5, 1966. Kittery, Maine. 7 p.m. 4 people saw a landed object through binoculars which took off, hovered for a while, and left. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 752) | | 4 | | binoculars |
| 1667. | 10384 | April 5, 1966. Alto, Tenn. 11:55 p.m. W. Smith and another stopped to watch an object hovering about 15 ft above a swamp, tried to follow it but it flew away. Object 100 ft long oval with a dark top, appearing cone-shaped when moving, making a high-frequency noise, and flying between a high-tension power line and a row of trees. Animal reactions wherever the object flew over. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 753) | 2.5 hrs | 2 | | |
| 1668. | | April 11 [10-11?], 1966. Greensburg, Penna. 12 midnight. Civilian man, 43, saw a well-defined cigar-shaped object 50 ft long with no wings, tail or wheels, with flashing red light, 15 ft above ground, 300 ft away. Object rose, was lost in the fog, then came back at treetop level with a strong whistling sound. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 756) | | 1 | 20 | |

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| 1669. | | April 17, 1966. Portage County, Ohio, bet. Atwater and Randolph, Ohio, to Pittsburgh, Penna. 5-6:10 a.m. (EST). E of Akron Deputy Sheriff Dale F. Spaur and associate Wilbur Neff saw a 30-45 ft metallic object approach over the treetops from the woods, bathing the witnesses and the whole area in light while making a transformer-like hum, then headed E and they gave chase in the patrol car at speeds up to 105 mph for 85 miles. Officer Wayne Huston about 35 miles to the ESE saw the object he described as ice cream cone-shaped, point downwards, approach from the W and pass overhead at about 800-900 ft height with Spaur and Neff in pursuit to the SE and he joined them near Unity, Ohio, with the object about 1/2 to 3/4 mile ahead of them, reaching the Penna. state line at 5:35. They lost sight of object at Brady Run Park regained it in Bridgeport, Penna. At about this time officers Lonnie Johnson and Ray Esterly in Salem, Ohio, saw 3 jet fighters [two F-102's] attempting to intercept a bright object at about 10,000-20,000 ft about 25° elevation to the E for about 2 mins. In Conway, Penna., at 6 a.m. they met with officer Frank Panzarella who had been watching the object for 10 mins to the E or SE which he described as 25-35 ft half-football-shaped object at about 1,000 ft height (or 1,500-2,000 ft according to the others), when it stopped in the NE towards Harmony, Penna, then rose. They watched as the object climbed to about 3,500 ft to the left of and level with the quarter moon in the ESE (which was at about azimuth 116° elevation 14° aand 11% illuminated at 6:00 a.m.) and Venus (at 122° azimuth 22° elevation) and it passed near a 707 airliner taking off from Pittsburgh Airport and disappeared shooting up vertically at about 6:10. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 8; NICAP) | 1 hr 10 mins | many | 4 ? | |
| 1670. | | April 17, 1966. Millersville, Texas. Daytime. Man in a car saw an sun-reflecting oval, car-sized object follow him, then cross the road behind at 15 ft height. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 758) | | 1 | | |
| 1671. | | April 18, 1966. Battle Creek, Mich. 10:10 p.m. 42-year-old witness driving a car saw an egg-shaped object, 75 ft long, 15 ft high, gray-colored, following from a distance of 75 ft. Object had a cockpit with windows and 3 rows of lights, emitted red flames, and made the same noise as a heavy truck on wet pavement. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 759) | | 1 | 80-100 ? | |
| 1672. | | April 22, 1966. Beverly, Mass. 9-9:45 p.m. Witnesses including 2 policemen spread over a distance of saw a platter shaped object the size of a large automobile, with 3 red-green-white lights, no sound, hover over Beverly High School then depart to the SW. At one point witnesses saw the object only 20-30 ft over the head of another witness. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 8, case CEI-5; cf. Condon Rpt Case 6) | 45 mins | 10 | 100 ? | |
| 1673. | | April 24, 1966. Ashby, Mass. 6:10 p.m. 2 men saw a silent object with a bright blue light on top dive within 100 ft of their car, then suddenly accelerate, and was lost to sight toward Mt. Watatic. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 765) | | 2 | | |

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| 1674. | | April 26, 1966. Follansbee, West Virginia. 11:30 p.m. Young man saw a silent 30 ft object shaped like two bowls glued together, at 100 ft altitude, ahead of his car. He drove away without looking behind. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 766) | | 1 | 30 ? | |
| 1675. | | April 30, 1966. Sacramento, Calif. 3:15 a.m. Anita Miller saw a light move around the sky. No further detail in files. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2.5 hrs | 1 | | |
| 1676. | | May 4, 1966. Charleston, West Virginia. 4:30 [3:40?] a.m. FAA air traffic controller tracked an unidentified non-transponding target about 5 miles to the 11 o'clock position from Braniff Airline Flight 42 headed E at 33,000 ft, which crew saw high above as a white-blue object giving off brilliant flaming light of alternating white-green-red colors. Radar showed object veering away to 8-10 miles away at 10 o'clock position, then come at the Braniff airliner to 3 miles distance then made a 180° left turn to the NW again within a diameter of 5 miles at 1,000 mph [5 g's] which the Braniff crew confirmed with object descending from 20° elevation above horizon. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, Case RV-2) | 5 mins | 3+ | | RV |
| 1677. | 10535 | May 7, 1966. Goodfellow AFB, Texas. 9:55 p.m. A/3c W. L. Whitehead saw a short, cylindrical object with pointed ends, a yellow light at one end, blue light at the other, fly straight and level. (Sparks; Berliner) | 35 secs | 1 | | |
| 1678. | 10626 | June 6, 1966. Spooner, Wisc. 9:30 p.m. Dorothy Gray saw 2 domed discs with sparkling upper surfaces and square windows in their tops, revolve above a lake, apparently causing strange behavior of the lake water. (Sparks; Berliner) | 25 secs | 1 | | |
| 1679. | 10629 | June 8, 1966. Between Kansas and Toledo, Ohio. 6:45 a.m. Max Baker, 43,. driving W on Sandusky Road, suddenly saw a bright silver, cigar-shaped object, as long as an airliner, silently buzz the witness' car to 100 ft distance then flew low to the NE. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 771) | 1 min. | 1 | 100 ? | |
| 1680. | | Jun. 13, 1966 Milan, Mich. Policeman who saw the object over Milan on March 17 saw another object on the ground at a street intersection. He drove toward it with his headlights illuminating the object, which took off like an airplane, flying away to the SE. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 773) | | 1 | | |
| 1681. | 10663 | June 18, 1966. Burnsville-Mt. Mitchell, North Carolina. 12:30 a.m. 4 Boy Scout campers, including Sterrett, using binoculars saw a red bell-shaped object with 3 flashing red lights hover then land 700 ft away, remaining all night, joined by 6 other objects, then rose at dawn. Broken trees and other traces found. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 776) | 5 hours + | 4 | | binoculars |
| 1682. | | June 23, 1966. Hamburg, New York. 9:30 p.m. Civilian woman, 63, was reading when an intense red light lit the ground near her house. She went outside and saw a 3 ft lighted object 60 ft away, which backed up and flew away "like a bullet." 3 other witnesses in the next house. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 777) | | 4 | 6 | |

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| 1683. | 10693 | June 26 [27?], 1966. Pacific, 400 miles E of Wake Island (at 19°21' N, 170°30' E). About ca. 1540-1605 GMT June 26; 3:40-3:45 to 4:02-4:05 a.m. June 27 local time [UTC+12]. Navigator 2nd Mate Donald L. Rominger, Chief Mate Robert Freind, Radio Officer Steffen Sorensen, Seamen W. Meeker, S. Bell, C. Morris and W. Prip, and the ship captain, of the steamship Mt. Vernon Victory (US Registry 284178), en route great-circle course from Guam to Honolulu on heading 80° (True) at about 16 knots, sighted bright white light like the planet Venus and first thought to be Venus, low on the horizon dead ahead (or 60° azimuth per ship log, =20° left of dead ahead). At elevation 5° the light began flashing with on-off square-wave light curve at 1-second intervals and developed a surrounding "halo" about 3x Full Moon angular size with a bright luminous translucent "cloud" with the light at the center. At azimuth 100° elevation was 40°. Object hovered "overhead" at some point (per ship log) for 10 minutes [?] estimated altitude about 10,000 ft and central object about 600-700 ft [thus combined yield angular size about 3° to 4°]. Object came closer when at about azimuth 215° elevation ~30°, began to accelerate to the SW and rise leaving the luminous cloud behind to dissipate. Disappeared in 3 mins by climbing "straight up" at high speed, growing dimmer and disappearing "unaccountably" at about azimuth 260° [about W] elevation 40° [or azimuth 220° elevation 20° ??]. (Sparks; Berliner; CUFOS) | ca. 17-25 mins | 7-8 | 3 (or 6-8 ?) | binoculars |
| 1684. | 10739 | July 11, 1966. Union-Kirkwood, Penna. 7:45 p.m. Carl Wood and Charles Hawthorne [and 2 women?] saw a large (100 ft wide, 20 ft high) bright red luminous object with small windows and yellow lights 100 ft away in a field. Object had small openings, emitted a humming or whirring noise, seemingly from the outside, and a grinding noise from inside. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 779) | 1 hr [90 mins?] | 2 [4?] | 80 ? | |
| 1685. | 10781 | July 25, 1966. Between Greenville and Vanceboro, North Carolina. 1-2 a.m. College student James Clark saw a pulsating object change color from orange to red to blue to green and back to orange, which followed his car through the woods at high speed up to 100 mph, then stopped and hovered over the car from 300 ft away about 50 ft high, wobbling on its axis, approached to 100 ft, then shot out of sight vertically in <5 secs. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 782) | 1 hr | 1 | | |
| 1686. | 10798 | July 31, 1966. Presque Isle State Park, Erie, Penna. 7:25-7:30 [8:25?] p.m. Douglas Tibbetts, 16, Betty Klem, 16, Anita Haifley [?], 22, and Gerald Labelle, 29, saw a square or hexagonal [or mushroom-shaped?] object with edges lit or reflecting light, [sweeping the area with a light beam?], come tumbling down erratically from right to left, stopped 5 ft-10 ft above the beach 1,000 ft away and settled heavily down. A circle of spotlights at top were visible when it was on the ground [and a strange 6 ft tall being]. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 784) | 5 mins | 4 | | |

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| 1687. | | Aug. 6, 1966. Harlingen, Texas (26.18° N, 97.69° W). 2 p.m. Civilian man and his family saw a dark object hover near their isolated house. 3 children saw a dwarf in shiny black coveralls through a square "door" emitting yellow light in the object, which left slowly with a soft humming sound. See later incident on Sept. 3. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 786; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 4-5 | | |
| 1688. | 10872 | Aug. 19, 1966. Donnybrook, North Dakota. 4:50 p.m. U.S. Border Patrolman Don Flickinger saw a bright, shiny, round disc, 30 ft in diameter and 15 ft high, colored white, silvery or aluminum, floating down the side of a hill wobbling from side to side about 10 ft off the ground. It moved across a valley from the SE climbing to 100 ft height, hovered for 1 min over a reservoir in a horizontal position when a dome on top became visible, appeared about to land in a small field about 250 ft away, then tilted on edge and rose up into clouds at high speed. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 788; Jan Aldrich) | 5 mins | 1 [2?] | 14 | |
| 1689. | | Aug. 23, 1966. Da Nang, Vietnam (16° 4' N, 108°14' E). (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1690. | 10888 | Aug. 23, 1966. Columbus, Ohio. 7 p.m. Broomall and Gilpin saw a circular, luminous white object split into 5 objects, all streaking away to the W. (Sparks; Berliner) | 15 mins | 2 | | |
| 1691. | | Aug. 24, 1966. Minuteman M-6 site, Carpio Grano, Minot AFB, North Dakota. 10 p.m. USAF Airman 3rd Class Turner saw and reported by radio a multi-colored light high in the sky. USAF Airman 2nd Class Aldrich sight white light to the E between 75° and 110° near the horizon. Location estimated 75 miles N of Minot AFB at altitude 30 miles (160,000 ft). Missile Combat Crew Commander Capt Smith in underground Minuteman nuclear ICBM silo of Mike Flight 60 ft below surface reported radio interference static when UFO approached missile site from SE at undetermined distance. UFO hovered from 10:57 to 11:12 p.m. at 100,000 ft [?] then descended and began to "swoop and dive," then seemed to land 10-15 miles S of missile silo M-6. Strike team sent to this location at 11:20 p.m. confirmed the object and reported radio interference about 10 miles from UFO landing site, about 5-8 mins later UFO darkened and took off. F-106 fighter interceptor from 5th Fighter Interceptor Sq at Minot AFB was scrambled at 12:19 a.m. but could not detect object at the vartious altitudes checked. Second object, white, was seen to pass in front of clouds. ADC radar site Z-28 detected and tracked an object at heights up to 100,000 ft down to 4,000 (4,400) ft at 95 miles to the N at azimuth 357°. Also tracked [by Minot South Base radar?] between 2,400 and 8,200 ft to N at 75 miles azimuth 360°. Sightings made by 3 different Minuteman ICBM missile sites in Mike and November Flights, including M-4, M-6 and n-7, near Carpio and Grano, ND. Radio interference was noted by teams sent to locations where object was hovering at ground level. (Sparks; BB files on NICAP website; Vallée Magonia 791; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | nearly 4 hrs | many | | radar-visual, EM |

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| 1692. | 10899 | Aug. 26, 1966. 2 mi SE of Gaylesville, Alabama (at 34.236° N, 85.536° W). 8:51 ±1 to 8:55 ±0.5 p.m. (CST). NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) Aero-Astrodynamics Lab, Aerosphysics Division, Huntsville, Ala., M.S. aerospace engineering PhD-candidate Buford H. Funk, Jr., wife and their 3 children were driving SW on Hwy 9. After turning NW on Hwy 35 [2 mi SE of Gaylesville] Mrs. Funk saw a cluster of 4 small, glowing, orange-yellow lights in a triangular formation (4th light in the center) and several seconds later called it to attention of Mr. Funk who stopped at the side of the road at the Hwy 68 intersection (at 34.265° N, 85.561° W) in Gaylesville at 8:53 ±1 p.m. UFO in the NNE about azimuth 25° to 35° near a zigzag group of stars [Perseus about 5° to 10° elevation] turned about 90° from S or SE heading to SW heading. They drove about ½ mile further NNW on Hwy 35 then stopped again at the side of the road (at about 34.272° N, 85.563° W) as the UFO came directly over their car. Funk rolled down the window but heard no sound. Center light made rapid motions forward and backward relative to the triangle lights at a rate of 5-7 movements per second. UFO disappeared in the distance to the W or WSW. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | ~4 mins | 5 | 1/5 to ¼ (individual lights) increasing to 2 at closest | scientist |
| 1693. | 10917 | Sept. 1, 1966. Willsboro, New York. 2:45 p.m. T. H. Ridman [Kidman?] saw an oval object with lights flashing red and white, occasionally blue, fly W, then disappear downward, returning several minutes later with a loud noise. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins | 1 | | |
| 1694. | | Sept. 3, 1966. Harlingen, Texas (26.18° N, 97.69° W). 2 p.m. 2 children went outside when the TV set became blurred and they saw a fantastic spinning light illuminating the house coming from an object hovering at the same location as the earlier sighting on Aug. 6. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 793 cf. 786; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | | |
| 1695. | | Sept. 5, 1966. Finland AFS, Minn. Johnson. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 1696. | | Sept. 5, 1966. Texas. Evening. Civilian man saw a peculiar light phenomenon and a small figure that appeared to enter a bedroom. The figure was not seen again. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 794) | | 1 | | |
| 1697. | 10933 | Sept. 6, 1966. Suffolk County AFB, New York. 6:50 p.m. Stahl and Ladesic saw a white cylinder of light come from the E at high speed, stop and hover for 3 mins, then turn and slowly disappear. (Sparks; Berliner) | 8 mins | 2 | | |
| 1698. | 10942 | Sept. 9, 1966. Franklin Springs, New York. 9 p.m. Jacobson saw a solid object, larger than an army tank, with 3 horizontal bands of light-blue, red and green lights [or lighting] all around it, descend from a cloud bank with a low humming [or soft whirring] sound, slow down and land, and disappear into woods. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 796) | 30 mins | 1 | | |

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| 1699. | 10944 | Sept. 13, 1966. Stirum [or 10 mi W 2 mi N of Gwinner?], North Dakota. 7:30 a.m. Randy Rotenberger, 11, saw a silvery-grey elliptical [or disk-shaped] object with a clear bubble dome on top, tripod landing gear, 2 red lights, 2 white lights, 1 green light, hover about 1 mile away, then land within 900 ft making a low-pitched whine and taking off so fast it just "vanished." USAF Lt. Col. and a Gwinner, ND, businessman investigated, found compact landing indentations 7 inches deep and radiation level 100 microroentgens/hr (about 2x background level?). (Sparks; NICAP site/Greenwood; BB files; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 797) | 5 mins | 1 | | photos ?; radioactivity |
| 1700. | 10973 | Sept. 28, 1966. Wilmington, Ohio. 3:38 p.m. Clarke saw 3 round, oval-shaped, aluminum-colored objects with rotating rings around them, 2 remained stationary, while the 3rd varied its altitude. (Sparks; Berliner) | 90 secs | 1 | | |
| 1701. | 10996 | Oct. 5, 1966. Osceola, Wisc. Several members of a family saw a small, bright orange, moon-shaped object stationary in the NE for about 20 mins, then suddenly take off very fast to the WNW. (Sparks; Berliner) | 20 mins | several | 1? | |
| 1702. | | Oct. 23 [30?], 1966. Southhampton, Long Island, New York. 6 p.m. Mr. Acquino [Aquino?] saw an object with arms in front of it which sparkled like an arc-light, fly S along some power lines, then turn SW, with a slight humming sound. [Same as Oct. 30 case?] (Sparks; Berliner) | 4 mins | 1 | | |
| 1703. | 11092 | Oct. 26, 1966. Cold Bay AFS, Alaska. No time given. Civilian control tower operator Ralston saw a white object approach runway at 50 ft altitude. When runway lights were turned on the object accelerated and climbed away so fast the witness was unable to use binoculars. (Sparks; Berliner) | 3 secs | 1 | | binoculars? |
| 1704. | | Oct. 30, 1966. Southampton, New York. [Same as Oct. 23 case?] (Sparks; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 1705. | | Nov. 6 or 13, 1966. 3 miles W of White Plains, New York. 7:30 p.m. Chief Engineer of radio station WFAS and his Asst. saw rectangular object emitting steady bluish light moving slowly to the N while beaming light towards station's parking lot. No sound. Object had blue-black sky appearing through the middle [?]. [Plastic hot-air balloon?] (Sparks; Tony Rullan) | 1+ min | 2 | 1 | |
| 1706. | 11135 | Nov. 8, 1966. Saginaw, Mich. Night. College graduate Annis saw a group of lights flash and change color while hovering, almost touching the road, then abruptly vanished. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5 mins | 1 | | |
| 1707. | | Dec. 18, 1966. E Lake Tiorati, Bear Mtn. State Park, New York. 4:40 p.m. Witness looked up and saw a silver-brown domed-disc in the W at 45° elevation heading NE, wobbling, noiseless, disappear over and behind a fire tower on a 1,320-ft hill about 1/2 mile away, after taking a photo. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 239-245) | 5-7 secs | 2? | | photo |
| 1708. | 11239 | Dec. 25, 1966. Monroe, Oregon. 3:30 [?] a.m. Civilians and military personnel saw 3 round objects, as large as cars, give off vapor, then became 3 bright reddish-orange lights. Blast at beginning of sighting pushed one witness against a car. (Sparks; Berliner) | 90 mins | 4+ | | |

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| 1709. | | Dec. 30, 1966. Haynesville, Louisiana. 8:15 p.m. Physics professor Dr. Galloway driving through a wooded area saw a bright, pulsating glow, changing from orange to white, in the woods about 1 mile away, estimated visible light power output at about 1 megawatt. Coming back the next day, he located traces of burns, and called the USAF and University of Colorado UFO project. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 808; Condon Rpt pp. 277-280; Richard Hall NICAP letter Mar. 3, 1967) | | 1 | | physics prof |
| 1710. | | Jan. 5 [25?], 1967. Winsted [Howard Lake?], Minn. 4:30 a.m. Civilian man [Lenz?], 32, driving to work stopped to check his 1964 Chevy truck when its engine stalled. He then saw an intense light to his right, coming closer, then landing on the road, so he locked himself inside the truck. Object 75 ft diameter 30 ft high settled on tripod landing gear, an elevator-like device came down, and a man dressed in blue coveralls with "a glass fishbowl on his head," of medium height, seemed to check something then left. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 812; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | EM |
| 1711. | | Jan. 7, 1967. Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada (53.3° N, 60° W). 11:05 p.m. (AST). Goose AFB Radar Air Traffic Control (RATCON) radar detected target at 30 miles SW. When target was at 4-6 miles S traveling at very high speed, Goose RATCON notified ADC radar site FPS-93 ground radar operators at the 641at AC&W Squadron, which tracked target at 180° (South) for first 8 sweeps at 200 knots (230 mph) then 4 sweeps at 2,100 knots (2,400 mph). Target lost over Goose AFB [thus heading about NE]. Radars on different frequencies. USAF MAC C-97 pilot Lt Col Gorecki was on approach to Goose runway 27 [heading W] when he sighted moving star-like steady white light visually at estimated 5,000 to 7,000 ft overtaking his 160-knot aircraft. (Sparks; BB files; NICAP; Project 1947) | | 3+ | | radar-visual |

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| 1712. | | Jan. 13, 1967. SW New Mexico, NW of El Paso, Tex., to Flagstaff-Winslow, Ariz. 10 p.m. Pilot Carl M., an FO, and a passenger Jimmie Moran on a Lear Jet 23 en route from Houston, Tex., to Las Vegas, Nev., at 41,000 ft and 300 knots airspeed (Mach 0.82 or about 540 mph TAS) on a 300° heading saw a flashing [?] red oval luminous object in the 10 o'clock position. Object split into 4 similar red oval objects vertically a number of times, each separated by about 2,000 ft and each emitting a "red ray," then retracting the lowest objects up into the top object. Albuquerque radar tracked the object 39 miles ahead of the Lear jet moving on the same heading, with no transponder signal and at that moment the object blinked off visually for 30 secs then blinked on. Albuquerque control contacted a National Airlines DC-8 over Casa Grande, Ariz., whose pilot confirmed the Lear pilot's reports. Albuquerque control warned the Lear that the object suddenly darted towards the Lear at high speed within secs until the radar blips merged [possibly 39 miles in 10 secs or roughly 14,000 mph]. Object flooded the Lear with intense red light so bright the pilot had difficulty seeing his instrument panel, and it maintained position in front of the Lear for a few mins then, then blinked out then came on again and started falling back behind the left wing, then pulled forward again. (Sparks; When the object blinked off radar at Albuquerque controllers would lose the object then regain it when it blinked on again (?).) Both UFO and Lear jet made left turns over Winslow, Ariz., then Los Angeles Center radar picked up both targets. Past Flagstaff the object climbed at a 30° angle disappearing to the W in <10 secs. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-1; NARCAP; BB files??) | 29 mins | 4+ | 90+ ? | RV |
| 1713. | | Jan. 16, 1967. Charleston, South Carolina. (Sparks; McDonald list) | | | | |
| 1714. | | Jan. 26, 1967. Near Coffeen, Illinois. 9 p.m. John Cox, Methodist minister, driving on Route 185 saw a 60 ft object, flat on the bottom, rounded on top, 10 ft thick, cross the road silently 300 ft away, at low speed. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 813; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files) | | 1 | 20 | |
| 1715. | | Jan. 30, 1967. 5 miles SW and 20 miles W of Crosby, North Dakota. 8:04 a.m. (CST). Delton Schwanz, commercial pilot of 29 years' experience and past AAF/AF service, with wife Della and children Robert, Roger and Diane saw a bright white sharply outlined lozenge-shaped object (length/width ratio 4:1) to the W elevation 15°-20° momentarily stopped then moving in level flight to the left, with a smooth climb in the SW, dropped white "strips" of light that descended vertically, disappeared to the S at azimuth 170° by ascending to about 30°-45° elevation. George Larsen (Larson?) and Larry Pateof (Pace?) were independent witnesses driving by car 20 miles W of Crosby near intersection of Hwys 5 and 85 who saw large white light move rapidly from W to S dropping a "piece" of the object and disappearing suddenly. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; Hynek UFO Exp, case DD-11) | 1 min | 7 | 1/5 | |

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| 1716. | 11350 | Feb. 6 [9?], 1967. Odessa, Delaware. 8:45 p.m. Donald and Marie Guseman saw a large, Saturn-shaped object, 50 ft in diameter and 20 ft high, with 2 bright lights, a green light on one side red light on the other, hover motionless over the trees, then slowly move N and suddenly disappear. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 mins | 2 | | |
| 1717. | 11355 | Feb. 12, 1967. Grand Rapids, Mich. 3:40 a.m. Lou Atkinson saw 4 fluorescent, football-shaped objects, a dull, almost grey luminous color, fly NE in a very rigid formation with a chirping noise. (Sparks; Berliner) | 4-10 secs | 1 | | |
| 1718. | 11383 | Feb. 16, 1967. Stoughton, Wisc. 9:11 p.m. Miss Lynn Marsh saw a light with faded edges follow her car. (Sparks; Berliner) | 5-6 mins | 1 | | |
| 1719. | 11394 | Feb. 20, 1967. Oxford, Wisc. 3:10 a.m. USAF veteran/truck driver Stanton Summer saw an orange-red object fly parallel to his truck. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 mins | 1 | | |
| 1720. | | Feb. 23, 1967. Glasgow AFB, Montana (28°25' N,106°32' W). 9 or 9:15 or 10:05 or 10:15 p.m. (MDT). SSgt David O. Hansen, MG-13 Fire Control radar technician, TSgt Floyce (Floyd?) L. Vaughn, Automatic Weapons Control System (AWCS) Flightline Supv, Airman 1stClass Stephen J. Marshall, AWCS Tech, Airman 2nd Class Larry L. Miller, Fire Control Systems Tech, 13th FIS base hangar and runway. Possibly tracked on grounded F101B fighter MG-13 radar. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1-3 mins (vis), 2 hrs (radar) | 4? | | radar?, radar-visual? |
| 1721. | 11419 | Feb. 27, 1967. Grand Haven, Mich. 8:19-9:30 p.m. Sheriff Grysen, wife and others saw a large white light, with smaller red and green lights to the sides, make an almost instantaneous 90° left turn, shoot out over the road and stop, [then] moving too fast to follow. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 hr 11 mins | 4+ | | |
| 1722. | | March 2, 1967. Holloman AFB/White Sands Missile Range. 10:25-11:31 a.m. (Sparks; NICAP website; Condon Rpt.) | 1 hr 6 mins | many | | radar-visual |
| 1723. | | March 5, 1967. Minot AFB, North Dakota. ADC radar tracked an unidentified target descending over the Minuteman ICBM missile silos of the 91st Strategic Missile Wing. Base security teams saw a metallic, disc-shaped object ringed with bright flashing lights moving slowly, maneuvering, then stopping and hovering about 500 ft above ground. Object circled directly over the launch control facility. F-106 fighters were scrambled but at that moment object climbed straight up and disappeared at high speed. (Sparks; Ray Fowler; etc.) | | | | |
| 1724. | 11454 | March 6, 1967. Benton Harbor, Mich. 12:01 a.m. Jerome Wolanin, assistant news director of radio station and former policeman, and wife, saw a round saucer or oval-shaped object with red, green and yellow lights around bottom rim which pulsated red, flying level, E to W, joined by 2nd object from W. 1st object opened top, 2nd came over and hovered for 30 secs and disappeared. Objects made hissing sound. (Sparks; Berliner) | 40+ mins | 2 | | |

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| 1725. | 11460 | March 6, 1967. Galesburg-Moline [?], Illinois. 4:25 a.m. Deputy Sheriff Frank Courson saw an object shaped like a rubber cup placed under a furniture leg, with a dome set in the cup, bottom spinning rapidly, rim pulsating red, which approached and passed overhead at low altitude, making a hissing sound. (Sparks; Berliner) | | 1 | | |
| 1726. | | March 9 [11?], 1967. Galesburg, Illinois. 7:10 p.m. 2 housewives [Powell and McKee?] saw an object shaped like a pancake with a rounded top, pulsating red, and red lights around its rim, which approached and seemed to explode with a brilliant white light that lasted 10 seconds and almost blinded them. Object accelerated to the N and disappeared. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 10+ secs | 2 | | |
| 1727. | | March 9, 1967. Follansbee, West Virginia. 9 p.m. 3 witnesses driving on Route 2 saw a round car-sized object, with several lights on the underside, hovering at rooftop level, which left suddenly at high speed. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 824) | | 3 | | |
| 1728. | 11480 | March 9, 1967. Onawa, Iowa. 9:05 p.m. Jack Lindley saw a bright white, saucer-shaped object, as big as a jet airliner, fly straight and fast to the E. (Sparks; Berliner) | 2 mins | 1 | | |
| 1729. | | March 12, 1967. Rochester, Minn. Boy Hrubetz went out to buy a newspaper and saw a car-sized, inverted mushroom-shaped object hovering 30 ft above ground, then tilted at a 45° angle, oscillated, and left to the NW. 3 photos reportedly taken. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 825; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 1 | | photos? |
| 1730. | | March 16, 1967. Near Roy (about 30 miles NE of Lewistown), Montana. See next entry. (Sparks; CUFON; NICAP; not in BB files??) | | | | |
| 1731. | | March 16, 1967. 15 miles N of Lewistown, Montana. 8:45 a.m. Echo ("E") Flight of 10 Minuteman nuclear ICBM's of Malmstrom AFB, USAF 341st Strategic Missile Wing, SAC, were inexplicably deactivated within 10 secs of each other and for 1 day after UFO's hovered near 2 missile silos. Followed a series of UFO sightings during early morning hours by USAF security teams. Allegedly similar missile shutdown incident on March 24 is a non-event and has been deleted from this catalog. (Sparks; CUFON; AF 341st Strat Missile Wing History; NICAP; not in BB files??) | 15+ mins ?? | several | | EM? missile deactivation |
| 1732. | 11541 | March 22, 1967. Wapello, Iowa. 10:20 p.m. Douglas Eutsler, 15, saw a fluorescent, solid, multicolored lights stand still, then fly away at high speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | 1 min | 1 | | |
| 1733. | 11551 | March 24 [26?], 1967. Belt, Montana. 9 p.m. Truck driver Ken Williams saw a dome-shaped object, emitting a bright light, land in a ravine. As he approached, it took off and settled back, hidden from the highway. Numerous other reports came in from this area and at dawn police and a Malmstrom AFB helicopter made a search without success. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 827) | several mins + ? | 1 + many ? | | |
| 1734. | 11559 | March 26, 1967. New Winchester, Ohio (40.717° N, 82.919° W). 4 p.m. Man, woman, three boys, saw an oval object, like copper or brass with the sun shining on it, fly from SE to NW with tumbling motion. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 6, case DD-12; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 30 mins | 5 | | |
| 1735. | | April 10-11, 1967. Houma, Louisiana. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |

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| 1736. | | April 16, 1967. Shoreline at NE corner of Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. Bet. 5 and 6 a.m. (EST). USAF Airman/2nd Guillermo Padilla and Airman Henry, 72nd Bombardment Wing, SAC, saw a disc shaped object with two levels and a reddish band slightly above midesection, floating or hovering just above the water. Object went left to right and back a short distance then rose from right to left, and Padilla took a photo. Object reversed path and disappeared. (Sparks; Tony Rullan) | 5 mins | 2 | | photo |
| 1737. | | April 17, 1967. 4-1/2 mi NW [E?] of Jefferson City Airport, Missouri (at 38.65° N, 92.25° W). 9:05 p.m. (CST). School principal John L. Metz and 3 teachers (Pistone, Wilson, Jerry Wiseman [Wireman?]) in separate cars were driving home and saw a huge 350-400 ft diameter bluish-white WWI helmet-shaped object come over the Missouri River cliff {bluff?] to the NE [SW?] at elevation 30° then at 300-400 ft altitude directly overhead [90° elev.] over their cars bathing them in intense light. Metz used 8x binoculars. Object hovered over power lines for about 10 mins then headed towards the airport [at elev. 40° ?]. Emitted from bottom two smaller objects disc-helmet shaped size of DC-3 [~100 ft]. Principal Metz drove over to airport on Hwy 94 and found 2 more witnesses, attorneys [?]. Jefferson City Memorial Airport employees sighted flat circular star-like orange with intermittent red-blue object at azimuth 230°-232° with 30x 40mm telescope at 9:40-10:08 p.m. Ozark Airliner [Flight 319] crew saw 2 large round flat objects below the plane on final landing approach moving in various directions. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 8, case CEI-7; BB files; CUFOS) | 28 mins<br>(45 mins) | 7+ ? | | telescope, binoculars |
| 1738. | 11677 | April 21, 1967. South Hill, Virginia. Approx. 8:50-8:55 p.m. Business manager Clifton N. Crowder found the road blocked to the W on his way home by an aluminum storage-tank-shaped object with dome top, 16-18 ft tall 12 ft wide, landed in the road ahead on 4 legs 3-3.5 ft long about 500 ft away. He turned on his high beams for a better look for about 5 secs at 250 ft, the object emitted white flames and took off. Burned area found in the road and holes along with charred matches. Norman Martin who lived nearby saw a bright light from the area at the time [but with no details corroborating Crowder, hence case remains single-witness with physical evidence (charred matches) suggestive of hoax (IFO)]. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 836; BB; Klass; etc.) | 10+ secs ? | 1+1? | | |
| 1739. | | April 27, 1967. Green Lake, Wisc. 10 p.m. 4 boys with binoculars saw a cone-shaped object with a blue underside, and a top that changed from red to orange to white, come lower with oscillating motions, illuminating the woods 1/2 mile away. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 838) | | 4 | | binoculars |

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| 1740. | | May 16, 1967. Gulf of Mexico (at 27°25.6' N, 90°14.7' W [approx. 170 miles S of New Orleans]). 10:10 p.m. (EST). Ship Master Donald W. Dee and 3rd Mate Homer Hawthorne, seamen Earle Bradley and Eric Koster, crew of Pacific Coast Transport ship SS Point Sur heading 295° True at 15 knots, sighted 6 red point source lights pacing the ship at azimuth 350° to 365° (005°) True; the 2 at 350° were at 10° and 14° elevation, confirmed by sporadic radar returns as at 12,000 ft at 11 miles [nm?] for the 10° object. Through 7 x 50 binoculars object would appear to be brilliant yellow with red lights across upper 2/3, to naked eye blended to reddish-orange point source. Objects pulsated with 4-1/2 sec period and approx 1 to 3 brightness ratio. Lower objects rose and fell near horizon. (Sparks; Castner/CUFOS; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-9) | 50 mins | 4 | | RV, binoculars |
| 1741. | 11744 | May 17, 1967. Rural Hall, North Carolina. 8:30 p.m. Red Ledford [Parker?] saw a round, orange-colored object, similar in size to a small aircraft, zigzag back and forth over a jet that was heading NE. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | 1 | | |
| 1742. | | June 2, 1967. McKeesport, Penn. Clark and Smith. Conflicting data on whether to ID this as possible IFO meteor. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | | |
| 1743. | 11815 | June 24, 1967. Austin, Texas. 3:12-1/2 a.m. (CDT). Artist/UFO researcher ex-contactee Ray Stanford near Mansfield Dam saw a solid, blue-white, elliptical object fly from NW to NE and stop, seemingly in response to flashlight signal, for 1.5 minutes. Object then continued along its original path at high speed and disappeared behind clouds. (Sparks; Berliner) | 9-1/2 mins | 1 | | |
| 1744. | 11831 | June 29, 1967. Scotch Plains, New Jersey. 1:30 a.m. Truck driver Damon Brown saw an oyster-shaped object 200 ft wide 25-30 ft thick with a huge red light at each end, one light on the bottom, and a row of blue lights along the bottom, which circled an aircraft, hovered, moved rapidly, then followed the witness' car for about 500 ft, veered S and departed at great speed. (Sparks; Berliner) | 8-10 mins | 1 | | |
| 1745. | 11869 | July 10, 1967. 5 mi S of Lizelia (near Meridian), Mississippi. 5:50 p.m. After his car stalled and radio faded out, golf pro Harold Washington (Capt., USMC Ret.) saw an object of large size with a dome, the top gunmetal blue, the bottom the color of old lead, moving E about 300 ft over his car, crossing the highway tilted upward to the right, then accelerated and disappeared into the low clouds, with a swishing sound. (Sparks; Berliner; Randle p. 264) | 3-5 secs | 1 | | EM |
| 1746. | | July 21 [19?], 1967. Jewish Creek [Homestead?], Florida. 2:30 a.m. Barbara Fawcett [Faucett?], 18, and her sister saw a yellow "jagged" object rise above a swamp and land on a hill. USAF investigators found a very large scorched area at the spot. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 858; APRO July 1967; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | 2 | | |
| 1747. | | July 23, 1967. Popponessett Beach, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. McEnroe. (Sparks; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | many ? | | |

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| 1748. | | July 30, 1967. Kernville (35.75° N, 118.44° W), China Lake NAS / Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS), and Edwards AFB, Calif. 10:17 p.m. (PDT). George Petyak and wife Brownie in Kernville first sighted bright yellow star-like light at about 65° elevation to the E [towards direction of Walker Pass and China Lake], later joined by a second similar object appearing to try to "steer" the first onto a "definite course." A second independent observation from China Lake NAS where object was seen [visually and/or on radar] to the W over Walker Pass (about 20 mi distance) [towards direction of Kernville] was reported to Edwards AFB – thus visual sighting lines intersected from opposite directions. Controller (Mr. Buckley?) at Edwards used RAPCON (Radar Approach Control) radar (or used Boron AFS FPS-35 search radar at 35°04'44" N, 117°34'45" W) and confirmed visual reported by China Lake but tried to dismiss 100 knot (115 mph) target as merely civil aircraft that "frequently" fly over the area [but light aircraft try to avoid mountain passes]. Kernville witnesses reported by phone during sighting to Boron AFS ADC radar site (with FPS-35 long-range search radar) then to Lt. Smith at Edwards AFB where RAPCON radar tracked unidentified target near Lake Isabella S (or SE?) of Kernville witnesses [S/SE by 5-10? mi] for "several sweeps" at about 10:30 p.m. PDT traveling S at 50-60 mph. Kernville witnesses reported one object in the E joined by the second object, both appearing like bright stars but moving in circles relative to actual star background in clear sky; used binoculars from time to time through which UFO appeared bright blue. First seen to their E but traveling S, disappearing suddenly in clear sky at 11:30 p.m. PDT in the direction of Lancaster [S to SSE] at about 50° elevation, estimated height about 30,000 to 40,000 ft. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Condon Rpt p. 122; BB files) | 1 hr 15 [13?] mins | 2 + 1? + 1? | | RV, binoculars |
| 1749. | | Sept. 11, 1967. Kincheloe AFB, Mich. 10 p.m. Radar tracks of 17 objects. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 1750. | | Oct. 18, 1967. Lake Charles, Louisiana. 9 p.m. John Herbert [and Sonnier?] saw a bright, fiery ball flash 4 times while moving E, just above tree tops. (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 1 min | 1 [2?] | | |
| 1751. | | Oct. 21 [20?], 1967. Blytheville AFB, Ark. (35.96° N, 89.95° W). 6:16 a.m. [7:16 p.m.?] 2 control tower operators, one named Warren, and an observer at the S end of the runway saw 2 dark oblong table-latter shaped objects with 7 ft long exhaust at about 1,200-1,500 ft height fly E to W, tracked by RAPCON radar at a distance of 2 miles, make a turn to the SW when they disappeared. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 6, case DD-3) | 15-30 secs | 3 | | RV |

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| 1752. | | Nov. 8, 1967. 70 mi W of Omaha (Offutt AFB), Neb. 2:45 a.m. (CST). USAF pilot Maj. Thomas C. Vanevenhoven and a radar operator were aboard an EC-135, callsign “A&E 144 Alpha” SAC “Looking Glass” Airborne Command Post for backup command, control and launch of all U.S. nuclear forces, flying at 255 [knots?]. Pilot sighted a large, fast-moving ball of light that changed color from red to yellow to white [possible meteor fireball?]. Radar operator tracked fast-moving target. 2 inbound TWA airline crews to Chicago O’Hare Airport also reported visual sighting to Chicago Center FAA control. Somewhat later [1 min??] EC-135 radar operator tracked 5-6 targets at high speed [2,000? mph] grouped within a 1-1/2 to 5 mile radius, for 2-3 mins. Sighting was accidentally disclosed to Univ. of Colorado UFO Project on about Dec. 19, 1967, and thereafter the AF stalled and resisted investigation for 7+ months till termination of Colorado Project investigations, while supplying only meager info. (Sparks; Bob Klinn; Roy Craig papers; BB files) | 2-4 mins | 4+ | | radar aboard SAC Nuclear Airborne Command Post |
| 1753. | | Feb. 4, 1968. Redlands, Calif. (34.06° N, 117.19° W). 7:20-7:25 p.m. (PST). Numerous witnesses Tetzlaff and others saw a 50-60 ft circular object with 7 lights on the bottom, 8-10 lights on top alternating in color, head NE [or ENE] for about 1 mile at about 300 ft altitude, hover, jerk forward, hover, shot up vertically, hover, wavered to the NW, climbed in altitude slightly, then shot off to the NW at high speed, disappearing. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp app. 4; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | 5 mins | 100's | 20 | |
| 1754. | 12235 | Feb. 9, 1968. Groveton, Missouri. 3:20 (4:30?) [4:20?] a.m. Mr. R. W. Bland noted animal disturbance drawing his attention to a 100 ft circular object about 300-350 ft away hovering about 20-25 ft above ground, lighting up ground, trees, cows, etc. Object had 7 yellowish-green lighted portholes about 2-2.5 ft wide in the center of each concave side (?), and made a whirring [or pulsating?] noise. Disappeared to SW at 45° (?) elevation without tilting. Witness alluded to disappearance of cows in the past. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 193-5) | 1-5 mins | 1 | 30 | |
| 1755. | | March 6, 1968. Amarillo, Texas. Hottinger. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | |
| 24+ sightings | | June 15-22, 1968. S of DMZ, South Vietnam. "High" concentration of UFO's. On June 16 "Visual and radar sightings [having] flooded the [USAF] control centers, which scrambled aircraft.” Cases should have been sent to BB but are not in BB files. See other Vietnam cases from June 17, 1968, through April 1969. (Paul Dean; Sparks; 7th AF History) | | | | radar-visual, etc. |

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| (see above) | | June 17, 1968. E of DMZ, South Vietnam. UFO visual and radar sightings were reported to USAF control centers, which scrambled aircraft. Two Australian sailors were killed and 7 wounded when a US F-4D jet fired Sparrow anti-aircraft missiles at UFO unidentified enemy helicopters and hit the Australian destroyer HMS Hobart instead, which was apparently right behind the alleged helicopters (UFO's). F-4D nearly hit a US ship with a Sidewinder anti-aircraft missile. Still another F-4D nearly hit another US ship while trying to intercept elusive enemy aircraft (UFO's). Enemy helicopters never identified. Cases should have been sent to BB but are not in BB files. See other Vietnam cases from June 15, 1968, through April 1969. (Paul Dean; Sparks; 7th AF History; AF Chief of Staff George Brown, Press Conference, Oct. 16, 1973) | | | | radar-visual, etc. |
| 1756. | | July 11, 1968. Eielson AFB, Alaska (64.68° N, 147.06° W). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) | | | | radar |
| 67 sightings | | Aug. 4-Sept. 3, 1968. Con Thien area S of DMZ, South Vietnam. USAF UFO tracking networks set up as Project HAVE FEAR and Project LETHAL CHASER by AF Weapons Lab [Kirtland AFB, NM]. HAVE FEAR personnel saw red lights and got video blips. UFOs usually traveled at 30 to 80 mph at altitudes 1,200 to 1,600 feet. After several days of radar / laser range-finder / night observation trackings, the UFO red blinking lights would extinguish under HAVE FEAR surveillance, Aug. 4-12, 18-31, 1968. Cases should have been sent to BB but are not in BB files. See other Vietnam cases from June 15, 1968, through April 1969. (Paul Dean; Sparks; 7th AF History) | | | | radar, laser range-finders, night-vision, video cameras, , etc. |
| (see above) | | Aug. 18-Sept. 3, 1968. Con Thien area S of DMZ, South Vietnam. USAF UFO tracking networks set up as Project HAVE FEAR and Project LETHAL CHASER by AF Weapons Lab [Kirtland AFB, NM]. HAVE FEAR was joined by Project LETHAL CHASER, which used manpack radar. Several observation systems conducted a joint, integrated search also using "Waterboy" radar Control & Reporting Post at Dong Ha. Criteria for a valid track included the UFO being within 11 miles of Con Thien, being unidentified by Jazzy Control, having a track of at least 2 minutes duration, and traveling less than 180 mph. "This joint effort got 67 valid tracks, but no conclusive identifications." Cases should have been sent to BB but are not in BB files. See other Vietnam cases from June 15, 1968, through April 1969. (Paul Dean; Sparks; 7th AF History) | | | | radar, laser range-finders, night-vision, video cameras, , etc. |
| 1757. | | Aug. 21, 1968. Ottsville, Penn. Witness Shrieberg took photo of object in an irregular jerky path. (Sparks; Randle p. 264) | | | | photo |

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| 1758. | 12498 | Sept. 15, 1968. W of Cross City to 12 miles W of Ocala, Florida. 9:30 p.m. [12:31 a.m.?] Missionary pilot Ray [Jay?] Cole, flying a Twin Beech C45H twin-engined utility plane at 9,500 ft heading 120° at 200 mph true airspeed, with a pilot passenger Ray Rushing, saw a white [?] light with pale green light flashing less than once per sec at their flight level, moving up and down vertically by about 500-1,000 ft for 15 mins maintaining distance then turned right about 10° climbed at a 15° angle until vanishing when 12 miles out from Ocala. 2nd light, very bright white also flashing pale green and at about 5,000 ft height, then suddenly appeared on a collision course, made a 90° turn at about 2 miles away and 500 ft below, then descended and receded to about 15 miles away and disappeared with distance to the W of Ocala. Later, ground radar said a target was following them [?]. (Sparks; NARCAP; Berliner) | 15 mins + ? + ? | 2 ? | | RV? |
| 1759. | | Sept. 17, 1968. Nellis AFB, Nevada. 1 a.m. 2 air traffic controllers Abrams and another including supervisor saw nocturnal light. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 5, case NL-3) | 40 mins | 2 | | |
| 408+ sightings | | Oct. 1968-April 1969. Duc Co area of western II Corps, South Vietnam. Numerous sightings and radar tracks of UFO's of helicopter speed and altitude near Camp Enari (near Pleiku), which disappeared when approached by intercept aircraft. 7th AF set up joint AF-Army UFO surveillance project on Jan. 31, 1969, with USAF AC-119G night-vision aircraft, Army Hawk pulse acquisition and search radars, counter-mortar radar, Cobra helicopters, with various radar and other instruments. On several missions, AC-119G arcraft crews saw UFO's but could not identify or intercept them, when directed to the UFO's by radar sites. Air crews observed airborne red lights. "UFO's consistently out maneuvered the friendly aircraft resulting in the aircrew's inability to make a positive identification." Cases should have been sent to BB but are not in BB files. See other Vietnam cases from June 15, 1968, through March 1, 1969. (Paul Dean; Sparks; USAF in SE Asia 1962-72; Army, 6th Battalion, 56th Artillery, Operational Rpt Lessons Learned ORLL, Feb-April 1969) | | | | radar, night-vision |

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| 1760. | | Oct. 24, 1968. About 30 miles NW of Minot AFB, North Dakota. 3:30-4:40 a.m. (CDT). USAF Minot AFB ground radar tracked unidentified object correlated with orange glow and radioed it to the attention of the USAF crew of B-52H bomber (call sign JAG 31) on a 290° heading at 2,000 ft as a UFO target at 1 o'clock position to the NW at 24 miles, then 15 miles at 3:35 a.m. At 3:52 a.m., Minot radioed the B-52H that base weather radar was also tracking target now at 1 o'clock position and 3 miles from the B-52H. At 3:58 Minot requested IFF transponder identification from the B-52H but then B-52H radio transmitter failed for 4 mins. B-52H crew saw and radar tracked bright red-orange object [?] at 9 o'clock position at 35 miles then 1.25-1.5 miles, traveling at estimated 3,000 mph. Radar scope photos show at least 4 multiple unidentified targets making it difficult to assume continuity, i.e., determine which object is the same from frame to frame. Radar scope photos 771 to 772 show UFO target first at 138° azimuth from B-52H at 2.85 mi then 3 secs later at 242° and 1.7 mi from the aircraft, which might indicate 4,000 mph average velocity (peak velocity about 7,000 mph) and about 140 g's linear acceleration, if it can be assumed to be the same object. Then 3 secs later in frame 773 the object (if the same) moved to 40° azimuth at 1.7 mi range, average speed about 4,000 mph again, if the same object. UFO landing for 45 mins at location "AA-43." UFO sightings at Minuteman ICBM nuclear missile sites N, O, J [?], and M Flights, 91st Strategic Missile Wing, including strange EM effects such as security alarms activated at outer and inner rings around silos, outer [silo?] door opened and combination lock of inner door moved. Witnesses included Maj. Bradford Runyon, S/Sgt Bond, S/Sgt Smith, radar navigator Patrick McCaslin, Richard Clark, et al. (Sparks; Project 1947; Randle; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 137-9 [misdated as 1966]; Tom Tulien; NARCAP; BB files; etc.) | 1 hrs 48 mins+ | 16+ [20+ ?] | | RV, EM, radar scope photos |
| 1761. | 12567 | Nov. 23, 1968. Newton, Georgia (31.3° N, 84.36° W). 8:05 p.m. Witness Mr. Jones, an accountant, saw collimated beam 5-6 ft wide come down from a point about 200 ft ahead and 75 ft off the ground illuminating trees after car radio faded to static. Beam retracted slowly like a ladder to a fuzzy scintillating main light, oval-shaped yellowish-white about 100 [or 120-150?] ft wide, which then changed to brighter reddish-orange, rose vertically disappearing in less than 15 secs. Car restarted spontaneously. (Sparks; Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 189-191) | 3-4 mins | 1 | 40 | EM |
| 1762. | 12607 | Jan. 17, 1969. Crittendon, Virginia. 3:24 a.m. Roman K. Lupton, test facility mechanic, awakened by strange electric motor type sound, saw several amber lights, one blinking, in elliptical formation, with humming sound, fly forward slowly while moving up and down, then turn and disappear. Several neighbors heard the sound without seeing the object(s). (Sparks; Berliner; Randle p. 265) | 2 mins | 1 | | |
| 1763. | | Jan. 17, 1969. Bradenton, Florida. 11:30 p.m. 15-year-old boy McDonald saw several disc-shaped objects. (Sparks; Randle p. 265) | | 1 | | |

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| 1764. | | March 1, 1969. Duc Co area of western II Corps, South Vietnam, near Camp Enari (Pleiku area). 0530 (local). Tracked by 7th AF joint AF-Army UFO surveillance project. 189th AC (Aviation Company, 52nd CA Bn) aircraft UH-1 Huey helicopter crew observed UFO's (possible helicopters) in the vicinity of Camp Enari (near Pleiku). UFO's which disappeared when approached by aircraft. Air crew observed UFO's rotating red beacon. Helicopter was unable to close on UFO at maximum air speed of about 115 knots. UFO altitude about 500 ft, speed estimated above 160 knots. Case should have been sent to BB but is not in BB files. See other Vietnam cases from June 15, 1968, through April 1969. (Paul Dean; Sparks; USAF in SE Asia 1962-72; Army, 6th Battalion, 56th Artillery, Operational Rpt Lessons Learned ORLL, Feb-April 1969) | | | | radar, night-vision |
| 1765. | | March 14, 1969. Thailand. USAF crew of KC-135 tanker saw a cylindrical object larger than the plane that departed on approach. (Sparks; Weinstein; BB files??) | | | | |
| 1762 to 2261 | | See all Vietnam case entries for June 15, 1968, through April 1969. Cases should have been sent to BB but are not in BB files. | | | | sensor system networks |

## Standard Abbreviations

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| a.m. | ante meridien (time before 12 noon, counting from 12 midnight or 0000 hours) |
| A/1c | Airman First Class (also AFC) (military rank) |
| A/2c | Airman Second Class (military rank) |
| A/3c | Airman Third Class (military rank) |
| AACS | Airways and Air Communications Service |
| AAF | U.S. Army Air Forces (became USAF Sept. 18, 1947) |
| ACW | USAF Aircraft Control & Warning radar site |
| ACWRON | USAF Aircraft Control & Warning Radar Observation Network, Air (later Aerospace) Defense Command |
| ADC | USAF Air (later Aerospace) Defense Command (now subsumed under US Strategic Command and NORAD) |
| ADT | Atlantic Daylight [Saving] Time (ADT + 3 hours = UTC-GMT-Z time) |
| AEC | U.S. Atomic Energy Commission |
| AESS | U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (now Dept. of Energy) Atomic Energy Security Service |
| AEW&C | USAF Airborne Early Warning & Control airborne radar system |
| AFC | Airman First Class (also A/1c) (military rank) |
| AFB | USAF Air Force Base |
| AFOSI | USAF Office of Special Investigations |
| AFS | USAF Air Force Station (typically a radar site) |
| AHST | Alaska-Hawaii Standard Time (AHST + 10 hours = UTC-GMT-Z time) |
| AMC | USAF Air Materiel Command, Wright Field later Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio |
| approx. | approximately |
| appx. | approximately |
| APRO | Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Tucson, Ariz. (defunct 1988) |
| arcmin | arc minute (angular unit of measurement = 1/60 of a degree) |
| Asst. | Assistant |
| AST | Atlantic Standard Time (AST + 4 hours = UTC-GMT-Z time) |
| BB | USAF Project Blue Book, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio |
| Bet. (bet.) | Between |
| BOAC | British Overseas Airways Corp. |
| ca. | circa (about, approximately) |
| CAA | U.S. Civil Aeronautics Administration (now Federal Aviation Administartion) |
| CAP | USAF auxiliary Civil Air Patrol |
| Capt. | Captain (military or naval rank) |

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| Cdr. | USN Commander (naval rank) |
| CDT | Central Daylight [Saving] Time (CDT + 5 hours = UTC-GMT-Z time) |
| cf. | confrere (compare) (typically used here to indicate a source used in addition to the Berliner list entry, or a discrepant account) |
| CFS | Canadian Forces Station |
| CIA | U.S. Central Intelligence Agency |
| CIC | U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps |
| Co. | Company |
| Col. | Colonel (military rank) |
| Corp. | Corporation |
| Cpl. | Corporal (military rank) |
| CPO | Chief Petty Officer (naval rank) |
| CST | Central Standard Time (CST + 6 hours = UTC-GMT-Z time) |
| CUFON | Computer UFO Network |
| CUFOS | J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, Chicago, Ill. |
| Dept. | Department |
| Det. | Detachment |
| DoD | U.S. Department of Defense |
| Dr. | Doctor |
| DST | Daylight Saving Time |
| E | East (azimuth 90°) |
| ECM | Electronic Counter Measures |
| EDT | Eastern Daylight [Saving] Time (EDT + 4 hours = UTC-GMT-Z time) |
| ELINT | Electronic Intelligence |
| EM | Electro Magnetic effects |
| ENE | East North East (azimuth 67.5°) |
| equiv | equivalent |
| ESE | East South East (azimuth 112.5°) |
| EST | Eastern Standard Time (EST + 5 hours = UTC-GMT-Z time) |
| FBI | U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigations |
| FEAF | USAF Far East Air Force |
| FI | Fighter Interception (squadron or wing) |
| FO | First Officer |
| FOIA | U.S. Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S. Code 552) |
| ft | feet (or foot) linear unit of measurement (= 0.3048 meter or 30.48 cm) |
| g | unit of gravitational acceleration at earth's surface (= 32.2 ft/sec$^2$ or 9.8 m/sec$^2$ approx.) |
| G-2 | U.S. Army intelligence division (of a given command or unit or staff) |
| GCA | Ground Control (or Controlled) Approach (radar system for air traffic control) |
| GCI | Ground Controlled Intercept (air defense radar) |
| GMT | Greenwich Mean Time (now generally UTC, Coordinated Universal Time; U.S. military terminology Z or Zebra or Zulu time) |
| GOC | U.S. Ground Observer Corps (auxiliary of USAF Air Defense Command) |
| hr | hour (time unit of measurement) |
| Hwy | Highway |
| IAC | U.S. National Security Council Intelligence Advisory Committee (now National Foreign Intelligence Board) |
| IAS | Indicated Air Speed (conversion to true air speed depends on altitude, temperature, pressure) |
| ICBM | Intercontinental Ballistic Missile |
| IFF | Identification Friend or Foe encrypted radar transponder system |
| IFO | Identified Flying Object |
| JCS | U.S. Defense Department Joint Chiefs of Staff |
| jg | junior grade (part of military rank) (also JG) |
| knots | knots (unit of speed measurement =1.150779 mph) |
| lb. | pound (unit of weight = 0.454 kilogram mass, approx., under standard gravity) |
| Lt Col. | Lieutenant Colonel (military rank) |
| Lt. | Lieutenant (military rank) |
| M/Sgt. | Master Sergeant (military rank) |
| MAC | USAF Military Airlift Command (formerly MATS now Air Mobility Command) |
| Mag | Magnetic (compass bearing or aircraft heading) |

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| Maint. | Maintenance |
| Maj. | Major (military rank) |
| MATS | USAF Military Air Transport Service (now Air Mobility Command) |
| MCAS | USMC Marine Corps Air Station |
| MDT | Mountain Daylight [Saving] Time (MDT + 6 hours = UTC-GMT-Z time) |
| min | minute (time unit of measurement) |
| mph | miles per hour (unit of speed measurement = 1.609344 km/hr or 1.46667 ft/sec approx., in statute miles of 5,280 feet) |
| MST | Mountain Standard Time (MST + 7 hours = UTC-GMT-Z time) |
| Mtn. | Mountain |
| N | North (azimuth 0° or 360°) |
| NACA | U.S. National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (now NASA) |
| NAS | USN Naval Air Station |
| NE | North East (azimuth 45°) |
| NICAP | National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena website |
| N.M. | New Mexico (see elsewhere for complete list of U.S. state abbreviations) |
| n.mi. | nautical miles |
| NNE | North North East (azimuth 22.5°) |
| NNW | North North West (azimuth 337.5°) |
| NORAD | North American Aerospace Defense Command (U.S.-Canadian joint command) |
| NW | North West (azimuth 315°) |
| NYC | New York City |
| Ofcr. | Officer |
| OPC | Office of Policy Coordination (CIA covert action office, 1948-52) |
| Ops | Operations |
| p.m. | post meridien (time after 12 noon) |
| PDT | Pacific Daylight [Saving] Time (PDT + 7 hours = UTC-GMT-Z time) |
| PFC | Private First Class (military rank) |
| PST | Pacific Standard Time (PST + 8 hours = UTC-GMT-Z time) |
| Pvt. | Private (military rank) |
| RAAF | Royal Air Force (U.K.) |
| RAF | Royal Australian Air Force |
| RAPCON | Radar Approach Control |
| RCAF | Royal Canadian Air Force |
| Recon | Reconnaissance |
| re-eval | re-evaluation |
| Ret. | Retired |
| Rpt | Report |
| Rt. | Route |
| RV | Radar-Visual (Hynek UFO Classification) |
| S | South (azimuth 180°) |
| SAC | USAF Strategic Air Command (now U.S. Strategic Command) |
| SE | South East (azimuth 135°) |
| sec | second (time unit of measurement) |
| SFC | Sergeant First Class (military rank) |
| Sgt. | Sergeant (military rank) |
| SIGINT | Signals Intelligence |
| s/n | serial number |
| Sq | Squadron |
| SSE | South South East (azimuth 157.5°) |
| S/Sgt | Staff Sergeant (military rank) |
| SSW | South South West (azimuth 202.5°) |
| Supv. | Supervisor |
| SW | South West (azimuth 225°) |
| TAS | True Air Speed (IAS corrected for altitude, temperature, pressure) |
| T/Sgt. | Technical Sergeant (military rank) |
| TWA | Trans World Airlines |
| UFO | Unidentified Flying Object |

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| UK | United Kingdom |
| USAF | U.S. Air Force |
| USMC | U.S. Marine Corps |
| USN | U.S. Navy |
| USSR | Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (now Russia) |
| W | West (azimuth 270°) |
| WNW | West North West (azimuth 292.5°) |
| WO | Warrant Officer (military rank) |
| WO-JG | Warrant Officer-Junior Grade (military rank) |
| WSW | West South West (azimuth 247.5°) |

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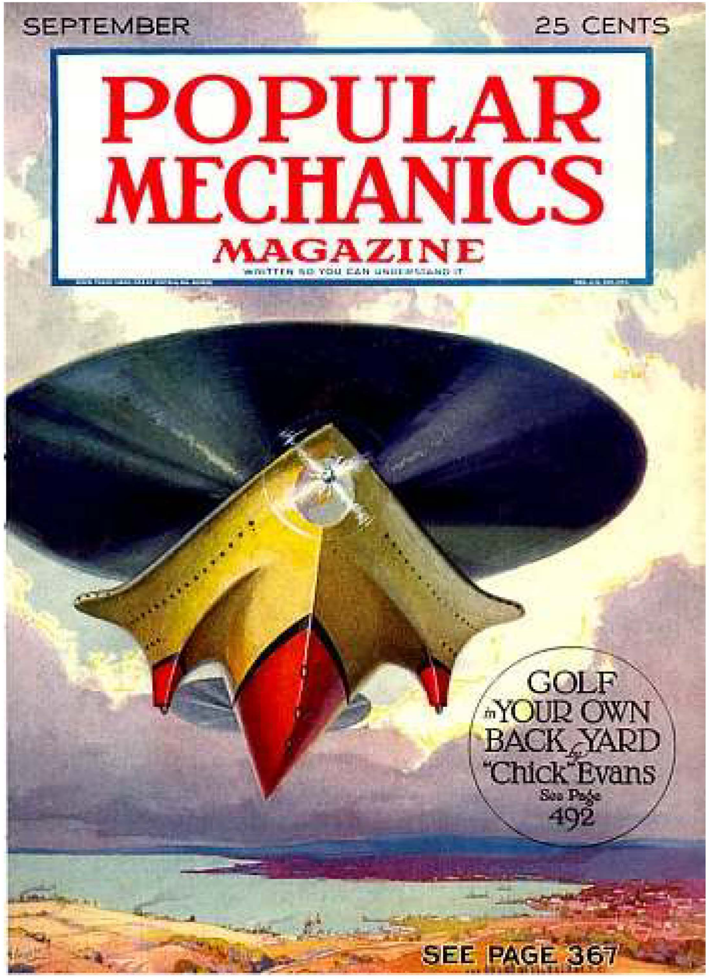
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**Popular Mechanics, September 1930, #3 depicts an 1897 craft**
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This 6-page report is derived primarily from the Magonia Database, sightings catalogued by Jacques Vallee and presented in his great work, Passport to Magonia. No doubt some of these came from Charles Fort. This report deals only with sightings prior to the 20th Century. Four entries, at the time of this writing that is, were taken from the UFO Evidence, 1964 (Hall). The illustration used above came from Jim Klotz' wonderful web site, ufopop.org/.

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In regard to the "airship sightings" (particularly the 1897 incidents), on June 23 of this year (2006) I received an email from Thomas Eddie Bullard, the leading expert on these events. His email is presented in its entirety in the link given. To summarize, there are two sentences that say it all: "I've come to the conclusion that there are no genuine UFOs among the 1897 airships, though the matter is more complicated that just hoaxes."......"The reliable airship stories are not spectacular and the spectacular airship stories are not reliable. This pattern repeats throughout the two thousand or more reports until there is nothing left that I would want to stand up and defend as a genuine UFO. There are some impressive UFOs pre-1947, but they are not to be found in the various sightings waves of UFO prehistory."

In December of 2006 Dr. Eddie Bullard provided a report by a medical doctor/amateur astronomer that looks like the first incident that can be classified as an actual UFO. See Brad Sparks' report, April 15, 1897; St. Louis, MO.

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Aug. 6, 1860; Norfolk, Virginia
Two objects, one red and one green, flew overhead together, moving with an undulating motion.
(NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall)

July 1868; Copiago, Chile
A strange "aerial construction" bearing lights and making engine noises flew low over this town. Local people also described it as a giant bird covered with large scales producing a metallic noise. Although not an actual landing, this is the first instance of close observation of an unknown object at low altitude in the nineteenth century. (Magonia #1, Fort 638; Anatomy 11)

Dec. 7, 1872; Banbury, Great Britain
1:00 a.m. At King's Sutton an object resembling a haystack flew on an irregular course. Sometimes high, sometimes very low it was accompanied by fire and dense smoke. It produced the same effect as a tornado, felling trees and walls. It suddenly vanished. (Magonia #2, Fort 189)

1877; England
Three meteor-like objects moving together with "remarkable slowness" flew across the sky, visible about three minutes, "moving with the same velocity and grade of regularity. . [as] a flock of wild geese." [Credit: Charles Fort, from Report of the British Association, 1877-152]

1880; Aldershot, Great Britain
A strange being dressed in tight-fitting clothes and shining helmet soared over the heads of two sentries, who fired without result. The apparition stunned them with something described as "blue fire." (Magonia #3, FSR 61, 3; Magonia)

May 15, 1879; Persian Gulf
9:40 p.m. Two very large "wheels" were seen spinning in the air and slowly coming to the surface of the sea. Estimated diameter: 40 m. Distance between the objects: 150 m. Speed: 80 km/h/ Duration: 35 min. Witnesses aboard the ship "Vultur" (Magonia #4, Round up 17; Anatomy 12)

1880; Eastern Venezuela
A 14-year-old boy saw a luminous ball descending from the sky and hovering near him. He felt somehow "drawn" to it, but succeeded in backing away in spite of his terror. (Magonia #5, Lor. III 2O6)

March 26, 1880; Lamy, New Mexico
Evening. Four men walking near Galisteo Junction were surprised as they heard voices coming from a "strange balloon," which flew over them. It was shaped like a fish and seemed to be guided by a large

fanlike device. There were eight to ten figures aboard. Their language was not understood. The object flew low over Galisteo Junction and rose rapidly toward the east. (Magonia #6, FSR 65, 3)

June 11, 1881; Between Melbourne and Sydney at sea, Australia
4:00 a.m. The two sons of the Prince of Wales, one of them the future king of England, were cruising aboard "LaBacchante" when an object resembling a fully lighted ship was seen ("a phantom vessel all aglow"). (Magonia #7, Fort 637; Anatomy 12)

July 3, 1884; Norwood, N.Y.
Saturn-shaped UFO (globe with central ring) flew slowly overhead. [Credit: Charles Fort, from Science Monthly, 2-136]

Nov. 2, 1885; Scutari, Turkey
Dawn. A luminous object circled the harbor. Altitude: 5-6 m. Illuminated the whole town. Duration: 1 1/2 min, as a bluish-green flame. Then plunged into the sea. Made several circles above the ferry-boat pier. (Magonia #8, LDLN 48; Anatomy 14)

Oct. 24, 1886; Maracaibo, Venezuela
During the night, which was rainy and tempestuous, a family of nine persons, sleeping in a hut a few leagues from Maracaibo, were awakened by a loud humming noise and a vivid, dazzling light, which brilliantly illuminated the interior of the house. The occupants completely terror stricken, and believing, as they relate, that the end of the world had come, threw themselves on their knees and commenced to pray, but their devotions were almost immediately interrupted by violent vomiting, and extensive swellings commenced to appear in the upper part of their bodies, this being particularly noticeable about the face and lips. It is to be noted that the brilliant lights was not accompanied by a sensation of heat, although there was a smoky appearance and a peculiar smell. The next morning, the swellings had subsided, leaving upon the face and body large black blotches. No trace of lightning could afterward by observed in any part of the building, and all the sufferers unite in saying that there was no detonation, but only the loud humming already mentioned. Another curious attendant circumstance is that the trees around the house showed no signs of injury until the ninth day, when they suddenly withered. (From Warner Cowgill, U. S. Consulate, Maracaibo, Venezuela in a letter posted in Scientific American).

Nov. 12, 1887  Cape Race, Atlantic Ocean
Midnight. A huge sphere of fire was observed rising out of the ocean by witnesses aboard the "Siberian." It rose to an altitude of 16 m, flew against the wind, and came close to the ship, then "dashed oft" toward the southeast. Duration:  5 min. (Magonia #9, LDLN 48; Anatomy 14)

**1896-1897--Mysterious "Airship" reported all across United States.**

1896; Arolla, near Zermatt,  Swiss Alps
Aleister Crowley was walking in the mountains when he suddenly saw two little men. He made a gesture to them, but they did not seem to pay attention and disappeared among the rocks. (Magonia #10, Magic Without Tears, by A. Crowley) (Note: Crowley was the notorious Satanist.)

March 26, 1897;  Sioux City, Iowa
Approximate date. Robert Hibnight bard was caught by an anchor dropped from an unknown flying machine 22 km north of the town. He was dragged over 10 m and fell as his clothes were torn. (Magonia #11, FSR 66, 4)

March 28, 1897; Omaha, Nebraska
10:30 p.m. The majority of the population observed an object arriving from the southeast. It  looked like a huge light, flew northwestward slowly, came to low altitude. A crowd gathered at a street corner to watch it. (Magonia #12, 185)

April 1, 1897; Everest, Kansas
9:00 p.m. The whole town saw an object fly under the cloud ceiling. It came down slowly, then flew away very fast to the southeast. When directly over the town it swept the ground with its powerful light. It was seen to rise up at fantastic speed until barely discernible, then to come down again and sweep low over the witnesses. At one point it remained stationary for 5 min at the edge of a low cloud, which it illuminated. All could clearly see the silhouette of the craft. (Magonia #13, FSR 66, 4)

April 12, 1897; Nilwood, Illinois
2:30 p.m. On the property of Z. Thacker, 19 km north of Carlinville, an unknown object landed. Before the three witnesses could reach it, the craft, which was shaped like a cigar with a dome, rose slowly and left majestically toward the north. Witnesses: Edward Teeples, William Street and Franklin Metcalf. (Magonia #14, 186; Anatomy 12)

Apr. 12, 1897 Girard, near Green Ridge, Illinois
6:00 p.m. A large crowd of miners saw an unknown object land 3 km north of Green Ridge and 4 km south of Girard. The night operator of the Chicago-and-Alton Railroad, Paul McCramer, stated that he came sufficiently close to the craft to see a man emerge from it to repair the machinery. Traces were found over a large area. The object itself was elongated like a ship with a roof and a double canopy. It left toward the north. (Magonia #15, 186,187)

April 14, 1897; Gas City, Indiana
3:00 p.m. An object landed 2 km south of Gas City on the property of John Roush, terrifying the farmers and causing the horses and cattle to stampede. Six occupants of the ship came out and seemed to make some repairs. Before the crowd could approach the object, it rose rapidly and flew toward the east. (Magonia #16, 188)

April 14, 1897; Cleveland, Ohio
Joseph Singler, captain of the "Sea Wing," was fishing with S. H. Davis, of Detroit, when they saw on the lake what they thought was a ship, about 13 m long, with a canopy. A man, about 25 years old, wearing a hunting jacket and a cap, was fishing from the deck of the object. Near him were a woman and a 10-year old child. When the "Sea Wing" came close to the craft, a large, colored balloon rose from the object, which flew up with it to an altitude of about 150 m and circled "like a hawk" before flying away. (Magonia #17, 189)

April 15, 1897; Linn Grove, Iowa
Morning. A large object was seen to fly slowly toward the north. It seemed ready to land and five men (F. G. Ellis, James Evans, David Evans, Joe Croaskey, Benjamin Buland) drove toward it. About 7 km north of Linn Grove, they found the craft on the ground, came within 700 m of it but it "spread its four giant wings and rose towards the North." Two strange figures aboard the craft made efforts to conceal themselves. Witnesses were surprised at the length of their hair. Most residents of Linn Grove saw the craft in flight. (Magonia #18, 190)

April 15, 1897; Howard-Artesian, South Dakota
Nightfall. A flying object coming closer and closer to the ground followed a train, as reported by the engineer, Joe Wright (Magonia #19, FSR 66,4)

April 15, 1897; St. Louis, MO
7:45 p.m. This is the first report from the entire period to be declared a possible UFO. Dr. Eddie Bullard provided this report to Brad Sparks in Dec. 2006. A Medical doctor/amateur astronomer observed a cigar shaped object with a telescope.

April 15, 1897; Perry Springs, Missouri
9:00 p.m. A passenger train on the Wabash line, going toward Quincy, was followed by a low-flying object for 15 min between Perry Springs and Hersman. All the passengers saw the craft, which had a red and white

light. After Hersman it flew ahead of the train and disappeared rapidly, although the train was then running at 65 km/h. (Magonia #20, 190)

April 15, 1897; Springfield, Illinois
Two farm workers, Adolph Winkle and John Hulle, saw a strange craft in a field. They had a discussion with its occupants, a woman and two men, and were told the ship-had flown from Quincy to Springfield in 30 min and that the crew was making electrical repairs. (Magonia #21, FSR 65,1)

April 16, 1897; Downs Township, Illinois
Approximate date. While working in his field, Haney Savidge saw an aerial craft land near him. Six people emerged from it and spoke to him for a few minutes before leaving again. (Magonia #22, 191)

April 16, 1897; Vincennes, IN
9:00 p.m. A mysterious airship passed over the city twice on the night of Friday, April 16. According to the Vincennes Morning Commercial, the airship first appeared about nine o'clock, traveling along the extreme eastern portion of the horizon: A sphere of golden light was first seen in the vicinity of the Union Depot, from down in the city. Those near the ship claimed they could clearly see the dark lines of its car, although no passengers were observed. (The Valley Advance, Vincennes, Indiana, March 18, 1980 Vol. 16, No. 28. Taken from Vincennes Morning Commercial April 16, 1897)

April 17, 1897; Williamston, Michigan
Morning. At least a dozen farmers saw an object maneuver in the sky for an hour before it landed. A strange man near 3 m tall, almost naked and suffering from the heat, was the pilot of the craft. "His talk, while musical, seemed to be a repetition of bellowings." One farmer went near him and received a blow that broke his hip. (Magonia #23; 196)

April 19, 1897; Leroy, Kansas
10:30 p.m. Alexander Hamilton was awakened by a noise among the cattle and went out with his son and his tenant. They saw an elongated cigar-shaped object, about 100 m long with a transparent cabin underneath showing narrow reddish bands, hovering 10 m above ground. They approached within 50 m of it. It was illuminated and equipped with a searchlight. Inside it were "six of the strangest beings" the witness had seen, also described as "hideous." They spoke a language no witness could understand. A cow was dragged away by the object with the help of a strong red cable; it was found butchered in a field the next day. (Magonia #24, Anatomy 16)

April 20, 1897; Homan, Arkansas
6:00 p.m. Capt. James Hooton was hunting in the vicinity of Homan when he heard the noise of a steam engine and found an object in a clearing. It looked like a cylinder with pointed ends, lateral wheels, and horizontal blade over it. Hooton spoke with a man who wore dark glasses and walked behind the craft. There were three or four occupants. The witness was told this was indeed "The Airship" and that it used compressed air for propulsion. Hooton saw the wheels spin as the craft rose and flew away. (Magonia #25, FSR 66, 4)

April 22, 1897; Rockland, Texas
John M. Barclay was intrigued when his dog barked furiously and a high-pitched noise was heard. He went out, saw a flying object circling 5 m above ground. Elongated with protrusions and blinding lights, it went dark when it landed. Barclay was met by a man who told him his purpose was peaceful and requested some common hardware items to repair the craft. He paid with a ten-dollar bill and took off "like a bullet out of a gun." (Magonia #26, 192)

April 22, 1897; Josserand, Texas
Midnight. Frank Nichols, who lived 3 km east of Josserand and was one of its most respected citizens, was awakened by a machine noise. Looking outside, he saw a heavy, lighted object land in his wheat field. He walked toward it, was stopped by two men who asked permission to draw water from his well. He then had

a discussion with a half-dozen men, the crew of the strange machine. He was told how it worked but could not follow the explanation. (Magonia #27, 193)

April 23, 1897; McKinney Bayou, Arkansas
Judge Lawrence A. Byrne of Texarkana, Arkansas, was surveying a tract of land when he saw a peculiar object anchored on the ground. "It was manned by three men who spoke a foreign language, but judging from their looks one would take them to be Japs." (Farish, in Allende Letters (Magonia #28, Award Special, 1968) )

April 25, 1897; Merkel, Texas
Evening. People returning from church observed a heavy object being dragged along the ground by a rope attached to a flying craft. The rope got caught in a railroad track. The craft was too high for its structure to be visible but protrusions and a light could be distinguished. After about 10 min a man came down along the rope cut the end free, and went back aboard the craft, which flew away toward the northeast. The man was small and dressed in a light-blue uniform. (Magonia #29, 194)

April 26, 1897; Aquila-Hillsboro, Texas
Approximate date. A lawyer was surprised to see a lighted object fly over. His horse was scared and nearly toppled the carriage. When the main light was turned off, a number of smaller lights became visible on the underside of the dark object, which supported an elongated canopy. It went down toward a hill to the south, 5 km from Aquila. When the witness was on his way back one hour later he saw the object rising. It reached the altitude of the cloud ceiling and flew to the northeast at a fantastic speed with periodic flashes of light. (Magonia #30, 195)

May. 6, 1897; Hot Springs, Arkansas
Two policemen, Sumpter and McLenore, were riding northwest of Hot Springs when they saw a bright light in the sky. About 7 km farther they saw the light again coming down to the ground. One km farther the horses refused to walk. Two men were seen carrying lights. The lawmen took their rifles, called the strangers, and were told that they crossed the country with a flying craft. The silhouette of the machine, about 20 m long, could be seen in the clearing. There was a woman with an umbrella nearby. It was raining, and the younger of the men was filling a large container with water. The elder man had a beard and suggested that the policemen fly with them "to a place where it does not rain." The same witness went back through the same spot 40 min later and found nothing. (Magonia #31, FSR 66, 4)

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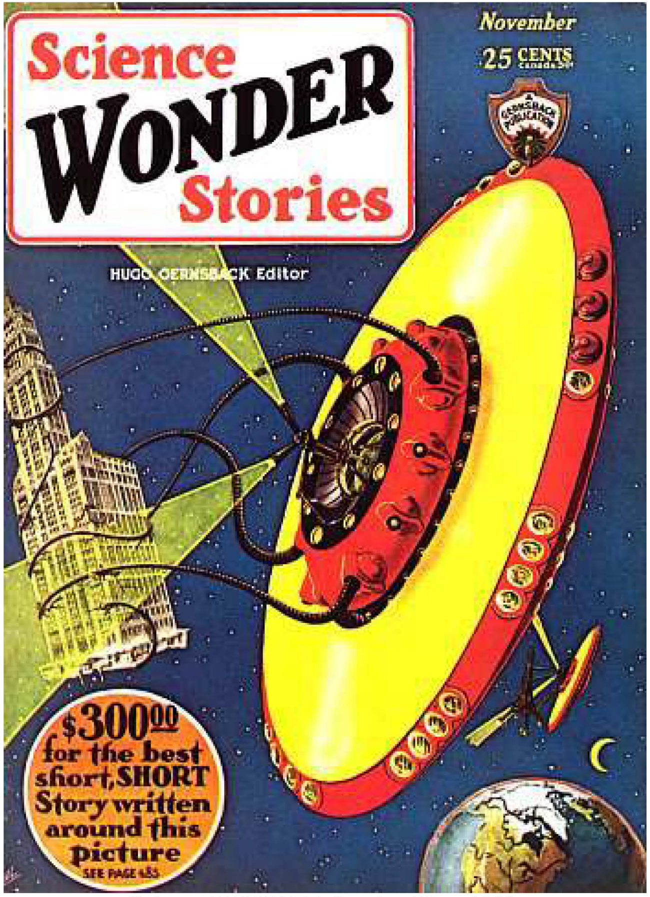

**Science WONDER Stories, Nov. 1929**
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**Early 20th Century Sightings up to, and including, the year 1938**

Oct. 28, 1902; Gulf of Guinea
3:05 a.m. Three persons aboard the "Fort Salisbury," including Second Officer A. H. Raymer, saw a huge, dark object bearing lights in the sea ahead. It was observed sinking slowly. Estimated length: 200 m. (Magonia #32, Fort 641; Anatomy 20)

March 17, 1903; Helmer, Indiana
During the early evening a family watched a brilliantly glowing cigar-shaped object hovering at treetop level. It had two rows of evenly spaced windows. When a witness approached to investigate, the object took off, accelerating rapidly and departing in zigzag flight. (Hall, 2000, p. 5)

1904; Rolling Prairie, Indiana
Tom Darby, with his brother and mother, saw two whitish-blue objects about 400 m away, from a point situated 3 km north of Rolling Prairie. The objects hovered 2 or 3 m above ground, flew toward a barn, came closer to each other, and were hidden from view by a hill. (Magonia #33, Hartle 164)

Feb. 28, 1904; North Pacific off San Francisco
Formation of three objects sighted by U.S.S. Supply in North Pacific off San Francisco. (NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, II)

Feb 4, 1908; Tacoma, Washington
Evening. Dark red, pale green, yellow and a brilliant white are the colors of a strange light that appeared in the western horizon Saturday and Sunday nights, seen by residents of Kent and Tacoma, who firmly believe it to be a passing airship belonging to the Japanese. A large object was seen sailing through the air at a high elevation, moving from north to south. It was first sighted by an engineer of a Northern Pacific train on the tide flats waiting for the Fifteenth Street bridge to close. He pointed out the object to the conductor and passengers alighted from the train. Some examined it with field glasses. So interested did the passengers and trainmen become that the train was delayed several minutes.Those who saw it told of a large cigar-shaped object, flying a foreign flag, which some maintained was French, while others declared it to be Japanese. During the same week, on clear nights, colored lights were seen displayed at high altitudes and on one occasion a rocket was discharged high in the air, it is asserted.Since that time, the light has appeared at various points along the coast, usually between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock as at Kent, Sunday night. In many of the smaller towns along the Grey's Harbor, Tacoma Eastern and Northern Pacific, near Tacoma, residents have watched the light. It is the firm belief of many that the light is attached to a airship employed by Japanese spies, who are studying the topography of the coast. (Credit: DAILY NEWS. Charles Flood, Rob Swiatek)

1908; Coast of Delaware
The English ship "Mohican," piloted by Capt. Urghart, was going to Philadelphia when it was surrounded by a thick, luminous cloud which "magnetized" everything on board. The compass was observed to swing wildly. When seamen tried to move some chains on the bridge, they found that they were glued to the metal floor. Suddenly the cloud rose and was seen above the sea for some time. (Magonia #34, 197)

June 30, 1908; Podkamennaia Tunguska, USSR
Unexplained explosion in the taiga, equivalent to a thermonuclear blast, sometimes interpreted as the crash of an interstellar vehicle. (Magonia #35, Anatomy 18; Challenge 99) (Brad Sparks: was equivalent to an approximately 7 megaton hydrogen bomb blast [larger estimates in the 20-35 MT range are due to incorrect scaling of blast and thermal effects] which occurred above ground, about 3 miles height, resulting in the Hiroshima-like effect of trees left standing near the ground zero with all branches stripped off while trees at an angle because farther from ground zero were flattened outwards. Nobelist Willard Libby found that 1909 tree rings worldwide showed an increase in radiocarbon, suggesting to him that the Tunguska blast released neutrons into the atmosphere like a megaton-range H-bomb, converting nitrogen into radiocarbon. Russian and other scientists have conducted 80+ years of investigations of Tunguska. As early as 1946 Alexander Kazantsev suggested Tunguska was the explosion of a spaceship and compared it to Hiroshima. Mainstream scientists generally hold that it was a comet or asteroid (in actuality a comet could not have survived to such low altitude, but a stony asteroid might have, but the radioactivity remains unexplained).

May 13, 1909; King's Lynn, England
9:45 PM. A cigar-shaped object illuminated the terrain brightly in King's Lynn. A witness's attention was drawn to the object by a "whirring noise" and seeing the ground lit up like day. Looking up, he saw the airship-like object speed

overhead, two men visible in an undercarriage, and disappear in the distance within a few minutes. (Hall, 2000, p. 7)

May 19, 1909; Wroxsam, Norfolk, England
23:30. A lone motorcyclist observed a globular light traveling in a straight trajectory overhead. During its passage, the motocycle headlamp failed to operate. He stopped his machine when this occurred, but the headlamp began to operate again after the UFO's passage. (Rodeghier; East Anglican Daily Times, May 21, 1909)

May. 18, 1909; Caerphilly, Wales
11:00 p.m. Mr. Lethbridge was walking along a road near the mountains when he saw on the grass a large tube-like machine. Aboard were two men wearing furs and talking excitedly in a language the witness could not understand. The grass was found depressed at the site after the object had flown off. (Magonia #36, 198; Anatomy 21)

June 16, 1909; Donghoi, Annam
4:10 a.m. An elongated object following a west to east trajectory flew over the town. It gave off a strong light and was seen by two fishermen to plunge into the sea 6 km away from the coast, after a steady flight of about 9 min. (Magonia #37, Anatomy 21)

Dec. 22, 1909; Worcester, Mass
"Mysterious Airship" emitting a bright beam of light appeared moving SE to NW, hovered over city, moved away. Seen again two hours later; hovered, moved away to south and turned east. Observed over Boston and Lynn, Mass, next night. [N.Y. Tribune, 12-23-09; N.Y. Sun, 12-24-09]

Jan. 1910; Invercargill, New Zealand
11:00 p.m. Several witnesses among them the vicar, the Mayor, and a policeman saw a cigar-shaped object hovering at 30 m altitude. A man appeared at a lateral door and was heard shouting some words in an unknown language. The opening closed, and the object accelerated and was lost to sight. (Magonia #38, Stuart 24)

Summer of 1910; Vernal, UT
A classic disc with body lights and animal reaction case occurred. A man on horseback at night dismounted when his horse became disturbed, and walked to the edge of a clearing in the woods. There he saw a low-hovering disc with a row of lights. As he approached, the object emitted a buzzing sound, rose slowly into the sky, then streaked away. (Hall, 2000, p. 9)

March 11, 1911;

June, 1914; Hamburg, Germany
4:00 a.m. Gustav Herwagen opened the door of his house and saw in a field a shining cigar- shaped object with illuminated windows. Near it were four or five dwarfs 1.20 m tall, clad in light clothing. He approached them, but they went aboard the object as soon as they appeared to be aware of his presence. A door closed, and the craft took off silently, climbing vertically. (Magonia #39, Nachrichten April, 62)

Aug., 1914; Georgian Bay, Canada
William J. Kiehl and seven other persons saw a spherical craft on the surface of the water. On its deck were two small men wearing green-purple clothes. They seemed to be busy with a hose, plunging it into the water. On the opposite side were three men dressed in light brown, wearing square masks down to their shoulders. Seeing the witnesses, they reentered the craft except for one dwarf, wearing shoes with a curved, pointed tip, who remained outside while the craft rose 3 m above the water and shot upward, leaving a short trail. (Magonia #40, 199) (This was shown to be as a hoax a long time ago.)

Aug. 21, 1915: Gallipoli, Turkey
During severe fighting in the Dardanelles a peculiar cloud engulfed a British regiment which was never seen again. This was observed by 22 men of the First Field Company, NZ Army Corps and stated in an affidavit. (Magonia #41, Spaceview 45; LDLN 82) (Brad Sparks: I know this story was shown to be a composite fiction story embellished over the years from a basic yarn).

Jan. 31, 1916; Rochford, England
Night. A British flight officer flying at 5,000 feet encountered a dark object with a row of illuminated windows. When he tried to close in for a better look his engine began malfunctioning, perhaps the first EM effect case on a human vehicle. When he fired his Webley Scott pistol, the object quickly rose and rapidly disappeared. (Hall, 2000, p. 10)

May 1916; 8. miles south of Rensselaer, Indiana
Daytime. One witness on a farm reported a dull gray elongated oval object, 40 feet long x 8-12' thick, hovered near ground one mile away. After 10-12 seconds, shot away rapidly to the northeast. Instantaneous acceleration to speed of 5000 mph.

July 19, 1916; Huntington, West Virginia
Unidentified luminous object shaped like a dirigible observed over Huntington, W. Va. [Credit: Charles Fort, from Scientific American, 115-241]

Oct., 1917; Youngstown, Pennsylvania
John Boback, 17, was walking along the railroad tracks between Youngstown and Mt. Braddock when he saw a saucer-shaped object with a platform and rows of lights, sitting in a field 30 m to his left. He watched the object for 1-2 min until it took off with a high-pitched sound, rising gradually like a slow plane. Its size was that of an average car. The top of the object was a dome with elongated windows through which figures could be seen. (Magonia #42, Hartle 157)

Early 1918; Near Waco, Texas
Reddish cigar-shaped object, with no motor or rigging, passed silently from SW to NE. (NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall)

1921, Marseilles, France
Undocumented report of an "abduction" by two beings. (Magonia #43, Quincy)

Feb. 22, 1922; Hubbell, Nebraska
5:00 a.m. William C. Lamb was following strange tracks when he heard a high-pitched sound and saw a circular object intercepting starlight. It became brilliantly lighted and landed in a hollow. Soon afterward, a creature over 2.4 m tall was seen flying from the direction where the object had landed. It left tracks in the snow, which Lamb followed without results. (Magonia #44, Anatomy 22)

Sept. 9, 1922; Barmouth, Wales
John Morris and William James saw an object fall into the ocean so slowly that it was thought to be a plane. A boat was sent out, but nothing was found. (Magonia #45, Fort 639)

1923; Greencastle, Indiana
Revolving red object passed over-head from NE to SW. Two witnesses were college professors. (NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall)

January, 1924; Oklahoma
White oval-shaped object lit up ground, moved out of sight over horizon. (NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall)

Jan. 1926; Wichita, bt. Kansas and Colorado
1:00 p.m. Six "flying manhole covers" circled plane of stunt pilot. Size, according to Frank Edwards, was 3-4' diameter, approached to withing 10'. Bert Acosta, a noted stunt flier, had a sighting of several circular objects that surrounded his plane, then sped away. This occurred while he was en route from Wichita, Kansas, to Colorado Springs, Colorado. (Hall, 2000, p. 13)

September 1926; Nr. Salt Lake City, UT
11:00 PM. An air mail pilot was repeatedly buzzed by a long, cylindrical object. Each time the object came within about 50 yards, the aircraft engine would begin to sputter and misfire, until the pilot was forced to make an emergency landing in a pasture. At this point the UFO "took off like a shot out of a gun" and sped away. (Hall, 2000, p. 13)

Aug. 5, 1927; Himalayan Mountains
9:30 AM. Explorer Nicholas Roerich and others in his caravan observed a shiny oval-shaped object move overhead, changing course. (Sparks: There is a date discrepancy. It is actually 1927 instead of 1926 , according to Leon Davidson who checked Roerich's published travel diary, the 1929 book Altai-Himalaya. See quote on the Internet) "On august fifth - something remarkable! We were in our camp in the Kukunor district, not far from the Humboldt chain. In the morning about half-past nine some of our caravaneers noticed a remarkably big black eagle flying above us. Seven of us began to watch this unusual bird. At the same moment another of our caravaneers remarked: 'there is something far above the bird,' and he shouted his astonishment. We all saw, in the direction north to south, something big and shiny reflecting sun, like a huge oval moving at great speed. Crossing our camp this thing changed in its direction from south to southwest, and we

saw how it disappeared in the intense blue sky. We even had time to take our field glasses and saw quite distinctly the oval form with the shiny surface, one side of which was brilliant from the sun." [wrong date of 1926 in NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, I]

Nov., 1928; Milton, N.D.
A UFO, round "like an inverted soup plate," sped overhead emitting rays of light which illuminated the ground and startled cattle. (NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall)

April, 1929; Ward, Colorado
Daytime. Photo was taken by the submitter's father at a sawmill. His father was there to photograph the sawmill for some reason or another, and, allegedly, as he was taking the photo, he described a "terrible thunderous bellow," and a large round thing as big as a very large boulder that moved through the air above them.

Jun. 12, 1929; Fermeneuve, Canada
11:00 p.m. Levis Brosseau, 20 was returning home when he saw a dark object with a yellow light and his horse became very nervous. Within 6 m of the object four or five dwarfish figures were running back and forth. He heard their pointed, childlike voices, then saw the dark object take off with a machinelike sound and a rush of air. Estimated size of object: 15 m diameter, 5 m high. (Magonia #46, GEPA Dec., 68)

Jul., 1929; Robsart, Canada
Five persons among them Einar Rostivold, saw a huge ball of light giving off fiery colors, 25 km from Robsart. It landed slowly, vanished gradually after illuminating the whole countryside for 30 min. (Magonia #47, Fate Jan., 58)

Jan. 1, 1931; Cobden, Ont., Canada
UFO sighted in early morning, had bright light on front which lit up tree-tops, flashing lights on rear. Object made sweeping curve, sped up and climbed out of sight. (NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall)

Oct. 11, 1931; West VA, United States
Flaming, one-hundred foot blimp (Page 6 Ref. 1)

April or May 1932; Durham, N.Y.
Aluminum-like disc with periphery of yellowish lights or "portholes" on underside. (NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall)

May 1932; St. Paris, Ohio
Midday. Picture by George Sutton was taken near midday on a summer noon. One can see that it was in 1932 from the license plate on the automobile in the photo that accompanied this shot. (NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall)

Dec. 29, 1932; NJ, United States
Airplane. (Page 6 Ref. 1)

1932 or 1933; Oakland, California
About seven brilliant objects in a group flew from 30 degrees elevation in the east to 45 degrees elevation in the west,in an arc. Witness now college graduate, former USAF pilot. (NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall)

1932 or 1933: Hawthorne, CT
On the CT shore of Long Island Sound near the Byram River, facing S.E... "[While watching aircraft over the Sound] they noticed a plane flying much [more swiftly] than any they had seen before [progressing] up the Sound... Then, just to their right, it began a sharp turn to the left, into the rays of the setting sun, passing directly above them at great speed... The object was cigar-shaped, emitting a pink glow at its front and a light swirl of grey smoke along its sides. It was huge compared to any other plane, and it had no rudder, [wings,] or elevator. It disappeared into the Northwest, probably on a line between Rye and Port Chester." (Dan Wilson; Temporal Doorway)

Summer, 1933; Chrysville, Pennsylvania
Morning. A man observed a faint violet light in a field between this town and Morrestown. Walking to it, he found an ovoid object 3 m in diameter and 2 m thick with a circular opening similar to a vault door. Pushing it, he found the room full of violet light and observed many instruments, no occupant. Smell of ammonia. (Magonia #48, APRO Jul., 64)

July 5, 1933; Sussex, England
Gigantic light (Page 6-7 Ref. 1)

Bt. Aug.-Dec. 1933; East Coast United States
East Coast and Britain, mysterious aircraft (Page 7 Ref. 1)

Dec. 24, 1933; Kalix, Sweden
Beam of light coming from machine (Page 7 Ref. 1)

Dec. 30, 1933; Sweden
Low-flying aeroplane (Page 7 Ref. 1)

Feb. 3, 1934; Sweden, Northern Finland, Norway
Ghost aviators (as reported by the New York Times) (Page 8 Ref. 1)

Apr. 1, 1934; Oslo, Norway
A very large aeroplane with eight propellers (Page 8 Ref. 1)

Nov. 24, 1935; Palestine, TX
Bright shaft of light (Page 10 Ref. 1)

Dec. 1935; Brazil, South America
Snake-like shafts of light hanging motionless in sky (Page 10 Ref. 1)

Jan. 1, 1937; N.C., United States
30-40 foot in diameter object, no propellers, gun metal color (Page 10-11 Ref. 1)

Feb. 11, 1937; Kvalsik, Norway
Large aeroplane with red and green glowing lights (Page 11, Ref. 1)

July 20, 1937; London, England
Light (Nicknamed Ghost Flier) (Page 11 Ref. 1)

July 22, 1937; 500 miles off US coast
Lights of alleged aircraft (Page 11 Ref. 1)

Late 1937; German-Polish border
Objects described as coffins and swords (Page 11 Ref. 1)

Feb. 8, 1938; England
Things like glowing spheres that were floating in the British sky (Page 11-12 Ref. 1)

July 25, 1938; Guadalaraja, Spain
Soldiers at the Spanish Civil War battlefront were illuminated by a bright glow, then saw an oval object about 10-12 meters in diameter shaped like "two inverted plates" hovering near the ground. A cylindrical column came down from the center and two beings emerged. (Ref. 3; Phenomenes Spatiaux, No. 28, June 1971; Flying Saucer Review Special Issue No. 4, August 1971.)

Summer 1938; MA, United States
Silvery object with rectangular portholes (Page 12 Ref. 1)

Fall, 1938 (or following year); Juminda, Estonian coast
Two persons saw a strange "frog-man" 1 m tall with a round head, no neck, and a hump in front of the body. The mouth was a large, straight slit, the eyes were like smaller slits. The skin was brown-green, compared to pegamoid, hands normal. The creature walked in a peculiar "but elegant" fashion, the head waving up and down while the legs moved "carefully." When pursued, the creature accelerated very fast, with feet "fluttering." About 100 m away it vanished completely'. (Magonia #49, Personal)

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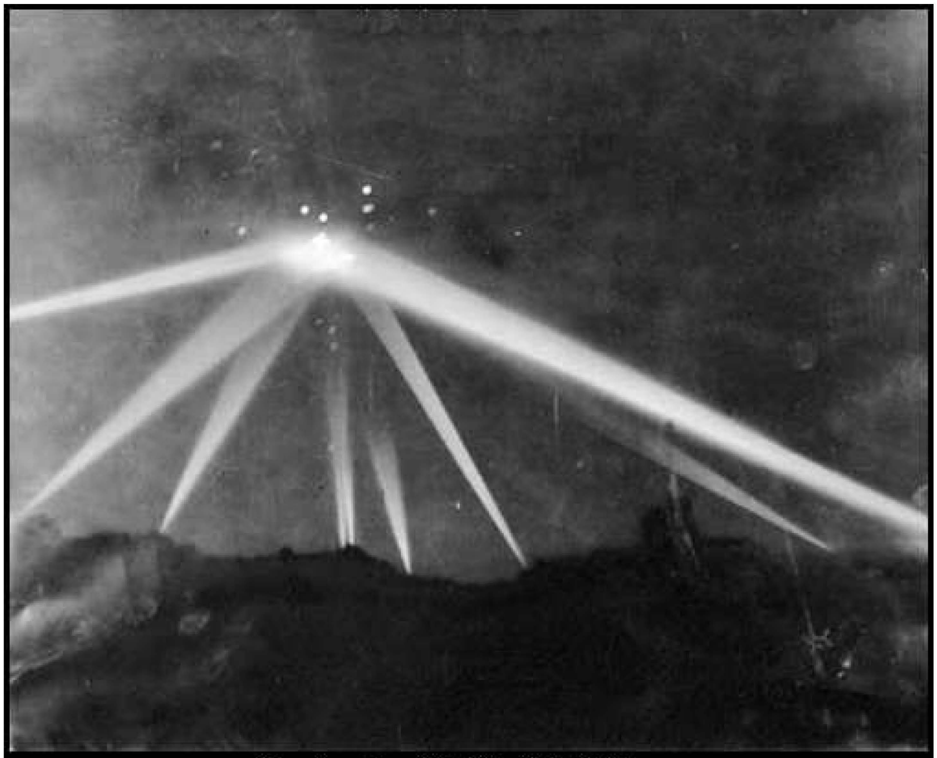
## 1939-1945; The WWII Years & "Foo-Fighters"



Los Angeles, CA, Feb, 25, 1942

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"Strange Company, presents one of the greatest wartime mysteries, one that has been shrouded in ignorance for more than sixty years. And it suggests that while an immense twentieth century war was raging on Earth, there appeared to be someone, or something, from somewhere else, watching us." - Keith Chester (Ref. 1)

This 11-page report is a comprehensive listing of UFO incidents that occurred during World War II. These entries were derived from three major sources: 1) Strange Company (2007), Keith Chester; 2) the Magonia Database, sightings catalogued by Jacques Vallee and presented in his great work, Passport to Magonia, and, 3) The UFO Evidence, 1964, Richard Hall. American states are abbreviated with two letters, the same practice used in all other chronologies. The words "United States" are used where the reader might, in some cases, get confused amid the many foreign sightings. All of these entries will be listed on the NICAP Database.

For helping me produce this very comprehensive listing, we must give our thanks, in particular, to Keith Chester, who made most of the 1939-1946 incidents available from his blockbuster new book, "Strange Company". Soon to be entered is the complete collection of reports from the P-47 website files, generously provided by Jan Aldrich. Also, to be added will be reports from Richard Hall's, "From Airships to Arnold: A Preliminary catalogue of UFO Reports in the Early 20th Century (1900-1946)". Last, but not least, and thanks to Jean Waskiewicz for getting these incidence into the ever-growing NICAP Database.

The paper, The Ghost Rockets, Guided Missiles and UFOs: A Tangle of Fear - 1937-53, by Joel Carpenter is an excellent source of information.

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# 1939

July, 1939; Pennsylvania, United States
Resembled a modern day jet airliner without wings; weird glow (Page 14 Ref. 1)

Oct. 1939; Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Egg-shaped object with spots like portholes observed through an astronomical reflector telescope. (Ref. 3; Report in NICAP files.)

Nov. 13, 1939; Brockworth, England
Motorist heard high-pitched humming sound, saw a gray bell-shaped object hovering over a field, dark window-like patches visible on its side. Wave of green light emanated from underside. After about 2 minutes the green light retracted as if solid, the object tilted at a steep angle and silently flew away. (Ref. 3; Jenny Randles & Peter Warrington, Science & The UFOs, 1985, p. 3.)

# 1940

Spring 1940; Hinsdale, IL
William T. Powers (later associated with the Center for UFO Studies) saw five disc-shaped objects traveling at about 100-200 m.p.h. They disappeared into a cloud and did not re-emerge. (Ref. 3; Jerry Clark Encyclopedia, 1992, Vol. II, p. 380.)

May 30, 1940; Toledo, OH
At sunrise a dark ellipse was seen moving northeast, then making a 90-degree turn. Color visible on the dark object changed from red to orange to yellow. (Ref. 3; Report in NICAP files.)

June 1940; Hoy Island, The Orkneys, Scotland
On a bright sunny day an anti-aircraft unit member focused a height and range-finder on a flattened sphere moving rapidly on a horizontal course and tracked it for 10 seconds. It's height was computed to be 38,000 feet. (Ref. 3; Randles & Warrington, 1985, p. 9.)

# 1941

April (5?), 1941; Charleston, MO
Charlotte Mann, a Texas woman whose grandfather was a pastor of the Red Star Baptist Church, told Leonard Stringfield, that her grandfather was called out to give last rights to some crash victims, who were described as from a crashed object. There were three bodies all described as "not human". (Stringfield, July 1991 Status Report)

April 5, 1941; Charleston, MO
"Submarine" bobs up in Mississippi and takes aboard a negro farmer before disappearing. (News clipping)

Sept. 1941;  Bt. African mainland of Mozambi
Que and Island of Madagascar strange globe glowing with greenish light about half the size of full moon. (Page 17 Ref. 1)

Early Dec. 1941; Georgia, United States
Light moving in counterclockwise circles (Page 17-18 Ref. 1)

Dec. 22, 1941; NY, United States
Round sharply outlined object with bright aluminum or chrome finish (Patrick, delete single quotes) (Page 18 Ref. 1)

# 1942

1942; Tientsien Province, Northern China

Photos of UFO observed down city street. Appears to have been faked since people are pointing at object and their distance and alignment are flawed.

Feb. 25, 1942; Los Angeles, CA
Known as the "Battle of Los Angeles". This incident involved thousands of witnesses and comes with photographic evidence. What is really unusual about the case is the fact that it occurred five years before the first UFO wave of 1947. (Page 19-22 Ref. 1)

Feb. 25, 1942; Los Angeles, CA
2:30 AM. Radar/visual. Formation of 6-9 luminous white dots in triangular formation in NW, moving very slowly. Steady radar blip coming in from sea, over aircraft factories. Five people killed by AA fire. "Battle of Los Angeles) Multiple UFOs, anti-aircraft fire. (Source: UFOCAT)

Feb. 25, 1942; Los Angeles, CA
3:00 AM+. Radar/visuals. (Source: UFOCAT)

Feb. 25, 1942; Los Angeles, CA
Even. Radar/visual. White disc hovered high in sky. Steady radar blip coming in from sea, over aircraft factories. (Source: UFOCAT)

Feb. 27, 1942, Timor Sea
Large disc; departed location at 3,500 miles per hour (Page 23 Ref. 1)

March 14, 1942; Banak, Europe, Norway
5:35 PM. Radar/visuals, Ground radar and German pilot. 100 meter long cigar, 15 meter diameter, hovered, shot straight up at impossible speed. (Source: UFOCAT)

March 25, 1942; Zuider Zee, Holland
An RAF bomber returning from a raid on Essen, Germany, was followed by a luminous orange disc or sphere. As it came closer the tail gunner opened fire on it, to no apparent effect. Finally it sped away at an estimated 1,000 m.p.h. (Ref. 3; Flying Saucer Review, March-April 1962.)

April, 1942; Covington, Kentucky
Night. Witnesses: R.M. Danner (train engineer), Bill Iversole (fireman), Chas. Furnash (conductor). "I was the engineer on the second shift that shoved trans [sic] over the Northbound Hump. While we were waiting for the signal to start shoving the train from Spring Lake (south end of the yard), my attention was called by the fireman to a powerful search light that was originating from above. The light pointed down alongside a hillside to the West about 300 feet higher than us. We were down in the Licking River Valley. The hill ran all the way to the Ohio River, south of Covington, Ky. Where the light was originating, we could not make out the [?] shape of any object. Strange thing about it was that it was stationary at times (the UFO?), except the beam of light. Then it would begin to move north with the light. There was no sound. (Source: letter to NICAP dated Dec. 30, 1965)

Spring 1942; Illinois, United States
Light gray, sharply defined rectangle; gray in color (Page 23 Ref. 1)

June 25, 1942; Holland
Shining copper object, like setting sun, the size of a full moon (Page 23-25 Ref. 1)

Summer 1942: Guam, Western Pacific
A US Navy radar officer who requested anonymity recalled several incidents of unexplained radar returns on his vessel's air search radar in the area between Guam and Saipan during the summer of 1945. Typically they appeared as "large groups" of echoes detected at about 100 miles range on courses inbound towards the ship. Plotted speeds were over 1000 mph. The targets "passed overhead at approximately two thousand feet and showed up on the radar screen as definitely solid objects." Visual lookouts on alert deckside saw nothing, and the radar officer himself on one occasion went on deck to search the sky, but he too saw nothing. He was adamant that the targets were not due to "ionized clouds, inversions, sea gulls, mechanical defects, or any of the other common explanations." The equipment was carefully checked and found to be functioning properly. (Martin Shough)

Summer 1942; Tasman Peninsula, Bass Strait between Island of Tasmania and Australia

A singular airfoil of glistening bronze color; domed upper surface; possible crew member, Cheshire cat emblem on dome. (Page 29 Ref 1)

June (late), 1942; Cussey-sur-l'Ognon, Doubs, France
Several witnesses heard a motor-like sound and saw a blue-gray oval object with a dome on top hovering just above the ground in a wooded area. It had portholes and a tripod landing gear, with light emanating from the portholes. As witnesses approached to within 20 meters, the object took off vertically and disappeared. A 1.5-meter diameter circle was found in the grass. (Ref. 3; 'La chronique des OVNI', Jean-Pierre Delarge, Paris 1977, p. 261.)

Aug. 5, 1942; Solomon Islands
Saucer shaped cigar with round dome on top; approximately ninety feet in diameter (Page 27 Ref. 1)

Aug. 11/12, 1942; Nr. Aachen, Germany
A phenomenon described as a bright white light (Page 29-30 Ref. 1)

Aug. 12, 1942; Solomon Islands, Tulagi
Daytime. During lull in fighting air raid siren was sounding. Formation of silvery objects directly overhead with slight wobbling, numbering close to 150; mighty roaring sound. Reported by Sgt Stepen J Brickner. USMC, 1st Marine Division (Page 28 Ref. 1)

Aug. 13, 1942; Washington, DC
11:00 PM. Radar/visual. 68 UFOs over capitol, photos, big CAA investigtion. (Source: UFOCAT)

Aug. 17/18, 1942; Osnabruk, Germany
A rocket with a long white tail of light (Page 30 Ref.1)

Mid Aug.1942; Tula Region, near Moscow, Russia
Huge cigar-shaped object something like a Zeppelin, but much bulkier and rounder at the front; aluminum hued color. (Page 30-31, Ref 1)

Aug. 29, 1942; Columbus, MS.
Control tower operator at Army Air Base saw two round reddish objects hover over field. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, III]

Fall 1942; Long Branch, NJ
A research engineer saw a dark elliptical object sharply outlined against the star field in the night sky. A flickering light was visible at the trailing end as it sped from horizon to horizon in 10-15 seconds. "I saw a nose view, side view, and tail view", the witness said. (Ref. 3; Report in NICAP files.)

October 1942; Radway Green, Cheshire, England
In the evening two witnesses saw an elongated object with a dome on top and lights at either end descend toward the ground. At the apparent landing site a circular burned area and footprints were found. (Ref. 3; Michel Bougard, 'La chronique des OVNI', Jean-Pierre Delarge, Paris, 1977, p. 263.)

Oct. 9-10, 1942; Guadalcanal
10:00 AM. R/V. During the Guadalcanal invasion U.S. Navy fleet radar detected an incoming unidentified object which also was observed through binoculars. When it approached within 3,000 yards gunners opened fire on it, whereupon the object made a sharp turn, accelerated and circled the entire fleet twice at very high speed at about 3,000 to 4,000 feet altitude. It was visually observed to be a silvery disc with dome on top, and portholes around the dome. (UFOCAT; Ref. 3; MUFON UFO Journal, No. 185, July 1983; tape-recorded witness interview.) (Update: Kevin Randle has the deck logs from the dates in question and there is no mention of the incident. This was originally published in the MUFON. UFO Journal, but has been unable to verify the information).

Nov. 28/29, 1942; Turin, Italy
Object two to three hundred feet in length 500 mph & four red lights spaced at equal distances along its body. (Page 34-35 Ref. 1)

Nov. 1942; Bay of Biscay, England
Thing massive in size; no wings; electronic interference. (Page 35-36 Ref. 1)

Dec. 1942; French coast, over mouth of Somme River
Two amber and orange lights, flying in unison; not aircraft. (Page 36 Ref.1)

# 1943

1943 (exact date unknown); California, United States
Object, international orange in color, elliptical shape; wobbled in unstable manner; no wings, jet exhaust, smoke, or vapor trails. (Page 51 Ref.1)

1943; Persian Gulf
Seaman Matthew Mangle, from the bow of his ship, sighted a huge disc beneath the surface of the water. The object glowed with a soft greenish light, paced the ship at about 12 knots before speeding up and moving out of sight. (Report 1011)

1943 Early; Bearing Sea, N. of Alaskan Peninsula
2300 hours. While patrolling the Bearing Sea, N. of Alaskan Peninsula and bearing north at about 20 knots, a gunner on starboard 20 mm gun was on watch on the USS Williamson. It was a very dark night and he reported a row of at least eight red lights in a row, traveling parallel and slightly ahead of his ship. The row was canted at about a 15 degree angle to the surface of the sea. The lights paced the ship for about an hour until the watch was relieved. Witness wasn't able to find out what happened after his incident.

Approx. 1943; Washington, D.C.
Sighting of UFO formation by Metropolitan policeman. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, VII]

1943; Russell Islands
Lloyd Kenyon, shipfitter, aboard ship with several others who observed a number of high speed objects. (Portand, Oregon Journal, 6/27/1947)

Jan. 5, 1943; Kiel, Germany
Black plate-sized discs. (Page 55 Ref.1)

March 13, 1943; Naples, Italy
Roman candlelight's; bright very large red light that looked like a huge irregular mass of neon. (Page 39, Ref. 1)

April 5, 1943; Long Beach, CA
Flight instructor and student pilot saw a glowing orange disc dive at their aircraft and hover alongside, then accelerate and climb away out of sight. (Ref. 3; Witness report to Jan Aldrich, Project 1947.)

May 1943; Norwich, England
Sighting of dome-shaped object and humanoid beings. (Ref. 3; Anders Liljegren, AFU Bibliography.)

May 12/13, 1943; Duisburg, Germany
Object like meteor; reddish orange in color; emitted a burst giving off a green starch (Ref. 1 Page 39)

May 23/24, 1943; Dortmund, Germany
Large number of so-called rockets (Page 39-40 Ref.1)

May 27/28, 1943; Essen, Germany
Cylindrical object, silvery-gold in color, with several portholes evenly spaced along its side; motionless until speeding away at several thousand miles per hour. (Page 40-41 Ref.1)

May 1943; English Channel
Large, stationary orange balloon on or near the sea. (Page 41 Ref.1)

Summer of 1943; North Atlantic
PB2Y5 paced by red-orange object. Pilot made several turns but object matched maneuvers, finally object took off ahead and disappeared in 30 sec. (Richard Hall, UFOE I, page 23; Interview with witness by Richard Haines)

Sept. 1943; Oncativo, Argentina
4:00 a.m. Navarro Ocampo, driving between Rosario and Cordoba, saw a large, saucer-shaped object on the ground 500 m to the left of the road. It glowed with a bluish-green light, made a whistling sound, rose to 100 m altitude, then left at fantastic speed. A strange metal block is said to have been found at the spot. (Magonia #50, GEPA Dec., 68)

Sept. 6, 1943; Stuttgart, Germany
Objects resembling silver discs. (Page 43  Ref.1)

Oct. 14, 1943; Schweinfurt, Germany
During a bombing run a B-17 crews of the 384th Group noticed, as fighter attacks suddenly fell off, they encountered a cluster of small discs, described as 3" wide by 1" thick. (Martin Caiden/Andy Roberts)   Document found

Nov. 1943; Escondido, CA
On a dark moonless night a family heard a soft humming sound and saw a disc with dome and square windows hovering about 15 feet above the roof of their house. Human-like silhouettes were visible through the windows. When the woman shone a flashlight, the object blinked out and disappeared. (Ref. 3; Greenwood, UFO Historical Revue, June 1998.)

Nov. 1, 1943; Enroute Milne Bay, New Guinea from San Francisco (base San Cristobal Island)
6:25-6:30 (1825-1830). Lt. A. Swalling, USNR, OOD, USS Gilliam APA 57. Radar indication bearing 185 deg. T. Distance 8000 yards. Commenced zigzagging, excercised general. Rada indication faded. (USS Gilliam Ship's Log).

Dec. 1943; Oslo, Norway *
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Sometime between 2200 and 2300 hrs local time, two Norwegian families, travelling in three cars, some 30 kms outside of Oslo, Norway, sighted a 'strange thing' in the sky. Initially seen as a light, it was then seen as an object on the ground, shaped like a 'big church bell, but flatter.' The engines of all three cars stalled at the point where the witnesses saw the object on the ground. The object then departed straight upwards, turned and left horizontally. Duration 20 minutes. An 18 metres diameter circle of melted snow was reportedly left at the site where the object had been.
(1. Audio interview *, dated July 1967, between James E McDonald and one of the witnesses, a Mrs I Palmer of Melbourne. 2. Australian Flying Saucer Review (Victorian edition.) No. 7. 1967. p.17."

Dec. 11, 1943; Edmen, Germany
Unidentified object; size of thunderbolt aircraft; streak-like vapor trail. (Page 51 Ref.1)

Dec. 14, 1943; Naples, Italy
Small round bright light. (Page 52  Ref.1)

# 1944

Jan. 2/3, 1944; Halberstadt, Germany
Two rockets; altered course; fiery head and blazing stern. (Page 54  Ref.1)

Jan. 28, 1944; Somewhere over France
Airborne red light. (Page 56 Ref.1)

Jan. 29, 1944; Location unknown
Red ball; yellow/red flames followed aircraft through evasive action. (Page 56 Ref.1)

February, 1944; Bass Strait, Australia
At 2:30 a.m. A bomber crew at 4,500 feet altitude saw a dark shape pull alongside the plane and pace it at a distance of about 100 feet for about 18-20 minutes. A flickering light was visible at its trailing end, which illuminated the rear portion of the object. While the object was alongside all radio and direction-finding instruments on the plane malfunctioned. Finally the object accelerated and sped away. (Ref. 3; Bill Chalker, The Oz Files, 1996, pp. 35-36.)

Feb. 4, 1944; Frankfurt, Germany
Two sightings: stationary object of tear-drop shape, resembling a balloon; shiny silver ball looking like a very bright weather balloon with a metal sheen. (Page 59 Ref.1)

Feb. 4, 1944; Dutch coast
One long black stationary object, similar to a small flak burst floating. (Page 59 Ref.1)

Feb. 8, 1944; Frankfurt, Germany
Silver-colored ball-like object changing stationary. (Page 59 Ref.1)

Feb. 19/20, 1944; Leipzig-Berlin area, Germany
Two objects: glowing balls; snake-like motion. (Page 59-60 Ref.1)

Feb. 19/20, 1944; Coblence and Aachen, Germany
Silvery cigar-shaped object like an airship; appeared to be a line of windows along the bottom of the object. (Page 60 Ref.1)

Feb. 24/25, 1944; St. Quentin, France
Three silver objects & resembling zeppelins & moving independently of the wind & not interconnected. (Page 60 Ref.1)

Spring, 1944 or 1945; Auberry, California
While driving in the Western Sierra mountains, two women saw a cigar-shaped object nearby. Their car engine stalled at this point. The UFO hovered, then "glided" out of the ravine where first spotted. It exhibited a rainbow of colors throughout the sighting, which ended with the UFO "shooting away" in seconds; the car engine started by itself later. (APRO Bulletin, Jan.-Feb., 1968)

March, 1944; Carlsbad, NM
Air Force pilot saw fast-moving UFO speed out of sight over horizon. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, III]

April 1944;Tarawa, an atoll and capital of the Republic of Kiribati, in the central Pacific Ocean
The Argus 16 Combat Intelligence Center, one station in the early warning system, picked up UFOs on its radar scopes. The speed was calculated at approximately 700 miles per hour, far greater than any aircraft then known to exist. The track was running roughly N-Sh at a range of about 40 miles from Mullinix Field. Matthew Dillingham commented**:** "….we were conjecturing that this might be some reconnaissance aircraft (presumably Japanese since it displayed no IFF), when a second and then a third 'bogey' followed the track of the first across the board, running at the same speed."The radar sets were in excellent condition, and the operators, Dillingham emphasized, were all expert plotters. Even so, some incredulous Navy officers at first called it poor calibration. But not long after this, there was a second mysterious 'bogey,' and again Navy plotters computed the speed at 700 miles an hour. When this happened once more, Dillingham and his group knew there was no error. Dillingham commented, "At the time, I entered the 'anomaly' in the log and the following day asked our chief radar technician to check out the equipment and possibility of unusual weather 'distortions' such as temperature inversion, which might have caused the sightings. His reply was 'negative in both cases." (Sources: “NICAP UFO Investigator”, Volume, I, No.1, July, 1957; Lore, Gordon and Harold Denault, “Mysteries of the Skies”, pp. 126-7; “Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) Associate Newsletter”, December 1983-January 1984, Volume 4, Number 6)

April 11, 1944; Location unknown, probably Germany
Projectiles resembling glider bombs; a large orange glow & smoke trail. (Page 66 Ref.1)

April 25, 1944; France
Black tear-dropped craft; probable Me-163. (Page 63 Ref.1)

April 26, 1944; Essen, Germany
Things; four orange glows; short stubby wings; football-sized; looking like large oranges. (Page 64-65 Ref.1)

June 1944; Normandy, France
Luminescent discus-shaped object. (Page 67-68 Ref.1)

June 1944; Palmyra Atoll
About midnight. Anchored at Palmyra Atoll, Edward W. Ludwick, Executive Officer on a Coast Guard crewed cargo vessel was witness to an unusual object. After searching for a lost Navy aircraft, a moving star-like light which began to swell like a balloon as it came closer. Viewed with binoculars: it was a round sphere hovering 5X brighter than stars, it moved slowly for half an hour covering 90 degs, then headed northward. (Clark & Farish, Foo-Fighters of WWII).

June 1944; Adriatic Sea
At 11:00 a.m. a flight of three P-38 fighters at 33,000 feet saw above them, at an estimated altitude of 50,000 feet, a silver disc. The object descended to about 40,000 feet and paced the fighters for 3 minutes, then accelerated and sped away. (Ref. 3; Jan Aldrich, Project ACUFOE, from CUFOS report form.)

June 6, 1944; just off Omaha Beach, France
Edward Breckel, gunner on the USS George E. Badger, reported that a dark ellipsoidal object was seen five miles away about 15 ft above water moving in a circular course for 3 minutes. (Chester, page 67, CIRFO Orbit, Jan 1955)

June 6, 1944; Normandy Coast, France
Dark ellipsoidal object & blunted on each end like sausage. (Page 67 Ref.1)

June/July 1944; Normandy, France
Spheres approximately the size of a football. (Page 70 Ref.1)

July, 1944; Turk Island
An unidentified was tracked by radar only by 11 witnesses. (Martin) Sources are Condon Files, NICAP files Not much of a citation, but this is all we have. Radar only doesn't mean much as the Navy and AAF were running into false returns around the Pacific. However, these are interesting as there were indications that the Navy did a special study during the war and indications are that other study(ies) during the Korean War were conducted. (Jan Aldrich,UFO DNA - PB4Y1)

July 1944; Brest, France
Two men of the 175th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, saw a large rectangular object with no apparent source of propulsion move steadily over the front lines and out to sea. The UFO at one point passed in front of the moon, briefly obscuring it from view. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, IV]

July 1944; Normandy, France
Targets flying at extremely high altitudes. (Page 81 Ref.1)

Sept. 1944; Antwerp, Belgium
Around 9 p.m. in the evening a Canadian soldier, stationed near the front lines close to Antwerp, observed "a glowing globe" traveling from the direction of the front line towards Antwerp. It seemed to be about a meter in diameter and looked as though it was of cloudy glass with a light inside. It gave off a soft white glow. Its altitude seemed to be about 13 metres, speed about 50 Km/h, and there was no sound of any sort. It was obviously powered and controlled. It was followed by another which in turn was followed by others, five in all." (Don Berliner files)

Aug. 1, 1944; Ploesti, Rumania
Yellow object traveling several times the speed of an aircraft. (Page 71 Ref.1)

Aug. 10/11, 1944; Palembang, Sumatra
Reddish orange balls, about the size of a baseball; spherical object, probably 5 or 6 feet in diameter, of a very bright and intense red or orange in color. (Page 71-74 Ref.1)

Aug. 12, 1944; Pelice, Southern France
Enormous disc; circular lights (changing from bright yellow top white) like portholes in a ship; motionless. (Page 75 Ref.1)

Aug. 13, 1944; Kaoe Bay, Indonesia
Very brilliant light appearing to hover in air for at least five minutes. (Page 76 Ref.1)

Aug. 1944; Bt. St. Lo and Vire, France
Cherry-red light; size of large star; sat motionless in sky before disappearing into clouds. (Page 79-80 Ref.1)

End Aug., 1944; Mattoon, IL
A mysterious man appeared at windows, as if in search of someone. He stunned witnesses by pointing at them a device that "made consciousness dissolve" and left a strange cloying smell behind (Magonia #51, FSR 61, 3) (Needs to be checked. This did not check out, no newspaper reports could be found. Apparently the entire story was made up many years later.

Summer 1944; Normandy, France

Los Angeles columnist George Todt, in a party of four Army officers including a Lt. Col., watched a pulsating red fireball sail up to the front lines, hover for 15 minutes, then move away. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, IV]

Summer 1944; Italy
Egg-shaped, metallically glistening motionless object. (Page 78 Ref.1)

Sept. 1944; Oak Ridge, TN
Metal tube hovers over AEC plant.

Sept. 1944; Unknown Japanese island
White object & egg-shaped & very brilliant. (Page 76 Ref.1)

Late Sept. 1944; Dover, England
Solid black cylindrical-shaped; red glow emitting from rearch (Page 81-82 Ref.1)

Sept. 1944; England
Bright spherical object & like a rolling ball. (Page 83 Ref.1)

Sept. 1944; Antwerp, Belgium
Glowing globe, cloudy gas with a light inside & three to four feet in diameter. (Page 82-83 Ref.1)

Fall 1944; (p.84) Holland
Light moving high in night sky. (Page 84 Ref.1)

Oct. 1944; Southeast Holland
Field Artillery officer and men saw a brilliant object moving from NW to SW, crossing an arc of about 90 degrees in about 45 minutes. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, IV]

Oct. 10, 1944; Alghut, Sweden
At 8:00 p.m. a man on a bicycle was suddenly illuminated by a light beam from the woods, then he saw a large shining sphere rise rapidly from the ground and hover at treetop height. It appeared moon-like; golden in color, and made no sound. After about 5 minutes the object abruptly disappeared. (Ref. 3; Anders Liljegren AFU archives.)

Aug. 10, 1944; Sumatra
Sighting of maneuvering UFO which paced B-29 (Reida case) during mission. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, III]

Oct. 16, 1944; Formosa, Taiwan
Small black dot; hanging stationary. (Page Ref.1)

Oct. 20, 1944; Po Valley, Italy
Red light appearance of an aircraft light. (Page 84 Ref.1)

Oct. 20, 1944; N. Florence, Italy
Two orange balls diving into the hills. (Page 84 Ref.1)

Oct. 25, 1944; Omura, Japan
Multiple sightings of possible balloons. (Page 78 Ref.1)

Oct. 29, 1944; Munich, Germany
Light blue colored ball of fire approximately three feet in diameter. (Page 85-86 Ref.1)

Oct. 30/31, 1944; Cologne, Germany
A ball of fire; circular, pale orange, clean edged light. (Page 86 Ref.1)

Nov. 1944; near Lingayen Gulf, Philippines
Night?. USS Gilliam ship's log reports that LTJG Kendall Bruce, Fire Control Officer on the ship, while on watch observed a bright green globe-shaped object raising out of the headlands reach altitude and speed off. Too slow for missile. (Chester, pages 95-96, Letter to NICAP).

Nov. 1944; France
415th Night Fighter Squadron pilot saw formation of round objects. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, III]

Nov. 5, 1944; Singapore, Malaya
A long purple-blue parabolic trail. (Page 77-78 Ref.1)

Nov. 5/6, 1944; Aachen/Bonn, Aachen/Cologne, Germany
Possible jet; single light; 5 free lance visuals on jets, no A.I. or G.C.I. contacts; several flares similar to jets. (Page 86-87 Ref.1)

Nov. 16, 1944; Enroute Leyte, Philippine Island
2355 or 11:55 pm local. USS Gilliam, enroute Leyte, Philippine Island, from Oro Bay, New Guinea. Ship's log reports that Lt. J.L. Besmond, OOD, on USS Gilliam, APA 57, in company Task Unit 79.15.1. Combat reports unidentified object, distance 21 miles. [no further information]. (USS Gilliam Ship's Log) [See Nov. 1944 entry above]

Nov. 22, 1944; Germany
Spherical object, fluctuating in brightness, pyrotechnic pink in color, changing speeds violently, swift and jerking movements. (Page 89 Ref.1)

Nov. 24, 1944; Northern Italy
Round amber light, luminous orange-yellow, blinding light; felt unbearable heat. (Page 89-93 Ref.1)

Nov. 26, 1944; Mannheim, Germany
Red light that disappeared in long red streak. (Page 93-94 Ref.1)

Late November (possibly 28-30), 1944; Strasbourg, Germany
Eight to ten lights in a row, glowing orange, and moving at terrific speed. (Page 95 Ref.1)

Dec. 2, 1944; Villafranca, Ghedi Airdrome area, Italy
A steady, seemingly hanging light. (Page 96 Ref.1)

Dec. 5, 1944; Rhine River area, Germany
Alleged aircraft that climbed out of range in nothing flat. (Page 96 Ref.1)

Dec. 14/15, 1944; Erstein, Germany
Brilliant red light & appeared to be 4 or 5 times larger than a star going 200 mph. (Page 96,130 Ref.1)

Dec. 1944 (within first two weeks of Ardennes offensive); Germany
Amorphous reddish-glow that at times appeared cigar-shaped. (Page 97-98 Ref.1)

Dec. 17, 1944; Breisach, Germany
5 or 6 flashing red and green lights in T-shape. (Page 100,130 Ref.1)

Dec. 22/23, 1944; Hagenau, Germany
Two lights that appeared to be a large orange glow coming from ground - followed plane - appeared to be under perfect control (Page 102,130 Ref.1)

Dec. 23/24, 1944; Germany
Red streak in sky. (Page 103,130 Ref.1)

Dec. 23/24, 1944; Germany (no positive location)
Glowing red object shooting straight up; appeared to be aircraft doing a wingover and going into a dive and disappearing. (Page 103,130 Ref.1)

Sometime bt. Dec. 16 and 24, 1944; Germany
Amorphous reddish-glow that at times appeared cigar-shaped. (Page 103-104 Ref.1)

Dec. 26/27, 1944; Germany
Multiple sightings: red balls of fire; two yellow streaks of flame & disappeared from view; the crew thought they felt prop

wash; a group of lights that made distinct lines, somewhat like arrows; row of vertical white lights. (Page 103,131 Ref.1)

Dec. 26/27, 1944; Worms, Germany
Circular, fiery ball; triangle of ovals three circular, reddish-blue in color, vivid lights, looking like flames, in a tight inverted triangle formation. (Page 104-106 Ref.1)

Dec. 27, 1944; Luneville, France
Two sets of three red and white lights. (Page 107-108,131 Ref.1)

Dec. 27, 1944; France
Orange lights, singly and in pairs, suspended in air, moving slowly before disappearing. (Page 108 Ref.1)

Dec. 28, 1944; Neuwied / Koblenz Germany
A green ball about six inches in diameter; motionless and did not appear to have anything supporting it. (Page 108 Ref.1)

Dec. 28, 1944; Ardennes, Belgium
Large white light; no radar contact; went straight up at a tremendous speed; disappeared. (Page 108-110 Ref.1)

Dec. 1944; Austria
B-17 pilot (William D. Leet) and crew, on a lone wolf mission, were followed by an amber-colored disc. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, III]

Dec. 1944; Bt. Strasbourg and Manheim, Germany
Bright fuzzy round ball, twice the size of full moon; yellow, white, red tint that was not solid color; no radar return. (Page 118-119 Ref.1)

Dec. 1944; Bt. Frankfurt and Karlsrhue, Germany
Three to four very bright balls, completely illuminated red, yellow, white and blue in color; size of tennis ball at arms length. (Page 119 Ref.1)

Dec. 1944; Somewhere bt. eastern France and Western Germany
String of lights, twelve to fifteen in number, orange to yellow in color, approximately four feet in diameter, stretching twice the length of crews aircraft; no radar contact. (Page 120 Ref.1)

# 1945

1945; near Okinawa, Guam
Ground radarch No details.

1945; Tokyo Bay, Japan
Night (?). Photo obtained from Naval Intelligence. Aerial photo shows an object or light below aircraft (infrared?). Joe Chamberlin asked for intel reports on foo-fighters after his return from his visit from Europe and 415th Night Fighter Squadron. (No further information).(Lt. Col. Joe Chamberlain's Air Force papers within General of the Air Forcess H. H. "Hap" Arnold collection at Library of Congress).

1945; Hanford Plant, WA
This is a broad-daylight radar/visual, involving not the typical UFO, since the object had a "saucer-like appearance"

1945; Habbebishopsheim, Germany
An American soldier saw a disk-shaped object come down rapidly, oscillate, and land. The site could not be found in the dark. The event took place 35 km northwest of the town. (Magonia #52, Atic)

Jan. 1945; Germany
Another 415th Night Fighter Squadron pilot was followed by three red and white lighted objects over Germany. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, III]

Jan. 1, 1945; Ardennes, Belgium
Pair of fog lights; bright yellowish orange; flying in tandem; three feet in diameter. (Page 114-117 Ref.1)

Jan.1/2, 1945; North of Strasbourg, France
Foo fighters. (Page 131 Ref.1)

Jan. 2, 1945; The New York Times
Carried an AP dispatch from France about several recent "foo-fighter" sightings. Lt. Donald Meiers said he had twice been followed by UFOs. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, III]

Jan. 10, 1945; Iwo Jima, Japan
An amber light pass parallel and at same altitude. (Page 125 Ref.1)

Jan. 14/15, 1945; Ingweiller, Germany
A large orange glow in sky approx. 5 ft. in diameter. (Page 131 Ref.1)

Jan. 18, 1945; Oyster River, near Vancouver Island, Canada
Large silvery cylinder or balloon that appeared to discharge another balloon or object, each traveling in separate directions. (Page 132 Ref.1)

Jan. 26-31, 1945; Between Soloman Islands. Louis Graci and 4 otherv sailors USS McCracken, APA 198, Troop Transport. Submerged round object about the size of gun turret, 20', with a dull finish sharply outlined and no sound. Ship passedover it laying still in the water. Not reported as sailor thought at the time it was a sea turtle. (International UFO Bureau report form date 25 Sept. 19760.

Jan. 29, 1945; Bt. Wissembourg and Landau, Germany
Two amber colored lights about one foot in diameter. (Page 129,131 Ref.1)

Jan.-Feb, 1945; Pasco NAS, Washington
Commander R. W. Hendershot, USNR, reported that radar targets were detected and interception was attempted at least twice by F6F Hellcats with negative results. Flying an SJS, Hendershot attempted an interception of high altitude, of slow-moving blips. Negative results. (Chester, page 142. Letter from Hendershot to APRA in NICAP files. 4th Air Force Intel Summaries indicate overflight of Hanford Lab, and possible countermeasures using Navy assets at Pasco NAS [NARA]).

Feb. 2, 1945; Colmar, France
Unusual green light & moving rapidly. (Page 133 Ref.1)

Feb. 7, 1945; Alethea, Pacific
Afternoon. Lt. Commander Norman P. Stark in a F6F on Combat Air Patrol with the USS Wasp. Alert for bogie at 30,000', 10 miles west on radarch Interception ayttempted but by that time bogie had passed over the fleet heading back to W, outrunning pursuit. (Web site: A WWII F6F Navy Fighter Pilot's Experiences In The Pacific. By LCDR Norman P. Stark USNR(R), Jan. 1, 2000. Witness: Japanese jet recon aircraft.)

Feb. 8, 1945; Nr. Strasbourg, France
Yellow light. (Page 133 Ref.1)

Feb. 9/10, 1945; Riegel, Germany
Very bright light moving slowly. (Page 133 Ref.1)

Feb. 13/14, 1945; Bt. Rastatt and Bishwiller, Germany
Two sets of lights; separated after being attacked and then returned to original position. (Page 136 Ref.1)

Feb. 14/15, 1945; Freiburg, Germany
String of lights & (1 red one in center, 4 white ones on each side) blinking off and on. (Page 136 Ref.1)

Feb. 15/16, 1945; Pisa, Italy
Multiple sightings: flare; flare that seemed to spiral. (Page 136 Ref.1)

Feb. 15/16, 1945; Viareggio, Italy
Alleged jet; multiple spurts of flame; no radar return. (Page 136 Ref.1)

Feb. 16, 1945; La Spezia, Italy
Possible jet: dropped what looked like white flares; no radar contact. (Page 136-137 Ref.1)

Feb. 17, 1945; Central Po Valley, Italy
Observed two very bright lights appear directly in front of aircraft; fired upon without result. (Page 137 Ref.1)

Feb. 17, 1945; Massa and Central Po Valley, Italy
Red ball of fire that did not appear to be Jet A/C. (Page 137 Ref.1)

Feb. 17/18, 1945; La Spezia, Italy
Multiple sightings: (1) blinking light; (2) reddish white light going off and on in spurts, faded out during chase; (3) light, a glow alternating between weak and bright was chased several times, never caught. (Page 138-139 Ref.1)

Feb. 21, 1945; Po Valley, Italy
Alleged flares: cluster of 11 or more colored flares that remained motionless; cluster of 15 orange balls of fire. (Page 139-140 Ref.1)

Feb. 21, 1945; Piacenza, Italy
Two large red balls of fire; hovering. (Page 140 Ref.1)

Feb. 22, 1945; Nr. Leghorn, Italy
Three lights red-orange in color that did not appear to be flares. (Page 141 Ref.1)

Feb. 27, 1945; Bologna, Italy
Chased three lights in shape of triangle observed; no radar contact. (Page 141-142 Ref.1)

Feb. 1945; Chemnitz, Germany
Flying wing, giving off a yellowish-red intermittent glow. (Page 149 Ref.1)

Spring, 1944 or 1945; Auberry, California
While driving in the Western Sierra mountains, two women saw a cigar-shaped object nearby. Their car engine stalled at this point. The UFO hovered, then "glided" out of the ravine where first spotted. It exhibited a rainbow of colors throughout the sighting, which ended with the UFO "shooting away" in seconds; the car engine started by itself later. (APRO Bulletin, Jan.-Feb., 1968)

March 1945. Belfast, Maine
A man out hunting observed an elongated object flying very slowly, tilted toward the earth. It crashed into some trees at the end of a clearing. The enormous craft seemed undamaged as it rested briefly on the ground, then lifted again with a humming sound, started to spin, released a shower of fine silvery threads, and rose straight up, disappearing in seconds. (Magonia #53, FS May., 59)

March 1945; New Mexico, United States
Object aluminum colored, 12 to 14 feet off ground, motionless, swept away like dragonfly. (Page 142-143 Ref.1)

March 1945; Aleutian Islands (Incorrect month. See Summer of 1945)
Aboard the US attack transport "Delarof," 14 sailors saw a dark sphere rise out of the ocean, follow a curved trajectory, and fly away after circling their ship. (Magonia #54, Evidence 30) An official report on the incident was sent to Washington. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, IV]

March 3, 1945; Misburg, Germany
Two balloon-like silver balls. (Page 143 Ref.1)

March 5, 1945; Either Holland or Northern Germany
Two sightings: (1) large orange ball hanging in air; (2) similar ball that was moving horizontally at same altitude. (Page 145 Ref.1)

March 9, 1945; North Fresian Islands
Three lights; had the appearance of white flares dropped in air; called foo fighters. (Page 145-146 Ref.1)

March 13, 1945; Bologna, Italy
Two sightings: (1) 100 hundred balls of orange fire; (2) two balls of foo fire. (Page 147 Ref.1)

March (mid) 1945; South Pacific
1:00 p.m. Sailors and Marines on the Battleship U.S.S. New York near the Admiralty Islands saw through binoculars and radar detected an object hovering overhead at about 20,000 feet. It was silvery and very shiny. After about 30 minutes the captain ordered gunners to open fire, but shells could not reach the object. After a few more seconds the object climbed out of sight at a fantastic rate of speed and disappeared off of radarch (Ref. 3; MUFON UFO Journal, No. 203, March 1985.)

March 18, 1945; Florence, Italy
Chased light, no radar contact, then light disappeared. (Page 148 Ref.1)

March 19/20, 1945; Speyer, Germany
Saw 2 Foo fighters; one orange and one green ball. (Page 148 Ref.1)

March 23, 1945; Bergamo/Ghedi, Italy
2 balls of foo fire. (Page 150 Ref.1)

March 23, 1945; Germersheim, Germany
Stationary airborne object. (Page 150 Ref.1)

Mid-March 1945; New Guinea
Object, silver in color, very shiny & much larger than the brightest star; unaffected by gunfire; departed upward at a fantastic rate of speed . (Page 151-152 Ref.1)

March 24, 1945; Nagoya, Japan
Multiple sightings: yellow ball of fire about 6 inches in diameter; orange and red flashes; six white balls of fire; grayish ball of fire about size of soccer ball; red ball of fire. (Page 152-153 Ref.1)

March 25, 1945; Bt. Mannheim and Darmstadt, Germany
Six or seven circular, yellowish-orange objects, solid color, and brightness; apparently individually controlled. (Page 153-154 Ref.1)

1945, Spring; Norman, Oklahoma
Day. Listed as winter (1944-45 but suggested closer to spring 1945) Naval Air Technical Training Center, South Base. Vern Seifert (then student) later a pilot. Standing in the chow line with others when one pointed out the spinning shimmering aluminum or stainless steel bright sphere which seemed to have line lines running up and down giving it a texture. It hovered, then seemed to instanteously skip over degs, then resume hovering. It was below 1000 ft, about 35-40 ft in diameter. Men moved into chow hall so did not see it disappearch(NIACP (NICAP?) Report Form 13 Feb 1967)

April 3, 1945; Kawasaki, Japan
The records of the 20th Air Force reveal that as early as this date, flying from the Marianas on a night incendiary mission, some crews reported "Balls of fire followed our aircraft." Less than two weeks later after an early morning attack on Tokyo there is a note in the intelligence resume, "Several balls of fire observed." (Reference: Sky Giants Over Japan: A Diary of a B-29 Combat Crew In WWII, by Chester Marshall, pages 184-185--Article - A Flashback Great Balls of Fire.) This fireball article was related by Richard M. Keenan, member of the 444th Bomb Group, 58th Wing, at West Field on Tinian.

April 3/4, 1945; Honshu, Japan
Multiple balls of fire sightings: size of basketball; streamer of light behind the ball of fire; ball of fire emitting a steady phosphorescent glow; wing in connection with ball of fire & amber colored searchlight; stream of fire emanating from object, twelve inches in diameter, followed through evasive action. (Page 157-158 Ref.1)

April 7, 1945: North Sea
A wingless object, able to stop in mid-flight and travel thousands of miles per hour. (Page 158-159 Ref.1)

April 7, 1945; Nagoya, Japan
Ball of fire changing colors; orange to red. (Page 161 Ref.1)

April 23, 1945; Atomic Fission Bombs Memorandum

> A memorandum for the Secretary of War from General L. R. Groves, "Atomic Fission Bombs" says: "1. Within four months we shall in all probability have completed the most terrible weapon ever known in human history, one bomb of which could destroy a whole city....5. The world in its present state of moral advancement compared with its technical development would be eventually at the mercy of such a weapon. In other words, modern civilization might be completely destroyed."

xxxApril 25, 1945; Kaiserslautern, Germany
9:45 GMT. While on a bombing mission for Bomber Command's Special Duties Squadron. Kit was the pilot of the Avro Lancaster bomber, that was the wing finder toe in the flight group. This was the final bombing mission of the Squadron in the Second World War. The mission comprised 25 to 26 aircraft, and had been tasked to bomb, 'Hitler's hideout, Berchtesgaden,' this was Hitler's mountain retreat and headquarters at Obersalzberg, in the Bavarian Alps, Germany. These headquarters were also known as the Berghof (residence). Incident occurred just after a turn near Kaiserslautern, Germany on the final approach to Berchtesgaden. The Lancaster was at an altitude of 16,500 feet (5030 metres) with a solid cloud cover at 18,500 feet (5640 metres). The nearest aircraft would have been two miles (three kilometres) to the port. The main bomber group, referred to as the, 'Gaggle' would have been ten to fifteen miles (16 to 24 kilometres) behind. Kit, who was the pilot, witnessed, without warning, what he described as, 'Like a great blanket, a woolly blanket,' that may have been four to five miles wide (six to eight kilometres). Kit explained that it, 'Seemed to fill the whole of the windscreen,' and the colour was grey/brown like, 'An old army type blanket.' (Detailed report by Keith Basterfield at link)

May 2, 1945; Fala Island, Truk Atoll
Two airborne objects & red circles of light & changing from a cherry-red to orange to a white lights and then cherry-red again; followed for over an hour; no radar return. (Page 163 Ref.1)

May 14, 1945; Nagoya, Japan
Red or flame-colored light, constant position, same size as B-29 landing light. (Page 166 Ref.1)

May 25, 1945; Tokyo, Japan
Fireball follows a B-29 of the 39th Bombardment Group for 50 miles. "A 'fireball' picked us up at the coast and followed us for 50 miles before falling off toward the sea." Crew 44, 62nd Squadron - 39th Bomb Group

May 25, 1945; Atlantic Ocean
In early morning on a sunny day with intermittent clouds, a B-17 bomber was en route from Morocco to Dakar, Senegal. A silvery disc or ellipse was observed opposite the sun position, estimated to be 5 to 10 miles distant. The object paced the aircraft, hovering at times. (Ref. 3; Harley D. Rutledge, Project Identification, 1981, p. 251.)

May or June, 1945; Okinawa
Daylight. The crew of a Marine transport witnessed a cylindrical object with three smaller dics which appeared to enter the larger object, then took off with tremendous acceleration. (NICAP)

Summer 1945; Aleutian Islands
Aboard the US attack transport "Delarof," 14 sailors saw a dark sphere rise out of the ocean, follow a curved trajectory, and fly away after circling their ship. (Magonia #54, Evidence 30) An official report on the incident was sent to Washington. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, IV]

Summer of 1945; Okinawa, Pacific
11:00 am. Naval officer witnessed strange event on radarch E. L. Wells, then Lt. J.G. aboard the escort aircraft carrier Salamaua (CVE-96), was interceptor officer. While south of Okinawa he and his group were disturbed by the appearance of a "blip" on the screen that appeared to be traveling toward them at a terrific rate of speed. They were unable to distinguish any shape, but the object was estimated to be traveling at about 1,000 miles an hour, moving on a course of zero one zero, coming in from the direction of Formosa and traveling toward Japan. At that time they feared it was a Baka bomb, but it was apparently moving too fast. They braced themselves and waited for it to hit. Then, after tracking it to just a few miles from the ship, as the radar made another sweep, they lost it. (Rullan)

Summer of 1945; Taganrog Bay, Sea of Azov, Rostov region, Russia
Daytime. 9-year old boy was alone fishing for his family's meal and was about to return home when he watched a "giant plate" descend from the sky. The saucer smashed into the water causing a strong impact and creating a fountain of water spray all around the witness, which totally soaked him. The plate was about 5 meters in diameter; its hull was metallic reflecting the rays of the sun. Incredibly the witness felt no fearch The disc had descended on a sandbar, slightly covered by water only several meters from which the boy had been fishing. Suddenly, bubbles appeared around the disc and a "man"

came out from the disc. The man was dressed in a silvery overall. He “jumped” from the top of the disc and approached the witness. He stopped at about 6 meters from the boy. His head was completely hidden under a non-transparent, oval-shaped helmet, and he had something resembling a large “can” behind his shoulders made of a dark-toned material resembling tinted glass. There was some communication (see full report) and then the "man" bade goodbye and climbed into the disc and vanished inside. The object rose up, hovered briefly, submerged into the water like a submarine. At this point the witness took his bucket and went home.(Rullan)

June-July 1945; area of Japan

> Re: The 9th Bomb Group located on Tinian Island. "During our night missions in June and July a UFO phenomenon was reported. Our air crews started sighting balls of fire, i.e., glowing objects about the size of a full moon which flew around in the vicinity of our flying patterns over Japan. One of our crews reported that one of the objects followed their airplane half way to Iwo Jima. I saw them on two missions. I don't remember any reports of any hostile action by these objects and the reports of sightings stopped after a couple of months. The object of these reports was dismissed by some experts as the planet Venus. And, after these reports started coming in, some crews did mistake the rising full moon as one of these balls of fire. Some reports speculated that these balls of fire were exhausts from a Japanese development called a Baka Bomb, but exhaust flames can only be seen from the rear; and these objects appeared to have the same size and intensity in whatever direction they were traveling. I have never heard of any official assessment as to what these objects were. I had an occasion to ask General LeMay about them several years after the war and he had no explanation. I am sure that what I saw was neither Venus nor the moon nor a Baka Bomb; hence, for me, they were UFOs." ( http://www.9thbombgrouphistory.org/Chapters/Chapter_03.pdf Page 27-28)

June 18, 1945; Japan
A fluctuating light round in shape that changed from bright red, to dim orange. (Page 180 Ref.1)

June 19, 1945; Japan
B-29 followed by strong white light. (Page 180 Ref.1)

June 19, 1945; Fukuoka, Japan
One bright ball of fire; no fuselage or any wings. (Page 180 Ref.1)

June 25, 1945; NE of HonoluluHawaii 26_08' N, 148_05' W
Daytime.. Navy ship not identified. Reported that an object described as a balloon was sighted at ship...travelling E. at an altitude of 30,000' estimated speed 20 knots. The actual time of the sighting is unknown. [Western Defense Command, Annex #3 to G-2 Periodic Report #183, 1200 GCT] (Jan Aldrich)

July 2, 1945; Japan
Several balls of fire much larger than supercharger glow, but of somewhat the same color. (Page 182-183 Ref.1)

July 4, 1945; near Yokohama, Japan
A/C Charles G. Chauncey was flying the B-29 on a bombing mission on a planned target of Kawasaki. Due to some evasive action the radar operator became confused and the bombs were dropped on Yokohama. Pilot Chauncey describes what happen next. "After coming away from our bomb drop, we saw the UFO's. I especially recall seeing two groups of them in single file. One group of six were lower than we were and coming towards us from the front, their heading taking them off to or left. The other group was more distant and headed in the opposite direction, but were at about our level. The each looked and appeared like a great ball of fire, but there was no fire trail. Their color was very subdued, not blazing like a torch. They did (not) bother us and we did not bother them."

July 7, 1945; Sasebo, Japan
Foo fighter; a big ball of fuzzy orange-red light; B-29 fired on object, appearing
to hit with no affect. (Page 186 Ref.1)

July 12, 1945; Honshu, Japan
Light phenomenon spotted enemy aircraft apparently trailed by large orange light traveling with it at same speed. (Page 186-187 Ref.1)

Mid-July 1945; Pasco NAS /Hanford Nuclera Plant, Washington
Noon. Roland D. Powell and 5 other F6F pilots. Object was very bright and had saucer-like appearance; was the size of

three aircraft carriers, side-by side, oval shaped, very streamlined like a stretched-out egg and, and pinkish in color; Hovered in fixed position and then went straight-up and disappeared. (Chester, Page 188 Ref.1 / MUFON UFO Journal)

Summer 1945; Aleutian Islands
Crew saw large round object emerging from sea; 150-20 feet in diameter; object circled ship; three white flashes observed in direction object departed. (Page 188-189 Ref.1)

Aug. 1945; Ulithi
Twilight (just after sunset). Andrew Cimbals reported a red streak like a hot bar of steel, not a flame in the sky in the east, travelled overhead toward Japan. Duration about 40 seconds. (Wilkins, Harold, Flying Saucers Uncensored, Farish & Clark).

Aug. 1945; Okinawa, Japan
Cigar-shaped, metallic, and without markings or visible openings, and 35 to 50 feet in length. (Page 189-190 Ref.1)

Aug. 6, 1945: Hiroshima

> The United States called for a surrender of Japan in the Potsdam Declaration on 26 July 1945, threatening Japan with "prompt and utter destruction". The Japanese government ignored this ultimatum. American airmen dropped Little Boy on the city of Hiroshima on 6 August 1945, followed by Fat Boy over Nagasaki on 9 August.

August 1945; 600 miles ENE of Kyusha, Japan
(Possibly after Hiroshima bomb abt. 2:00 a.m) Dan MacDougald, Jr., Officer of the Deck; the Quartermaster (unnamed by MacDougald), and a sailer named Troina (rating not recalled0 who MacDougald remembered as very competenton in both radar and optical range finding, all from the USS Bradford. Star like object travelling horizontally with the horizon. Checked with three radars with no indication. Optical range finder on infinity so more than 40,000 yards. Had crossed the bow and was apparently increasing its distance. Its color was white with a reddish tinge. After reaching 10 degrees on the Port bow it seemed to turn to its right, increase its speed and altitude and disappeared on an upward line of flight changing color to white with a bluish tinge. Task commander voice came over the TBS asking for reports of the object. Others ships answer, but MacDougald remained silent when the Admiral wanted to know who observed the object. (Letter to Congressman E. Mendel Rivers, Chairman of the House Armed Service Committee, letter to NICAP)

Aug. 10, 1945; Patterson, NJ
3:00 AM. Three witnesses had a close encounter (70') but didn't report it until 1958. 5 mins. (Rob Swiatek, NICAP)

Aug. 28, 1945; nr. Iwo Jima
Daytime. Sgt. Leonard Stringfield in a C-46 were flying at 10,000 feet, between the Japanese islands of le Shima and Iwo Jima, when their "C-46 suddenly developed trouble in the left engine." Suddenly, "the plane dipped," and the engine struggled to keep working. It "sputtered oil" and the C-46 began to lose altitude, dropping approximately 25-50 feet. Looking out his "starboard-side" window, he was "shocked to see three teardrop-shaped objects." Looking carefully, he determined that the "three unidentifiable blobs" were "about the size of a dime held at arm's length." They were "brilliant white, like burning magnesium." Flying in a "tight formation," the objects "were traveling in a straight line through drifts of clouds, seemingly parallel to the C-46 and equal to its speed." (See detailed report) Note: "magnetic-navigation instrument needles" in the cockpit "went wild." (Keith Chester)

Sept. 2, 1945; Surrender of Japan

Date not known (but probably after Japanese surrender.; Okinawa to Samar, Philippine Islands
2400-0400 watch. LTGJ John Kopke, OD; Frederick M. Seehell, Quartermaster of the LSM 220 reported two green lights that appeared off port about 8-10 degs up bearing 333 degrees relative to course. Grew larger as it approached, passed 35-40 degrees to port, and disappeared at same elevation. Circulat shape with haze behind 2X diameter of objects. (Letter 4 April 1952, to USAF in response to LIFE magazine article of April 1952)

Sept. 25-27 (exact date unknown), 1945; Buckner Bay, Okinawa
Night. George M Reynolds, Machinist Mate, First Class, USS Beaver AS-5/ARG-19 with Submarine Squadron 45. Bluish light moved to the south, turned right, went over to the west, stopped and stood still. When it moved again, back to the general area it started from. (Chester, 195-6)

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## 1946

July 25, 1946
The Baker Blast

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"Strange Company, presents one of the greatest wartime mysteries, one that has been shrouded in ignorance for more than sixty years. And it suggests that while an immense twentieth century war was raging on Earth, there appeared to be someone, or something, from somewhere else, watching us." - Keith Chester (Ref. 1)

This report is a listing of UFO incidents that occurred in 1946, a year after the end of WWII and the bombing of Hiroshila and Nagasaki in 1945. These entries were derived from three major sources: 1) Strange Company (2007), Keith Chester; 2) the Magonia Database, sightings catalogued by Jacques Vallee and presented in his great work, Passport to Magonia, and, 3) The UFO Evidence, 1964, Richard Hall. American states are abbreviated with two letters, the same practice used in all other chronologies. The words "United States" are used where the reader might, in some cases, get confused amid the many foreign sightings. All of these entries will be listed on the NICAP Database.

For helping me produce this very comprehensive listing, we must give our thanks, in particular, to Keith Chester, who made most of the 1939-1946 incidents available from his blockbuster new book, "Strange Company". Soon to be entered is the complete collection of reports from the P-47 website files, generously provided by Jan Aldrich. Also, to be added will be reports from Richard Hall's, "From Airships to Arnold: A Preliminary catalogue of UFO Reports in the Early 20th Century (1900-1946)". Last, but not least, and thanks to Jean Waskiewicz for getting these incidence into the ever-growing NICAP Database.

The paper, The Ghost Rockets, Guided Missiles and UFOs: A Tangle of Fear - 1937-53, by Joel Carpenter is an excellent source of information.

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**NICAP Site Coordinator**

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Jan. 31, 1946; nr Bridgeton, New Jersey
2:23 p.m. Radar and flying boats otherwise unspecified, reported an unidentified object in the air 40 miles SE of Philadelphia detected near Bridgeton. Flying boats sent to check with no result. Blamed on unusual cloud formation. (Aldrich, Philadelphia [PA] Enquirer 1 February 1946)

April 25, 1946; Anima-Nipissing Lake, five miles west of Latchford, Ontario, Canada
Don Cameron, his wife, and their children were on the lake, cutting a channel for their boat, they saw between 12 to 14 small, disk-shaped objects come down at a 45-degree angle a mere 75 feet in front of them. Appearing to be about twice the size of a dish, the objects jumped on and off ground of height of two feet, spinning in the ice [Note: The previous sentence is incomplete in thought.-CF-]. The family all watched. As Don Cameron walked toward them, they rose at the same angle and shot off through trees on a nearby ridge without touching the branches. The objects left black marks on the snow and ice. Queried about this, filter officials stated the date and circumstances corresponded to those of similar reports from various parts of the country. Cameron said the objects descended in a chain "making a rattling sound." They had reported it to no one at the time. Cameron stated: "I couldn't see any windows on the flying saucer. It was circular but changed to disk shape according to the angle it was seen from."... "We looked at it for two hours and are certain it was no figment of the imagination," he concluded. (Aldrich, Feindt, CUFOS)

April 25,1946; 5 mi. west of Latchford, Ontario, Canada
7:45 p.m. Tom Cameron, 24, and a neighbor, Bob Cole, 28, were just back from cutting ice on Anima-Nipissing Lake when they watched a mysterious object for two hours with binoculars and the naked eye as it played pranks in the night skies. The men were sitting in a shack by the lake when they saw a big, circular flare of light in the eastern sky. Above the treetops it shone green, red, and blue. Through the binoculars the object, which they saw was solid, appeared about three feet in diameter. It shot up and down noiselessly and across the skies at terrific speeds "far in excess of those of a jet plane." The saucer never went overhead, but went as high as 80 degrees above the horizon. (Aldrich, Feindt, CUFOS)

May 1946; Angelholm, Sweden
At twilight while walking home, a prominent industrialist saw a light in the woods and went to investigate. He saw a disc with dome and oval windows on the ground. Around it were about 11 beings with transparent helmets and uniform-like clothing apparently working on the craft. Later he saw the craft take off emitting bright red light, then speed away. Burned grass and other trace marks were found at the site. (Ref. 3; Flying Saucer Review, March-April 1972.)

May 1946; LaGrange, Florida
A Navy gunnery and radar officer observed a dark elliptical object which moved slowly overhead, disappearing in a cloud bank. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, I]

May, 1946; Lagrange, Florida
Forenoon. LTJG Andrew A Titcomb, gunnery and radar officer on terminal leave reported a dark elliptical object moving slowly east to west at about 1000 feet disappearing in clouds. (Aldrich, Hall 2, page 6)

> Swedish Defense Minister said:
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> "The first reports of strange phenomena over the country began to come in to the press and military authorities at the end of May, 1946. By the end of July hardly a a day went by in succession without a large number of reports from various parts of the country. A similar increase occurred again at the beginning of August. In between the frequency of reports has been relatively low and during September fell to about a single case a day." (UFOs A History 1946, 73)

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July ??, 1946; Indian River Inlet, Delaware
Dusk. Two high school students (names not known) reported that a disc came up from the water, turned and descended back into ocean. (Carl Feindt, Reference: Irene McDonald, Delaware MUFON; UFOCAT PRN 123407)

July 10, 1946; Sweden
11;10 p.m. UFO: crashed or landed in water. (Feindt Case #52. Reference: AFU Sweden, #G054 [Archives for UFO Research Sweden & Scandinavia], News clip, UFOCAT PRN 138534)

July 18, 1946; Southeastern Norway
Bt. 12 and 12:30 p.m. A "ghost rocket" crashed into Lake Mjøsa. Several witnesses observed a V1-like object coming in low from the west at about 50 meters height. The witnesses first heard a strong whistling sound, not exactly like that associated with known aircraft. The object flew so low as to cause the trees to sway. It impacted in Lake Mjøsa about two kilometers from the western shore and seven kilometers from Minnesund, where the depth is 300-400 meters. It was cigar-shaped, about 2.5 meters long, with about one meter-long wings placed one meter behind the nose. The front and back parts were shining like metal, but the middle section including the wings was dark. The wings seemed to flap a little, as if made of fabric. No fire, exhaust, or light was seen. When it hit the lake, the water splashed several meters into the air. There was no explosion.

July 19, 1946; Sweden
Only fifteen minutes before the Kölmjärv crash, 11-year old Kurt Larsson from Storbäcken, 20 km north [of] Överkalix, was frightened by an object that hit the small Lake Kattistjärn (23 km NE of Kölmjärv) where he was angling. A roaring sound was heard from above and seconds later a 10-15 meters tall column of water raised in front of him, but no sound of an explosion. It was a very strange sound, as if the wind was blowing very hard in the trees, Kurt Larsson remembers 38 years later. But it was too loud, and the trees weren't moving. Suddenly something hit the water with a splashing sound 150 meters in front of him, but he never had a chance to see what it looked like. When the military arrived two days later they made it clear that this was not a thing that Kurt should discuss in public. No further investigation was ever made of the lake. Five meters of mud prevented the divers from searching. (Clas Svahn and Anders Liljegren, “The Kölmjärv Ghost Rocket Crash Revisited,” AFU Newsletter 27, pp. 4-5. Telephone interview, Oct. 7, 1984.; UFOCAT URN 151514 AFU Sweden [Archives for UFO Research Sweden & Scandinavia], # 027)

July 19, 1946; Lake Kolmjarv, Sweden
11:45 a.m. Two witnesses were hay-making by the leaning shores of Lake Kölmjärv. All of a sudden a humming sound was heard from the sky. They spotted a rocket-like device diving towards the lake. They watched the two meters long, ashen-gray projectile falling into the water about 1.5 km away, near the south-western shore of the lake. A tall column of water emerged and was soon followed by yet another cascade. That it was a solid object of that he was sure. The object was two meters long and had a snub nose, while the stern was pointed. He thought there were a few small wing-like protrusions on the side, but he wasn't sure. .[See more detailed report] (Carl Feindt)

July-August, 1946; Sweden
"Ghost rocket" sightings. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, X]

Aug. 1, 1946; near Tampa, FL
Puckett case, military incident.

Aug. 1946; N. of Chicago, Illinois
Daytime ? Charles A. Johnson working in motor pool awaiting discharge at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. After driving an officer to Chicago.was returning on Route 41 along Lake Shore when he saw 3 silver discs moving E to W. Objects were in triangular formation. (Aldrich, Letter to CUFOS)

Aug. 1, 1946; Florida
Observation of cigar-shaped UFO by Air Corps transport pilot. [NICAP UFO Evidence, 1964, Hall, III]

Aug. 13, 1946; Denmark
Afternoon. A group of Danish boy scouts observed a rocket-like object moving at great velocity at the height of 500 meters. The scouts declared that the object had small side wings and fins. A blue-white light streamed from the bottom. It was believed to be radio controlled since it suddenly curved from its original course by 35 degrees and shortly after that resumed its original course. (UFOs A History 1946, 43)

Aug. 14, 1946; Bt. Malingsbo and Krylbo, Sweden
10:02 a.m. Two witnesses flying a SAAB B-18 bomber on a navigational training flight at 200 meter altitude observed a cigar-shaped object described as 1 meter wide by 15 meters long. (Credit: John Schuessler; AFU Newsletter, Issue 44, Sept. 2002)

Aug. (late) 1946; Oklahoma City, OK
Disc-shaped craft with windows, humanoid figures visible inside, hovered at low altitude. After about 1-1/2 minutes the object rotated, then sped away disappearing in seconds. (Ref. 3; Case summary by Ted Bloecher, 14 pages. Interviews by Bloecher, Lucius Farish, and Mildred Higgins.)

Sept. 1, 1946; Along coast of Ancona, Italy
Time ??. Some fishermen reported to have seen a fireworks phantom, a big and mysterious projectile that fell into the sea, throwing up a considerable cloud of vapor. The hypothesis given by newspapers of the period is that it had been a V-type German rocket launched from a base in Yugoslavian territory. (Carl Feindt, CISU Case: 143, Original Source: "Svenska Dagbladett" Stoccolma del 04/09/1946; "Giornale d'Italia" del 03/09/1946)

September 4, 1946; FBI Document

Sept. 22, 1946; Florence, Italy
3:15 a.m. One rocket seen flying over Florence, was distinctly discerned changing direction in the air. Object was visible for 90 seconds. The thing made. an abrupt turn in the sky over Florence and then sped south toward Rome. This rnaneuver convinced observers the object was not a meteor. 316. As a result of the forementioned sightings, the Italian government ordered an investigation. 317 (UFOs A History 1946, 69)

Oct 1946; Paterson, New Jersey
A horseback rider observed a silent, slow moving bluish white light. The horse she was riding, normally calm and docile, became extremely nervous and reared. The witness wondered if the horse heard something that the witness's ears could not hear. The object was estimated to be at an altitude of 300-500 feet over a mountain about 5 miles away [The two locations mentioned are closer to 3 or 4 miles apart—jw]. The horse and rider were on an elevated area overlooking the city of Paterson. (Woodward)

Dec. 30, 1946; Morro Bay, California
5:35 p.m. Miss ??? [Ella]Young and a friend were on high ground that curves southwards from Morro Bay. The sun had just gone down when, suddenly, a dark object appeared in the sky. It came forward and grew more distinct. On the golden sky it looked very black. It came forward head-on and had a bat-like appearance, owing to the curvature of its wings. She wasn't sure if there were motions at the extreme tip of the wings; but the strange machine seemed to stand still for several minutes, and its form was very distinct. Suddenly, it either lowered itself towards the horizon, or the bank of cloud-mist made an upward movement (maybe both movements occurred) for the machine passed behind the cloud and did not reappear. Immediately afterwards, a great flush of color spread over the sea." (Carl Feindt, UFOCAT PRN - 11431, Flying Saucers on the Attack by Harold T. Wilkins, p. 44, © 1954; Fran Ridge, Mike Tarbell.)

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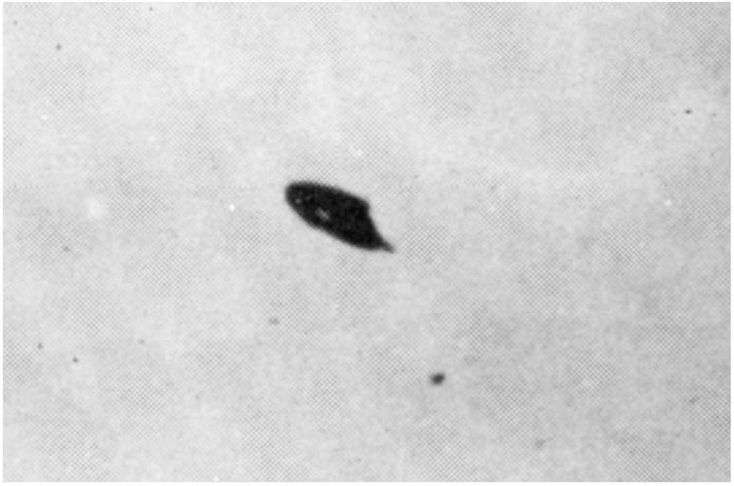
# The 1947 UFO Sighting Wave

## A Comprehensive Chronological Summary of the Period



**The Rhodes Photo, July 7, 1947, Phoenix, Arizona**

Map of sightings, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database at http://www.larryhatch.net/NAM47.html

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This 26 page chrono involves a number of people. First of all, I want to thank Ted Bloecher. His 1967 work, the entire updated version, is available on the NICAP site (See below). Over a thousand incidents, many of which are included in the chronology below, are listed in the charts from "The Report on the UFO Wave of 1947" (Reference 1). We also wish to thank Wendy Connors and Mike Hall for allowing us to post their great book, "Alfred Loedding and the Great Flying Saucer Wave of 1947". No 1947 work would be complete without the aid of Jan Aldrich of Project 1947. I want to thank all the members of the A-Team who made this possible. To view the 1947 sightings listed by Blue Book click here. Be sure to click on and read the two great books below. Finally, I want thank Loren Gross for thoughtfully and diligently collecting data many years ago for his UFO Histories and supplemental notes, in particular here the year 1947. And a big thanks to CUFOS and Mary Castnor for housing them on the CUFOS site..

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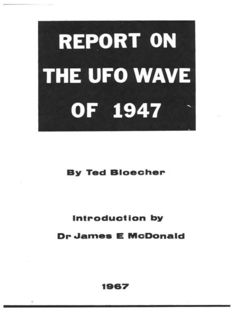

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Introduction by Dr James E McDonald

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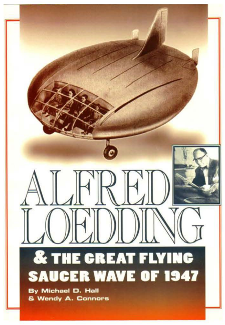

ALFRED LOEDDING & THE GREAT FLYING SAUCER WAVE OF 1947

By Michael D. Hall & Wendy A. Connors

Introduction (read here)

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## THE CHRONOLOGY

Jan., 1947; England
Midnight. "Ghost Plane X362" makes its first appearance. RAF radar picked up track of something flying at 30,000 feet. It zoomed over the East Anglia coast at speed of 400 miles an hour heading west. The target was logged in as track "X362," "X" being the RAF symbol for "unidentified". This incident became quite mysterious when the object made repeat appearances of the same nature, (UFOs A History 1947 SN Jan-Jun 6)

Jan. 16, 1947; North Sea, 50 miles from Holland (BBU)
10:30 p.m. (GMT). RAF pilot of Mosquito pursued unidentified radar target showing efficient controlled evasive action at 22,000 ft speed equal or greater than Mosquito, headed W? towards Norfolk, Eng. (FOIA) This was five months before the Kenneth Arnold sighting and the beginning of the Wave of 1947, followed by the crash at Roswell in early July. The incident was also linked to another "X raid" tracked by radar earlier that same day. An FBI document from July of 1947 quoted the Air Ministry case summary stating that: "no explanation has been forthcoming, nor has it been repeated." This information was not entirely accurate, because a very similar incident *had* occurred just 24 hours after the North Sea incident. As a direct result, Fighter Command immediately extended its night radar watch. (FOIA)

Jan. 17, 1947; North Sea
In the afternoon, two Chain Home Low stations in Lincolnshire (Skendleby and Humberstone) tracked what they described as "an exceptionally good track" (U294) at 10,000 feet above the North Sea. With Eastern Sector on alert, Meteor jets from 245 Squadron were placed on standby to scramble if Charlie came within range, but the plot faded from their screens. At 1945 hours the radar station at Humberstone, near Grimsby again tracked an unidentified target over the sea for a period of 30 minutes at a speed of more than 200 mph.

Feb. 6, 1947 Port Augusta, Australia
9:00 AM.* While working in the yard at the Commonwealth Railways workshop Mr Ron Ellis and two workmates claim to have seen five strange objects in formation pass across the sky from N-S. The objects were white or light pink and egg-shaped. Ellis said that he could not give an accurate estimate of the size of the objects, but they were casting shadows and judging by his experience with aircraft in the RAAF during the war he considered they were about the size of a locomotive. Although the objects kept on a direct course at a height of about 6000' feet they appeared to be quivering. Owing to their great speed they were out of sight within a few seconds. Any question of the phenomenon being an optical illusion was dispelled by the fact that a few minutes later both Mr Ellis and his companion gave an identical description of what they had seen. Their description was verified by another member of the workshop who said he had also seen the objects.(Adelaide *Advertiser* 7 Feb 1947 copy provided by Darryl Tiggeman of Adelaide. [* time given in follow-up article the next day])

Feb. 28, 1947; 6 miles south of Lima, Peru
Time not given. While driving C.A.V. saw a sand-colored & very shiny disc-shaped object hovering 6-7 feet off the ground. Three figures emerged from it. They looked like mummies. They had a humanoid profile, but their legs were fused together. The hands looked like fingers in mittens, and they had a opposable thumb. The skin was sand-colored, & they had no facial features. There was a transparent area where the eyes should have been. Source suggested reliability rating: 2. (Due to the time of year and lack of reports, this incident needs to be checked - Fran Ridge)

April ?, 1947; Col De Serre, near Falgoux (Cantal), France
8:15 a.m. The second French case in April: "M. Maxime Orliange, in car, observed an object which appeared like lens-shaped disc with a cupola above him, flying on an ascending sloping path. blue light emanated from the place where the cupola joined the disc. The disc seemed to be 30 meters in diameter, and when it was about 400 meters away it disappeared on near vertical path. (Guy Quincy Catalog, INTCAT #7; J. J. Vallee, Challenge to Science: The UFO Enigma, p.l 19; LDLN #249, P33)." (UFOs A History Jan-Jun 1947, NN 15)

April 1947; Richmond, Virginia ((BBU)
11 a.m. (EST). Meteorologist Minczewski saw a silvery disc through a theodolite while tracking a pibal weather balloon, traveling E to W at less than 15,000 ft, appeared larger than the balloon. (McDonald 1968; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

May 5, 1947; Seattle, Washington
3:30 PM. A silver object was spotted streaking across the sky by three witnesses. The object was thought to have nose dived and the witnesses all thought that the object was most certainly going to crash. Before it seemed to hit the ground, the object disintegrated leaving a "long pillar of "gas" hanging in the sky". The gas pillar was very strange as it remained in the sky and didn't blow away like a plane trail would. It was said that the silver object was travelling at very high speed. It was also said to have had very erratic motions. (Lara Elliott, FBI UFO Docs PDF 4 of 16 Pages) [Interesting for several reasons: An early sighting before Arnold even though maybe not a UFO but noted by the FBI, who wouldn't investigate the incident in September since four months had elapsed. - Fran Ridge)

May 17 [19?], 1947; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (BBU)
8:30-9 p.m. Field Engineer Savage saw a frosty white round and flat object, with diameter/thickness ratio 10:1, the size of a B-29 [?] (140 ft) traveling N at 350° heading at 10,00018,000 ft and 3 times speed of a jet [1,800 mph] with a slight swishing sound. 30-mins. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Last week of May, 1947; Near Beaufort, South Carolina
11:00 a.m. Dr. Battey, a physician in Augusta, Georgia, had been fishing ten miles off St. Helena Sound, near Beaufort, South Carolina. He noticed a formation of four disc-like objects flying overhead in a southeasterly direction at a terrific rate of speed. The discs appeared to be spinning on their axes and were at an estimated altitude of about 20,000 feet. They were silvery and appeared highly polished, and on their under-sides, Dr. Battey could see a circular rim, or projection, about one-quarter of the way from the edges. No sound was heard as they flew overhead. The formation sped out of view in less than twenty seconds. Dr. Battey's report of the sighting did not appear in print until July 6th, when the Augusta Chronicle gave it prominent front-page coverage. INS sent it out on the wires, where it was picked up by numerous newspapers around the country. (Bloecher)

> Bloecher:
> There was approximately one sighting every other day for the first half of the June. These were scattered over the midwest and western United States. Then the sighting rate doubled to about 2 per day until June 20. I found 3 sightings for June 20, two for June 21, three on June 22, six on June 23..... and then the explosion: I found 20 reports on June 24!

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June 2, 1947; Rehoboth Beach (near Lewes), Delaware (BBU)
Pilot Forrest Wenyon in aircraft flying N at 1,400 ft saw a silvery jar-shaped object 15 inches [?] in size cross in front of the plane at 1,000-10,000 mph heading E on a straight course at same altitude, with a silver-white fire exhaust. [Daytime meteor?] Sev secs. (Project 1947; McDonald list; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

June 8 (??), 1947; 20 mi S. of Maltaw
Evening. Fishermen Pawlu Zammit and others on a boat 20 miles south of Malta were raising their nets with a catch of fish when they saw an object floating on the water's surface that looked like a black submarine. The fishermen were frightened because they thought it looked more like a monster than a submarine, so they quickly pulled in their nets and started the boat's engine. At that moment a bright light from the "submarine" lit up the whole area and "little men" began running over the deck of the object. The fishermen couldn't make out much detail from their boat, but whenever the light illuminated the "little men," they could see some sort of apparatus around their waist. When the witness was asked how tall these men were, he replied, "About the size of a 10 year old boy." After a few minutes, the "little men" entered the "submarine" which began to glow so brightly that the fishermen couldn't see the object. It then submerged.

June 12, 1947; Weiser, Idaho (BBU)
6:15 p.m. Mrs. H. Erickson saw 2 high speed round objects glistening in the sun at high altitude headed SE in trail formation moving up and down twice and leaving a vapor trail that persisted for over an hour. Sev secs. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967)

June 14, 1947; Bakersfield, Calif. (BBU)
2:15 p.m. Veteran pilot Richard Rankin and a young boy saw 10 "almost round" or Flying Flapjack-shaped objects in formation at 9,000 ft and 300-400 mph headed N on a straight level course, then 7 returned on reverse S course at 2:15 p.m. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967)

June 19, 1947; Webster, Mass.
One of the earliest cases of humanoid reports appeared about two weeks later in, I believe, a Worchester paper -- possibly the Telegram. By an older, unidentified woman who saw an occupant inside an object who looked like "a Navy officer." (Bloecher)

June 20, 1947; Hot Springs, NM
8:00 PM MST. Woman and her daughter observed three revolving groups of three discs in triangular formation, straight course, S-NE (Bloecher,17,II-9)

June 21, 1947; Spokane, Washington (BBU)
11:50 [11:55 PST?] a.m. Civilian woman [Mrs. Guy R. ?] Overman saw 8 [shiny silvery and slim-bodied?] disk-shaped objects the size of a house fly at 600 mph [or slower than a 2-engine army plane?] traveling SSW at 7,000 ft one object below an aircraft, then fall with a dead-leaf motion and land before 10 witnesses on the shore of the St. Joe River, Idaho. Sev mins. (Vallée Magonia 57; cf. FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967)

June 21, 1947; Maury Island, Washington
Cat 6. Maury Island Incident (hoax).

> Fran Ridge:
> Bloecher found 20 reports on June 24! These were mostly in the far northwestern states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Sightings were scattered throughout the day from morning to night. After the 24th, the sighting rate stayed at about 10 per day or higher, with sightings occurring not just in the west but throughout the country.

June 24, 1947; near Pendleton Oregon
Afternoon. A man driving down a remote rural road heard a loud humming sound, and driving over a rise he saw on a nearby field a large disc shaped craft hovering six-feet off the ground. He could also see two short figures wearing green suits and white helmets standing right underneath the object. The figures suddenly vanished and the craft then shot towards the Columbia River, made a big circle then flew towards the mountains. (HC addition # 728. Source: Bob Gribble, Mufon UFO Journal # 290, Type: C) [Comments: Interesting report that occurred on the same day of the Arnold encounter. Also notable is the clothing description of the little men, which was said to have been green, not the little men themselves.]

June 24, 1947; Richland, Washington
2:30 p.m. PST. L. G. Bernier, observed three flat objects that were faster that P-38's. The objects were flying on a level course to the northwest. [Note: Richland is part of the Hanford site]. (Ted Bloecher/Dan Wilson)

June 24, 1947; Mt. Rainier, Washington
At 3:00 P.M., pilot Kenneth Arnold, was flying his airplane near Mt. Rainier and noticed some flashes of light. He then saw the source of the flashes; a string of nine very bright metallic objects.

> Kenneth Arnold:
> "I spent the next twenty to thirty seconds urgently searching the sky all around - to the sides and above and below me - in an attempt to determine where the flash of light had come from. The only actual plane I saw was a DC-4 far to my left and rear, apparently on its San Francisco to Seattle run. My momentary explanation to myself was that some lieutenant in a P-51 had given me a buzz job across my nose and that it was sun reflecting off his wings as he passed that had caused the flash. Before I had time to collect my thoughts or to find a close aircraft, the flash happened again. This time I caught the direction from which it had come. I observed, far to my left and to the north, a

> formation of very bright objects coming from the vicinity of Mt. Baker, flying very close to the mountain tops and traveling at tremendous speed.... I observed a chain of nine peculiar looking aircraft flying from north to south at approximately 9,500 ft elevation and going, seemingly, in a definite direction of about 170 degrees."

June 24, 1947; Mt. Adams, Wash. (BBU 12)
Afternoon. Just about the time that Kenneth Arnold lost sight of his objects, Fred Johnson, listed as a prospector, reported watching five or six disc-shaped craft as they flew over the Cascade Mountains. He said they were round with a slight tail and about 30 feet in diameter. They were not flying in any sort of formation and as they banked in a turn, the sunlight flashed off them. As they approached, Johnson noticed that his compass began to spin wildly. When the objects finally vanished in the distance, the compass returned to normal.

June 24, 1947; Diamond Gap, Washington
3:00 PM. A member of the Washington State forest service was on fire watch at lookout tower at Diamond Gap, a small settlement near the town of Salmon, just south of Mount Rainier, noticed something in the sky which he said were: ". .flashes in the distance quite high up in the east (and they] .seemed to be going in straight line and made strange noise, higher pitched than most airplanes make." (Newsclipping. Loren Gross, UFOS: A History 1947, page 8)

June 24, 1947; Pendleton, Oregon
A humanoid report on the same day Arnold had his sighting (Bloecher).

June 24, 1947; 10-12 mi. E of Joliet, Illinois
1:50 p.m. CST. Charles Kastl, 60, an employee for 38 years with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad, was walking along a highway to work when he spotted about nine speeding discs in the air. He described them as a string of flat circular objects "going faster than anything I've ever seen." Kastl said he could see no connecting link between them, but they acted as though the leading disk had a motor in it to power the others because when it flipped, the others would too. When it would right itself, the others would right themselves.They were appeared to be very high (4,000' ???) and heading N-S. (The Cedar Rapids Gazette, June 28, 1947) [UFOE, XII]

June 27, 1947; Woodland, Washington
Two groups of loosely-bunched objects rocking back and forth as they flew over noiselessly, were reported seen over this small southwest Washington town during the afternoon. The report was phoned in to the Portland Oregon Journal late the same afternoon by the witness, Clyde Homan, manager of Tulips, Inc., a bulb-growing farm two miles south of Woodland, near the Columbia River. (Case 85, Bloecher)

June 28, 1947; 30 miles NW of Lake Mead, Nevada (BBU)
3:15 [1:15 PST?] p.m. AAF pilot Lt. E. B. Armstrong from Brook AAF, San Antonio, Texas, flying F-51 fighter at 6,000 ft saw a tight formation of 5-6 white circular 3 ft objects off his right wing heading 120° [about ESE] at 6,000 ft at 285 mph. (Ruppelt p. 19; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967).

June 28, Rockfield, Wisconsin (BBU)
3:43 [3:45 CST?] p.m. Marion Beuschler and her brother a farmer saw 7-10 saucer-shaped objects fly overhead directly over their home "like blue blazes" heading S at high speed. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967, Dan Wilson)

June 28, 1947; Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama (BBU)
9:20-9:45 p.m. 4 AAF officers including 2 pilots and 2 intelligence officers, Capt. W. H. Kayko, Capt. J. H. Cantrell, Capt. Redman, 1st Lt. T. Dwwey, saw a bright light just above the SW horizon travel towards them in a zigzag with bursts of high speed, when directly overhead it made a sharp 90° turn and lost to view in the S [SW?]. 25-mins. (Ruppelt p.19; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967)

June 29, 1947; Des Moines, Iowa (BBU)
3:45 [4:45 CST?] p.m. Bus driver Dale Bays saw a single file line of 4 [18 ?] "dirty white" round objects between circular and oval in shape, inverted saucer shape about 175-250 ft diameter 12 ft thick, at about 1,200 ft height traveling about 300 mph to the SSE, sound of electric motor or dynamo. Another group of 13 objects seen heading SSE to NNW [later?]. Few mins. (Battelle/BBSR14 ?; Mary Castner/CUFOS; FUFOR Index; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

About June 29, 1947; Jacksonville, Oregon
About 1:00 p.m.. A V-formation of UFOs seen by a group of people on a Sunday either at the end of June or early in July. The date, believed to be June 29, had not been definitely established. A group of people west of Medford, just above the

California border. The formation was traveling northwest toward Medford, east of the observers. There were nine objects. According to one witness, when first seen the objects were "as white as snow geese"; as they came closer they became blue-white, "like a fluorescent-bulb light." They were sharply outlined and seemed to be solid; "also translucent, like a light, pebbled, frosted bulb." The size of the individual objects was estimated as more than twice the diameter of the full moon -- presumably when the objects were nearest to the witnesses, although this is not stated definitely. (Reference 1, Section II, Page 3)

June 29, 1947; About 20 [15?] miles ENE of Las Cruces, New Mexico (BBU)
About 1:15 [1:20?] p.m. Rocket scientist-engineer Dr. Carl J. Zohn, Admin Asst., Rocket Sonde Section, USN Naval Research Lab (NRL) temporarily assigned to White Sands Proving Ground (WSPG), NRL scientist Curtis C. Rockwood and his wife, and WSPG technician John R. Kauke, were driving in a car from Las Cruces to WSPG headed NE when they saw to their right front [E] a rotating silvery or shiny disc or sphere with no appendages, wings, tail, propellers, reflecting sunlight [pulsating?], crossing the sky at high speed heading N at about 8,000-10,000 ft which suddenly disappeared in mid-air in a clear cloudless sky. Kauke had stopped the car and briefly saw a short vapor trail at one point not reported by the others. Zohn on the passenger side rolled the window for an unobstructed view. Nearly 60-secs. (FOIA; cf. Ruppelt, p. 20; FUFOR Index; Randle-Schmitt; Bloecher 1967; etc.)

June 30, 1947; Near S rim of Grand Canyon, Ariz. (BBU)
9:10 a.m. (MST?). Navy Lt. William G. McGinty flying P-80 from Williams AAF at 30,000 ft heading S saw 2 gray, circular objects about 8 or 10 ft diameter, diving at "unconceivable" speed from about 25,000 ft, which appeared to land 25 miles S of the Grand Canyon. (Vallée Magonia 59; cf. Project 1947; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967)

> Bloecher:
> Few of the thirty-nine reports for this period received headline attention when they were printed, and by June 30th, newspaper coverage was not quite as widespread as it had been several days earlier. But UFO sightings would very shortly pick again as the July 4th holiday approached.
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> In early July the sighting rate climbed beyond 20 per day to 88 sightings on July 4, 76 on July 5, 156 on July 6, 159 on July 7, and a whopping 189 on July 8. After that it dropped quickly back to 20 per day and then only a few per day.

June 30, 1947

> The last meeting, one of the most important meetings of our time, took place at the Pentagon to discuss the evaluation of the atomic bomb as a military weapon. The Joint Chiefs of Staff Evaluation Board meeting signaled the start of the nuclear arms race. Just by reading the highlighted portions of the report one must wonder if this is the reason for the start of the modern UFO wave in 1947. Mankind was embarking on a road to mass destruction. And the confusion displayed by the military during the height of the UFO flap, combined with the nagging residue of unexplained sightings, made plain that the U.S. had no adequate early warning system against surprise attack

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Early July, 1947; Nashville, Tennessee
Area of a sighting of a landed disc and two occupants. (Bloecher)

Early July, 1947; Near Malta, Mediterranean Sea
2:30 p.m. (EDT). Fishermen on a boat 20 miles south of Malta were raising their nets with a catch of fish when they saw an object floating on the water's surface that looked like a black submarine. The fishermen were frightened because they thought it looked more like a monster than a submarine, so they quickly pulled in their nets and started the boat's engine. At that moment a bright light from the "submarine" lit up the whole area and "little men" began running over the deck of the object. The fishermen couldn't make out much detail from their boat but whenever the light illuminated the "little men", they could see some sort of apparatus around their waist. Original reference: "UFOs fuq iI-Gzejjer Maltin" by David Pace

July 1, 1947, Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan
Time not given. A target was picked up 16 miles north of the base on a course of 180 degrees. The GCA unit immediately

called the tower and asked if any aircraft were operating north of the field. At this instant of this radio transmission, the target reversed course to 360 degrees and was tracked out to a range of 28 miles. The target then changed course to 240 degrees arid was tracked out 6 miles where it again reversed course to 060 degrees and returned to the original point 28 miles north of the base. The target then changed course to 360 degrees and faded out of range. The nearest known operational U.S.S.R. air base to the north of Chitose AAB is Otomari on southern Ostrov Sakhalin at a range of 234 nautical miles from Chitose AAB. This base is classified as having temporary runways of 4500 - 6000 foot length. Base contains a large aviation gasoline tank farm with a pipe line to Korsakov Harbor which is capable of handling tankers. Headquarters of the U.S.S.R. Air Force on Karafuto is located in the Toyohara area about 24 miles to the north of Otomari. ((Item "a" from SECRET letter, Fran Ridge, Jan Aldrich)

July 1, 1947; White Sands
This alleged incident is listed for-the-record only and has been declared a hoax. This is the "McKenzie"/Kaufmann hoax)

July 2, 1947. Roswell, New Mexico (BBU)
9:50 p.m. (MST). Pharmacist Dan Wilmot, wife, and son Paul, at home in downtown Roswell. Fireball came from SE directly or almost directly overhead, heading towards and disappearing over Sixmile Mtn at about azimuth 306° (about NW). (Sparks; Roswell Daily Record, July 8.1947)

July 3, 1947; San Diego NAS, California
12:45 p.m. Motor machinists Chief Robert L Jackson and Chief William Baker reported three saucer shaped objects twice the size of Navy aircraft, gleaming in sun like aluminum, flying about 400 mph, over ocean west of San Diego (Src: San Diego, CA Union 4 Jul 1947, Bloecher Case 194)

July 3, Roswell, New Mexico
Cat 6 (physical evidence). The Roswell Crash.

July 3, 1947; South Brooksville-Harborside, Maine (BBU 27)
2:30 p.m. (EDT). Astronomer John F. Cole alerted by a roaring noise overhead saw about 10 very light colored 50-100 ft wide objects to the N at about 50° elevation in a formation initially about 1.5° wide, with 2 dark forms to their left or 2 objects had darker projections somewhat like wings, moving like a swarm of bees to the NW at about 600-1,200 mph through about 30° arc [at about 4-20 miles distance?]. 10-15 secs. (Berliner; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 3, 1947; near Santa Rosa NAS, California
4:50 p.m. A trained observer from the Naval Auxiliary (name withheld by newspaper and confirmed by Dr. R. W. Nelson, civilian dentist) observed an object shaped like a giant pocket watch colored like aluminum about 15-20 feet in diameter, about 1,000 feet above main runway, It moved N to end of runway, turned E banking headed toward Santa Rosa. (Jan Aldrich, Loren Gross, Santa Rosa Press-Democrat)

July 3, 1947; St. Maries, Idaho
Mrs. Walter Johnson of Dishman, Idaho, and nine other witnesses near St. Maries, observed eight objects land on a mountainside at Butlers Bay on the St. Joe River. According to Mrs. Johnson the saucers came into view at an extreme speed traveling south to north and suddenly slowed, then fluttered like leaves to the ground in timber. Ted Bloecher suggested that this report should have been among those in the Air Force files because it had been reported to intelligence officers from the Spokane Army Air Base, and an intensive air search was carried out by two missions of the National Guards 116th Fighter Group. Local sheriffs deputies also made a ground search, but since no apparent trace of the objects was found, a report was probably never forwarded to Wright Field in Dayton. (Bloecher)

> Bloecher:
> According to these (AMC) spokesmen, the investigation at Wright Field was continuing, in spite of what spokesmen in Washington were telling the press. Within twenty four hours after the release of these official statements, events would begin to take place that would leave everybody, civilians and military personnel alike, in a state closely approximating Ruppelt's description of a flap. Reports of sightings, coming almost simultaneously from hundreds of bewildered citizens, were made to newspapers and police stations all over the country, and adjacent areas as well, from Southern California to New Brunswick, and from Louisiana to North Dakota. People everywhere were experiencing the beginning of one of the most massive waves of UFO sightings on record. Reports came from all kinds of observers: from picnickers and holiday crowds, from policemen and public officials, and from pilots, farmers, professional men, housewives and bus drivers.

July 4, 1947; Redmond (near) , OR (BBU)
11 a.m. C. J. Bogne of Tigard, Ore., and other witnesses in a car near Redmond saw 4 discs flying past Mt. Jefferson on a straight course at high speed. (McDonald list; FOIA; Ruppelt p. 20; Bloecher 1967)

July 4, 1947; Portland and Milwaukee, Oregon, and Vancouver, Wash. (BBU)
1:05 p.m. Radio newsman Frank Cooley of station KOIN, INS wire service employees in the Portland Oregon Journal Building, Clark County Sheriff's Deputy Fred Krives, Deputy Clarence McKay, Sgt. John Sullivan, Portland Police Officer Kenneth A. McDowell, Harbor Patrol Capt. K. A. Prahn, Harbor Patrolmen A. T. Austad and K. C. Hoff, Portland Police Officers Earl J. Patterson [Paterson?], Walter A. Lissy and Robert Ellis, Oregon Highway Patrol Sgt. Claude Cross, and many others over a wide area saw 5 large discs moving at high speed to the E, 2 flying S and 3 to the E, with oscillating or wobbling motion, sudden 90° turns or zigzagging, radio reports alerted other officers who saw the objects, aluminum or chromium color, disc or hubcap or pie-pan or half-moon shape flashing in the sun, no vapor trail, no noise (except possible humming), some at 10,000-40,000 ft others at about 1,000 ft. McDowell noticed pigeons reacted. Sullivan, McKay and Krives noted low humming sound and reported 20-30 objects. Cooley reported 12 discs at about 20,000 ft. [Further sightings at 2, 4:30, 5 p.m.] Patterson, Lissy and Ellis were pilots. 30-90 secs. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 1002; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 4, 1947; Seattle, Washington
5:45 p.m. Photo by Frank Ryman. U.S. Coast Guard yeoman took first known photograph of UFO, a white circular object which moved across the wind. Photo shows round dot of light. (UFOE, VII, XII, Hall II 87, SIGN/Grudge Case 3, Project Blue Book #
Bloecher Case # 257)

July 4, 1947; Portland, Oregon (BBU)
2 p.m. E. A. Evans saw 3 metallic discs glinting sunlight, 1 moving W to E, followed by 2 others heading N. [Other sightings at 1:05, 4:30, 5 p.m.] (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 100-2; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 4, 1947; Portland, Oregon (BBU)
4:30 p.m. Mrs. L. J. Hayward saw a silvery disc-shaped object looking like a new dime flipping in an erratic path moving slowly. [Other sightings at 1:05, 2, 5 p.m.] (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 100-2; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 4, 1947; Portland and Milwaukee, Oregon, and Vancouver, Wash (BBU).
5 p.m. [Other sightings at 1:05, 2, 4:30 p.m.] (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 100-2; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 4, 1947; Near Emmett, Idaho (BBU 34)
9:12 [8:17? 8:12?] p.m. (MST). United Air Lines Flight 105 Capt. Emil J. Smith, First Officer Ralph Stevens, Stewardess Marty Morrow who was called in by Smith as a confirming witness, flying NW on heading 300° from Boise to Seattle at about 7,000 ft, saw 5 disc-shaped objects with flat bottoms and rough tops (possibly 100+ ft size) move at varying speeds, in loose formation [or evenly spaced?] roughly 1,000 ft higher in altitude about 10° left of their heading [or at 290°], with one high and to the right of the others in the distance, all disappearing to the W [NW?] in a gradual climb at about 9:20 p.m. as 5 [4?] additional similar objects came into view slightly higher heading W [or took off to the NW; 3 objects in a line with 1 off to the side]. Smith tried to close on the objects at 185 mph as he climbed from 7,000 to 8,000 ft but could not. 12-15-mins. (Berliner; cf. McDonald 1968; Bloecher 1967; FBI..)

July 5,1947; Albuquerque, NM
9:00 AM. Five discs flew toward the east over the city; one circled back over the city. In the afternoon five witnesses saw a sphere maneuver in-and-out of clouds. (Source: Jan Aldrich, Project 1947: A Preliminary Report on the 1947 UFO Sighting Wave; Albuquerque Journal, July 6, 1947).

July 5, 1947; Seattle, Washington
12:40 p.m. SGT Raynar Cain, USMC reported two disc-like objects like footballs. One banked slightly at about 8000 feet, then shot up and out of sight to north. Second one following a minue behind, wobbling
headed north climbing out of sight. (Bloecher Case # 326)

July 6, 1947; S. Central Wyoming
Aviation engineer saw oval UFO. [UFOE, VI]

July 6, 1947; Buckley NAS, Colorado

Daytime. LeRoy Krieger, Aerologist, Second Class; James Cavalieri, hospital apprentice, reported a bright round silvery object to the ?? shooting up and down noiselessly for several minutes, then left at high speed. (Bloecher Case #403)

July 6, 1947; Fairfield-Suisan AFB, California (BBU 36)
Daytime. AAF Capt. and Mrs. James H. Burniston saw a highly reflective round flat object having no wings or tail, the size of a C-54 transport (118 ft) roll from side-to-side 3 times then fly away very fast from NW to the SE [SW?] at 10,000 ft. (Berliner; Bloecher 1967)

July 6, 1947; Clay Center, Kansas (BBU)
1:45 p.m. AAF pilot Major A. B. Browning and crew flying B-25 E to Kansas City saw a silvery circular object 30-50 ft diameter pacing the aircraft at a little lower altitude then shot off at high speed heading E at 11,000 ft at 210 mph. (Project 1947; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 7, 1947; 7 miles N of Shreveport, Louisiana (BBU)
Morning. Military aircraft pilot Harston saw a bright silver object about the angular size of the moon.
(Project 1947; McDonald list)

July 7, 1947; Hickam Field, Hawaii (BBU)
9 a.m. Civil Service employee Saito saw a large silver balloon-like object with silvery disc [attached?] immediately beneath it without attaching cables slowly ascending to the NW at 6,000 ft. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

July 7, 1947; Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. (BBU)
10:10 a.m. AAF experimental test pilot Major Jowell C. Wise while powering up an XP-84 jet on the runway looked up where others were looking and saw to the N a yellowish-white sphere about 5 10 ft diameter oscillating in a "forward whirling" motion without losing altitude at about 10,00012,000 ft altitude moving W to E at about 200-225 mph. [Sightings at Muroc next day.] (FOIA)

July 7, 1947; Willow Springs, Illinois
A very notable incident occurred around noon, when Robert Meegan and his 14 year old son John heard a buzzing noise overhead. They were working in the fields on their farm near the Des Plains River not far from the Argonne National Laboratories. Looking up they saw "13 round objects all going east, single file in a straight line." They described the objects as round with flat bottoms estimated about as big as a house and bluish-grey in color. They stated that the craft flew on a straight and level course toward the east. (Ref 2 page 73)

July 7, 1947; Lakeland, Florida (BBU)
Bet. [?] 1-2 p.m. (EST). Sign painter saw 5 round shiny objects in the NE climbing at 7,500 ft; shrill noise heard. (Battelle/BBSR14 ?; Mary Castner/CUFOS)

July 7, 1947; PacificOcean off Fort Bragg, California
3:10 p.m. Two witnesses were surf fishing and observed a flat, glistening object approach them from the ocean. They could not estimate its height as it was dropping rapidly and finally hit the water approximately a quarter of a mile off shore with an enormous splash. It was traveling at a high rate of speed, and just before it hit the water, they heard a humming sound. The object floated for a few minutes and then appeared to have sunk. Estimated to be the size of a large truck tire. (Carl Feindt)

July 7, 1947; Decatur Alabama
Around 6:00 pm Lucile Hullet and Kenneth Patterson witnessed a UFO from their front yard in Danville. The UFO was about ¼ mile south of their location and at 1,000 to 1,500 off the ground. The saucer was so bright, it hurt the observers eyes. The UFO was moving at 100 to 150 mph and heading west to east. The sighting lasted several minutes. ()“Flying Discs Are Seen Over Danville”, by Frank Heflin; The Decatur Daily, Decatur, Alabama, July 8, 1947, Tuesday, Page 1 [article attached] submitted by John S. Chase)

July 7, 1947; Arlington, Virginia (BBU)
Bet. 10:30 and 11 p.m. (EDT). AAF Lt. Col. Cobb saw a "blob," the size of a small airplane, reflecting white light flying at less than 500 ft above ground to the SE at about 1,350 mph. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

July 7, 1947; Phoenix, Arizona (BBU)
Sighting and photograph of a gray, elliptical object about 20-30 feet in diameter with a visible canopy; object moving at an estimated 400-600 m.p.h., spiraled down from about 2,000 feet, then went upward at a 45 degree angle, making no sound

while within view. Analysis based on camera data indicated a diagonal size of about 40-50 feet. (Rhodes phtotos, Project SIGN "Initial Report," chart, Incident No. 40)

July 7, 1947; Tacoma, Washington
Bloecher's case 547, from his book, is a humanoid report.

July 7. 1947. Lakeland. Florida (BBU)
Bet. [?] 1-2 p.m. (EST). Sign painter Griffin saw 5 round shiny objects in the NE climbing at 7.500 ft; shrill noise heard. (Sparks; Battelle/BBSR14 ?: Mary Castner/CUFOS; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

July 8, 1947698, outside of Houston, Texas
Case 698, from Bloechers' book, is another humanoid report.

July 8, 1947; Los Angeles (near), California
Cat 11, F-51 pilot (M)

> Fran Ridge:
> According to Captain Edward Ruppelt, the top secret "Estimate of the Situation", which was... that the UFOs were interplanetary, listed the following case as one which suggested that conclusion.

July 8, 1947; Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. (BBU)
9:45 a.m. (PDT). AAF 1st Lt. Joseph C. McHenry, T/Sgt Joseph Ruvolo, S/Sgt Gerald E. Nauman, and Miss Jannette Marie Scotte at 10:00 a.m., saw two saucer or disc shaped objects, silver and apparently metallic, fly a wide circular pattern [?] at about 7500-8000 ft at 350-400 mph heading 320° (about NW) toward Mojave, Calif. Before the first 2 objects disappeared a 3rd similar disc or spherical silver object reflecting sunlight was seen, with additional 5 witnesses, to the N flying tight circles at about 7,000-8,000 ft beyond capability of known aircraft, maintaining altitude. No sound or trails. 3-4 mins. [See sightings at Muroc later in the day and previous day.]

July 8, 1947; Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. (BBU)
11:50 a.m.-12 noon. AAF experimental test pilot Capt. John Paul Strapp, Mr. Lenz from Wright Field and 2 others in an observation truck at Area 3 of Rogers Dry Lake for a P-82 ejection seat test saw a round silver or aluminum-white object at first thought to be a parachute, about 25 ft wide, falling from a height below the 20,000 ft of the test aircraft at 3x the rate for an ejection seat test, drifting horizontally toward Mt. Wilson (to the S) at less than 50-80 mph, which when close to horizon appeared to have an oval outline with 2 thick fins or knobs on the upper surface which seemed to rotate or oscillate, no propellers, slowly disappearing below the mountain tops in the distance after 90 secs.

July 8, 1947, Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. (BBU)
Noon. Others witnesses independently, including Muroc CO Col. Signa A. Gilkey and engineer Major Richard R. Shoop and wife saw from a different location 5-8 miles away to the N [?] the apparently same falling object, thin metallic aluminum colored and the size of a pursuit aircraft [50 ft?], reflecting sunlight and oscillating, descend to ground level, then rise again and move slowly off in the distance for a total of 8 mins. No sound or trail. [See sightings at Muroc earlier and later in the day and previous day.] 8-mins. (FOIA; Vallée Magonia 60)

July 8, 1947; 40 miles S of Muroc Army Air Field (BBU)
4 p.m. Exactly four hours later the pilot of an F-51 was flying at 20,000 feet about 40 miles south of Muroc Air Base when he sighted a "flat object of a light reflecting nature." He reported that it had no vertical fin or wings. When he first saw it, the object was above him and he tried to climb up to it, but his F-51 would not climb high enough. All air bases in the area were contacted but they had no aircraft in the area. (Exact and complete quote from Ruppelt p. 22)

July 8, 1947; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
5:30 p.m., HST. More than 100 Navy men watched an oblong shaped object over the base at Pearl Harbor. It was described by most witnesses as "silvery colored, like aluminum, with no wings or tail, sort of round or oblong-shaped, and moving both slow and fast." The object was "very high," and moving westward toward Honolulu in "alternating bursts of speed" and in a "slow, zigzagging" flight path. Among the Navy men reporting the object were Yeoman 2c Ted Purdue, 21, of McClain, Texas; Yeoman 1c Douglas Kacherle, 22, of New Bedford, Mass.; Seaman 1c Donald Ferguson, 19, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Yeoman Morris Kzamme, 13, of LaCrosse, Wisconsin; and Seaman Albert Delancey, 19, of Salem, West Virginia. Navy officials at the base reported that they had begun an investigation of the reports. A check of balloon flights was made and it was learned that at 4:35 p.m. a weather balloon had been sent aloft from the Honolulu Airport, but had risen quickly and was carried off to the south. (Case 769, The UFO Wave of 1947)

July 8, 1947; Norfolk, Virginia
11:30 PM. On this night a young boy, Billy Turrentine, aged 13/14, managed to photograph a UFO he claimed to be flying across the sky when he was sitting out on the front porch of his apartment. He observed a "grey, almost black"□ object of large size flying across the sky at a high rate of speed going in a SW to NE direction. He described the large object as if it was "rocking and spinning like a football"□ and like a "burned crisp"□. Billy claimed that this large object was also followed by two smaller objects proceeding in the same direction. A white mist was thought to have been followed by all three of the objects. Billy also claimed that the objects were at a much higher altitude and speed (600 miles per hour at an estimated 5000 feet) than that of any plane seen in Norfolk. Photographers have claimed that despite Billy having an old camera, he did a fine job capturing the flying saucer. Billy was interviewed by a Special Agent (unnamed) on the 8th of August regarding this occurrence

July 9, 1947; Bet. Meridian and Boise, Idaho (BBU)
12:17 p.m. (PDT). Idaho Statesman aviation editor and former (AAF) B-29 pilot Dave Johnson flying in an Idaho Air National Guard AT-6 saw a black disc, standing out against the clouds, make a half-roll then a stair-step climb. Object the size of a 25-cent coin [at arm's length?]. (Berliner, Sparks, Wilson)

July 9, 1947; Midland, Michigan
Shortly after 5:00 p.m. EST. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edward Lane were picking berries when they heard a kind of "puff" noise nearby. Looking up, they saw a ball of white, sparkling fire, like a 4th of July sparkler, about the size of a bushel basket, no more than a hundred feet away. It was hovering several feet above a stretch of sand. After about 10 or 15 seconds, the fiery object "went out," and the object vanished. The only thing remaining was a peculiar dark substance on the sand, and some metallic fragments. The report, from the Air Force files, is explained as a "Possible hoax." ( IV 2 ) Analysis does not, as such, constitute any proof of a hoax. On the contrary, it seems to confirm that something of an unusual nature did occur, although it does not seem on the face of it to be necessarily connected with UFOs. According to a letter from Lt. Colonel Barnett B. Young, dated August 18, 1947, the incident, while classified as a hoax, "was not initiated by the observer." (Bloecher Case 802, FBI docs)

July 9, 1947, North Hollywood, California
A report was received by the Los Angeles office of the FBI that a flying saucer had landed in the area around Redford and Magnolia Streets in North Hollywood. The saucer was described as approximately 30 inches in diameter, all metal, disc shaped and to have a radio antenna. It was also reported to have burst into flames upon landing. An unknown woman called and "excitedly" reported that the disc had had landed in her garden and began to flame. The woman phoned the fire department which took the disc to the fire station where it was held until it was transferred to "the office". The flying disc was examined and and unknown Major reported that the object was most definitely a hoax. (FBI docs, Lara Elliott)

July 9, 1947; Grand Falls, Newfoundland (BB)
11:30 p.m. Eric Kearsay, a Newfoundland Constable, arrived home and was asked by his wife it he saw the "flying saucers." Just minutes earlier, his wife, his mother-in-law, and Mr. John Jackman saw four round shaped objects flying in an easterly direction. Mr Jackman said that the objects were flying side by side at a terrific rate of speed. As Eric Kearsay looked skyward, he, his wife and Mr. Jackman saw a round object like a huge jellyfish with a phosphorous glow flash across the sky in a rocking motion. The direction of this object was not stated. (Dan Wilson)

July 10, 1947; Harmon Field, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU)
Bet. 3 and 5 p.m. [or 5:30 p.m. (ADT)]. Cat. 8. Three ground crewmen, A. R. Leidy, J. N. Mehrman, and J. E. Woodruff, of Pan American Airways, briefly saw a translucent disc or silvery wheel-shaped object the size of a C-54 transport fly very fast at 10,000 ft, leaving a dark bluish-black trail, then ascend and cut a path through the clouds. Photo. (Berliner; FOIA)

July 10, 1947; Near Ft. Sumner, New Mexico (BBU)
4:47 p.m. Dr. Lincoln LaPaz with wife and 2 teenage daughters were driving W on Hwy 60 when they saw a sharply outlined, white ellipsoidal seemingly luminous 200 ft object (±40 ft, major/minor axis ratio 2.45) wobbling in the distance to the W [probably 272° azimuth initially] about 25 miles away (±5 miles; distance from triangulation of the cloud bank by driving around it by about 90° over 50 miles along Hwy 84 and weather data). Object about 30 secs almost motionless at a low speed of about 150 mph (±30 mph) then disappeared behind a cloud at 273° azimuth elevation 1° but reappeared 5 secs later further to the right, or N, and higher at 275° azimuth 2° elevation, about 1 mile distance traveled thus an average speed of roughly 600-900 mph [peak velocity about 1,400 mph at about 13 gs], but no sound, no trail. Object continued to slowly drift N about 2 mins [in level flight] until disappearing in the cloud bank [at about 287° azimuth]. 2.5 mins. (LIFE Incident 2; Hynek astronomer survey Aug. 1952; etc.)

July 10,  1947; Morristown, New Jersey
Cat 8. Six daylight discs observed from aircraft.

July 11, 1947; Twin Falls, Idaho
2:45 am. An unknown woman (name blacked out in FBI files) heard a noise in the back of her home and thought a collision had occurred, so she went to investigate and found a disc 30-1/2" in diameter, circular in shape and "dished like a saucer" in the back garden of the home next door. On the surface of the disc a plastic cone was attached described as about 14 inches in diameter and fixed on with 8 bolts "in a rather rough manner". On the other surface another dome, described as metallic and gold and silver in colour. Three tubes were observed going through the plastic dome, these tubes resembling radio tubes with writing on them. The disc was 10 inches thick and 14 inches thick where the domes are located. (FBI doc, Lara Elliott) According to details found in the Tulsa Daily World newspaper of July 12th , four boys aged from 15 to 16 years spent two days making the disc, which measured 30-1/2" across. The boys planted the disc in Thompson's house garden at about 10 PM the previous night.(Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos).

July 11, 1947; Elmendorf Air Base, Anchorage, Alaska (BBU)
11:00 a.m. (AHST).  AAF Col. Bruce H. Perry and Major William E. Geyser, 59th AACS Group, saw a round 2-3 ft or 10 ft aluminum or silver-metallic spherical object travel at great speed to the S at estimated altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 ft, below scattered clouds at 10,000 ft.  (Sparks;  Lara Elliott/NICAP website;  FBI files;  BB files;  McDonald list;  FOIA;  Saunders/FUFOR Index) 15-20 secs 2 witnesses 1/2 Full Moon

July 12, 1947; Sand Point Naval Air Station, Washington
6:35 p.m. Seaman John C. Kennedy, Seaman Ben Bobberly reported a disc-like object observed flying overhead headed east toward Kirkland over Lake Washington. Silvery, perfectly round and made no noise. Reported to officers on base. (Jan Aldrich, Bloecher Case #835)

July 24, 1947; Squantum Naval Air Station, Massachussetts
Morning. Joseph Muka, Seaman 2c, John Francis Nihen, aerographic. During routine weather check on the Operations Building a highly polished silver ball hurtled thru the air between about 8 to 10 thousand feet at a speed of 300 mph and raising in NW durecton. It was not a weather balloon. (Gross Supplement to Supplements, page 40-41 Quincy, (MA) Patriot-Ledger 24 July 1947, page 1).

July 28, 1947; Bt. Mountain Home & Boise, Idaho
8:34 p.m. Crew of a Seattle-bound United Airlines Mainliner DC-3 reported disc-like object in the sky at estimated 9,010 feet as twin-engine liner was flying at 7,500 feet. CAA said no other planes in the area where pilot Givian said he saw the disc. (Newsclipping, Dan Wilson)

July 29, 1947; Canyon Ferry, Montana (Helena?) (BBU)
12:05 p.m. Observer Madden and two others saw hovering and fluttering, rising and descending 3 ft gleaming and shimmering object heading NE at 3,000 ft height at tremendous speed. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

July 29, 1947; Hamilton Field, Calif. (BBU 69)
2:50 p.m. (local). Assistant Base Operations Officer Capt. William H. Ryherd and ex-Air B-29 pilot 1st Lt. Ward Stewart saw for unknown length of time two round, shiny, white objects with estimated 15-25 foot diameters, fly 3-4 times the apparent speed of a P-80, also in sight, (or at 750 mph), at 6,000-10,000 ft heading S or SE at 120°. One object flew straight and level; the other weaved from side-to-side like an escort fighter. (Berliner; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

> Bloecher:
> By the end of July the sighting rate was about one per day and by August it was down to several per week. (Newspapers reported a few sightings in other countries as well.)
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> Capt. Edward J Ruppelt:
> "By the end of July (1947) The UFO security lid was down tight. The few members of the press who did inquire about what the Air Force was doing got the same treatment that you would get today if you inquired about the number of thermonuclear weapons stock-piled in the U.S. atomic arsenal. . . (At ATIC there was) confusion almost to the point of panic." (Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, p.39)
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> Michael Swords:

> As July wore on into August, (Lt. Col. George D.) Garrett, (General) Schulgen, and (FBI's liaison officer to the AAF/AF) S. Wesley Reynolds became confused by a lack of interest and pressure emanating from the high echelons of the Pentagon. The previous year they had gone through an investigative furor about a subject that they considered to be similar to the flying discs, when hundreds of ghost rocket reports came out of Sweden and other European countries. In 1946, the top brass had exerted continuous pressure to find an answer, but now it had gone completely quiet. This puzzling void has been termed the silence from topside. It was very peculiar to Garrett and the FBI. Their mutual suspicion was that the very highest officials knew what this phenomenon was already (Swords, 1991).
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> July 30, 1947, "FLYING DISCS"
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> The following pages are a portion of Colonel Garrett's Estimate Report. This is a rough draft of the report. The finalized version has not been located. Page 8 mentions "lack of topside inquiries, when compared to the prompt and demanding inquiries that have originated topside upon former events, give more than ordinary weight to the possibility that this is a domestic project, about which the President, etc. know." Page three text is known but the actual doc page is still being sought.
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> NARA-PBB1-14 - Aug to Dec

August, 1947; Media, PA
Cat 11, Boyce Case, (M)

Sometime in August, 1947; Danforth, IL
Labeled a hoax by Col. McCoy, this object found on Illinois farm was neither a crashed disc nor a portion of a Mogul balloon.

Aug. 4, 1947; NW of Bethel, Alaska (BBU)
Sunset. Pilot Capt. Jack Peck and copilot Vince Daly flying a DC-3 saw a smooth surfaced black object larger than a DC-3 with no visible means of propulsion cross their flight path at 500-1,000 ft height. They averted collision, then turned in pursuit at 170 mph but the object flew out of sight [to the NW at about 500 mph]. [Additional witness Johnston??] (FOIA; Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 4, Everett 1947; (or 10 miles NW of Boston), Mass. (BBU)
4 p.m. Pan Am airliner pilot Powell and navigator White saw a bright orange or deep-gold colored cigarette-shaped (or elliptical) object 15 ft long 2-3 ft wide flying at 150 (or 175) mph at 7,000 ft to the E at about 110° magnetic. (Project 1947; McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

August 6, 1947; Myrtle Creek, Oregon
Approx. 6:15 pm. A pilot (whose name has been deleted from FBI files) was instructing a student in a take off. Just as the student was about to take off, the pilot noticed an object in the sky about 5,000 - 8,000 feet in the air. The sky was known to be completely clear and visibility for the pilot was excellent. He stated that the object "glistened" and appeared to be of "aluminium sheeting". As he noticed the strange object he immediately took over the controls, which at that time was at about 400 feet, and proceeded East in an attempt to continue to observe the object. The pilot advised that the object was climbing and travelling East at a high speed which he estimated as 1,000 miles per hour. He believed the object to be of a spherical shape and recalled a darker object to the right of it when he first saw it. No vapor trails or noise was observed from the object. After around 10 minutes of observing the object, the pilot made another landing and take off and in practically the same position at 400 feet both the pilot and the student observed the object just as they had seen it before. The pilot estimated the sphere to be about 30 feet in diameter and stated that the first time they saw the object, it was so close they could fly right into it. These sightings made were verified by the student, but the student estimated the sphere to be 50 feet in diameter. (FBI files, Lara Elliott)

Aug. 6, 1947; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Bt. 10:30 -10:45 PM. An unknown woman was sitting on the steps outside her home when she spotted a white object pass in the sky at a very high rate of speed. The woman was facing N and the object was said to be travelling S. There was a buzzing sound coming from the object, it was not a loud buzzing sound but it was definitely audible. The object left a trail of thin smoke of a greyish color. The woman was said to have been talking to another individual when their conversation was stopped abruptly as the woman noticed the object and the woman appeared frightened. Another party of people who were outside their home but facing E, also saw an object. They claimed that the object was emitting a bluish-white flame. This group of people also stated that the object was travelling NE to SW. The object was approximately 1000-3000ft in the air and travelling at speeds of around 400-500 mph. No smoke or trail was left by this object according to this party but

there was a faint hissing sound. Thirdly, another man and his wife spotted an object which the man thought resembled a "giant firecracker". This object was said to have passed quickly in a S direction with no noise. The witnesses claimed the object did, however, leave a fiery trail for about 100 ft. The conditions of this night were said to be clear. (Lara Elliott, FBI UFO Docs, PDF 4 of 16, Pg. 22-24, 45+46, newspaper article)

August 11, 1947; St. Louis, Missouri
The witness was a veteran commercial pilot who later became an A&E mechanic with aviation inspection authorization. He was seeing some dark specks growing in the sky going South and North in vertical Vee formation with one on a point and the others stepped above and below in trail. The location of the sighting was the outskirts of St. Louis, during softball game.The objects were soon discerned as disc-shaped, nine in number, approaching at some 25,000 feet and doing about 1,000 mph in the cloudless, cobalt-blue heavens. At arm's length the discs appeared to be the size of grape. Dark on one side and light colored on the other, the objects flipped in unison every two seconds. Both teams and some 25 spectators watched with great interest. The ballplayers were an excellent collection of witnesses with one team consisting entirely of aircraft ground instructors and the other team made up of pilot and aircraft mechanic students. 230. (UFOs: A History 1947, Loren Gross)

August 12,1947; Seattle, Washington
2:20 PM. Mr Bruce Armstrong, along with a number of other engineers at Boeing Aircraft, spotted an object, said to have sounds like a fluttering leaf. The object was black or dark blue in color and was travelling at around 15 mph. No distance was determined between the object and Armstrong. (Lara Elliott, Newspaper article:, posted on the 13th August) in the Seattle Post Intelligencer titled "Blue Triangle Latest Thing Seen In Disks"; FBI UFO Docs, PDF 4 of 16, Page 6+7,48 [linked above]}

Aug. 13, 1947; Redmond, Washington
Approx. 9 a.m. A Mr. Sid Decker claims to have seen two very bright objects, travelling at extreme speed. These objects were sighted just outside the city post office. Decker describes the objects as having no wings, no tail, and that both ends were tapered. He also described the objects as looking like a "belly tank". The objects were said to have been completely noiseless and they were headed in a NE direction. Decker described one object to have been a bit behind and a little above the other object. The two objects were travelling at equal rates of speed for about 8 seconds after which they disappeared from sight. Mr. L. R. Brummett was the original witness of these two objects. He noticed the objects and informed Decker. Brummett described the objects to be flying at a 45 degree angle also in a NE direction. He claimed that they were travelling 3 times faster that a plane. He also described the objects to have no wings, no tail, to be tapered at both ends and to look like aluminium. (Lara Elliott, FBI UFO Docs, PDF 4 of 16, Page 29+30)

Aug. 13, 1947; 40 miles SW of Twin Falls [at Salman Dam]. Idaho (BBU)
9:30 a.m. County Commissioner L. W. Hawkins and Mr. Brown while fishing saw 2 disc-shaped objects 6 ft diameter reflecting light and making the echo of a motor, at 4,000-6,000 ft flying at high speed. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 13, 1947; Snake River (9 miles NW of Twin Falls), Idaho (BBU)
1:00 p.m. Snake River 6 miles W of Blue Lake Ranch, 9 miles NW of Twin Falls, Idaho. A. C. Urie on land and 2 sons Billy and Keith 300 ft away in a boat, all on the S side of the river or river bank looking to the N, saw a squeezed or elongated straw-hat shaped sky-blue object about 10 x 10 x 20 feet, with pods on the side emitting flames, about 1/2 mile away fly towards them down the canyon at 1,000 mph E-W at 75 ft height, with a contour following motion up and down over uneven terrain, trees swaying underneath with a circular motion, disappearing with a swish sound. Urie was about 300 ft from the object which was about level with him about 75 ft above the river, and silhouetted against the canyon wall 1,200 ft away, disappearing behind a hill about 1 mile away. Object was at about 45° elevation to the boys on the river below him, disappearing behind trees. 5-secs? (Battelle Unknown No. 9)

Aug. 14, 1947; Harmon Field, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU)
10:40 a.m. 3 AAF airmen with the 147th AACS Sq. saw 2 small crescent-shaped objects pass over them on a zigzag path at 2x jet speed [1,200 mph?] heading W at about 1,200 ft disappearing into clouds, a few secs later a same or similar object emerged from the clouds and continued to the W. (FOIA)

Aug. 14, 1947; 5 miles S of Placerville, Calif. (BBU)
4 p.m. Insurance adjuster Switzer saw a metallic highly-polished chromium surface object 4-6 ft wide 10-14 inches thick, rounded slightly on top larger in the front, leaving a white trail, at 500-1,000 ft height traveling at high speed. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 14, 1947; Friuli, Italy
Time not given. Professor R. L. Johannis was on a rock-hunting expedition in the mountains in the extreme NW part of Italy. He emerged from a stand of trees & saw, on a rocky riverbank, a large red object that seemed to be shaped like a lens. The witness & the creatures approached one another, but when they were a few paces apart, they stopped. Witness felt paralyzed. Two creatures, about 3 feet tall, heads larger than normal human. No hair. Tight-fitting brown caps. Noses straight & long. Eyes large, protuberant, & round; yellow-green in color with a vertical pupil like a cat. Hands had 8 fingers & seemed to be opposed. Randle/Estes reliability rating: 6

August 19, 1947; Wtin Falls
Witnesses first spotted a single disc zooming in a NE direction followed a short time afterward by flight of 10 disclike objects in triangle formation. Within minutes a trio of discs, also in triangle formation, came into sight on the same course. Almost before witnesses could catch their breath, another triangle formation, this time consisting of 5-6 objects traced a path across the heavens going in an identical direction as their fellow sky travelers. On the heels of this manifestation, one of largest flights of UFOs ever reported soared overhead, 35-50 in number, lined up in triangle formation. This group also proceeded NE. Within a half an hour small groups of discs came over the horizon at short intervals returning from the NE and fleeing in SW direction. (UFOs A History pg. 62 [243]).

Aug. 15-20 (approx.), 1947; Rapid City Air Base [Weaver?], South Dakota (BBU)
Major Hammer sitting in the parking lot near the flight line shortly after dark saw to the NW about 12 elliptical objects about the span of a B-29 (140 ft) with a yellow-white luminous glow in a tight diamond formation, approaching in a shallow descent, level off at about 5,000 ft altitude [height?] at 300-400 mph, make a gentle 110° turn to its right about 4 miles away climbing to the SW, accelerating rapidly. No sound or trail. 1 min? (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

> August 15, 1947
> America had succumbed impressively to the saucer story in few respects, according to the Gallup Poll of August 15, 1947, which found that public awareness of the aerial mystery had reached 90% leaving such famous newsmakers like the Marshall Plan and the Taft-Hartley labor bill far behind in the ratings, but when tested about the possible explanations to the riddle, prosaic answers claimed lion's share of the percentages. Most took liking to possible secret weapons, balloons, hoaxes, etc. Nothing was said about "alien visitors," not even measurable 1% toyed with the concept. 241. (UFOs A History 1947 pg 61)

Aug. 18, 1947; Near Mountain Home, Idaho (BBU)
12 p.m. United Airlines Flight 147 pilot and copilot saw 2 "skeet target" shaped objects flying under the plane. (Project 1947)

FBI Memo

> August 19, 1947: FBI memo to D.W. Ladd from E.G. Fitch mentioning SAC Reynolds conversation with Lt. Col. George Garrett, re: "there were objects seen which somebody in the Government knows all about."

Aug. 19, 1947; Twin Falls, Idaho (BBU)
9:30 p.m. Housing Authority Executive Director Hedstrom saw 55 [?] [luminous?] objects in horizontal flight looking like electric lights headed NE at tremendous speed. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 28, 1947; Fukuoka, Japan
Time not given. MEW Radar Station. A target was picked up in orbit at a range of 26-30 nautical miles on a bearing of.20 to 30 degrees. Target then took a heading of 023 degrees and vvas tracked to a range of 54 nautical miles where it faded.The target was in a climb on this outbound course and the weather at the time was such that the climb would have to be made on instruments. Speed: 390-415 knots; altitude: 1500 feet. (Item "b" from SECRET letter, Fran Ridge, Jan Aldrich)

Late Aug. 1947?; Alamogordo [Holloman] Army Air Field, New Mexico.
AMC Watson Labs Project MOGUL engineer Rosmovski and communications officer Lt. H. G. Markley tracked a stationary target at 200 miles altitude using a modified CPS-4 radar aimed at 70° elevation. (FOIA; Loren Gross Aug-Dec 1947 SUPP p. 28)

Late Aug. 1947; Alamogordo [Holloman] Army Air Field, New Mexico (BBU 83)
AMC Watson Labs Project MOGUL communications officer Lt. H. G. Markley while watching 2 balloons with radar reflector to the SE in 10x binoculars saw traveling at "unprecedented rate of speed" a round white object in horizontal light

S to N several thousand feet over the tops of Sacramento Mtns. [Case falsely explained by AF as false radar targets when no radar observation was involved.] (FOIA; Mary Castner/CUFOS; Loren Gross Aug-Dec 1947 SUPP p. 28; July-Dec 1949 orig

Sept. 3, 1947; Lake Oswego, Oregon. (BBU 85)
12:15 p.m. (PDT). Housewife Mrs. Raymond Dupui saw 12-15 round, silver objects fly an unstated pattern for unknown length of time. (Berliner; FOIA)

Sept. 8, 1947; Logan [Salt Lake City?], Utah (BBU)
10:30 or 11 p.m Anderson and Hall saw 5 groups of a total of 12 [?] white or yellowish objects traveling at high speed to the N at 2,0003,000 ft height, faster than birds, size of pigeons [?] (Battelle/BBSR14 ?; Mary Castner/CUFOS; FUFOR Index; FBI files, Lara Elliott)

Sept. 13, [11? 12?], 1947; Midway Island to Oahu, Hawaii, past Necker Island (BBU)
6:58 p.m. Pan Am airliner crew [military air flight?] saw a bright light with no blue or red tinge split in 2 move towards the plane then disappear [first heading 350° then 109° at 9,50010,000 ft traveling at 1,000 knots or about 1,200 mph]. [Possible meteor?] (McDonald list; Project 1947; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Mary Castner/CUFOS)

Sept. 16, 1947; Fukuoka, Japan
Time not given. MEW radar station. A target was picked up at a range of 89 miles on a bearing of 040 degrees (Point C). Target was tracked on an incoming course to a range of 19 miles and a bearing of 045 degrees at which point it faded out. The nearest known operational U.S.S.R. air bases are on the east coast of Korea at 39° 10' North Latitude and 127 degrees 29' East Longitude and Haeju on west coast of Korea at 38° 02' North Latitude and 125 degrees East Longtude. The range to these oases from Fukuoka is 360 nautical miles. Genzan is classified as having permanent runways of 4500-6000 foot length, and was highly operational by the Japanese. Haeju has one runway of approximtely 4000 foot length, probably surfaced. It is therefore reasonable, to assume that the U.S.S.R. is utilizing the facilities at these bases to the utmost, since the location is strategically between Vladivostok to the north and the U.S. occupied areas of Korea to the south. A recent report from the U.S. XXIV Corps, evaluated F-3, states "a new type aircraft on Haeju airstrip North Korea. "'This aircraft emitted black smoke on take-off, but was not identified as jet propelled." Speed: 840 - 900 mph (730-780 knots); altitude: 10,000 - 20,000 feet. (Item "c." from SECRET AAF letter, Fran Ridge, Jan Aldrich.

Sept. 17, 1947; Ft. Richardson, Alaska (BBU)
Two Army officers saw a 2-3 ft silver sphere traveling S at tremendous speed below the 10,000 ft cloud cover.] (McDonald list; Mary Castner/CUFOS) [Now resolved as a mistake, a duplicate of the July 11, 1947, case].

Sept. 17, 1947; Rix Ledges north of Lebanon, New Hampshire
On this date, an unknown individual reportedly observed a flying saucer. This occurred as he/she was half way up Rix Ledges. The individual claims to have seen the flying saucer while watching the honey bees. The witness describes the saucer to be "as large as a tennis ball" and "as white as cotton batting". The object approached rapidly and noiselessly from the East and was followed by another object closely. The second object appeared in the size and shape of a saucer and maintained a constant angle of inclination to the ball and followed it at a constant distance. The two objects made an angle of about 5 degrees to the individuals eye. The objects were in their sight for more than a minute until vision was lost in the glare of the sun. (FBI document)

Sept. 20, 1947; off the coast of San Diego, California
The Coast Guard were told that a flaming object had fallen into the sea off that coast, but no check of airports revealed any missing liner or plane, and the Observatory at Griffith Park did not think it was any sort of meteor. Further inquiry elicited the fact that the object maneuvered, and for some time. (Carl Feindt)

SECRET letter, September 23, 1947

> On September 23, 1947, the chief of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, one of the Air Force's most highly specialized intelligence units, sent a letter to the Commanding General of the then Army Air Forces. The letter was in answer to the Commanding General's verbal request to make a preliminary study of the reports of unidentified flying objects. The letter said that after a preliminary study of UFO reports, ATIC concluded that, to quote from the letter, "the reported phenomena were real." The letter strongly urged that a permanent project be established at ATIC to investigate and analyze future UFO reports. It requested a priority for the project, a registered code name, and an over-all security classification. ATIC's request was granted and Project Sign, the forerunner of Project Grudge and

Project Blue Book, was launched. It was given a 2A priority, A being the highest priority an Air Force project could have. (Ruppelt)

AMC letter to Commanding General - See Exhibit #3

Sept. 26, 1947 SECRET memo for Asst Chief of Staff

An interesting 3-page SECRET letter from HQ AAF 26 Sept 1947 regarding three radar incidents lsted on this chrono..

Oct., 1947; Dodgeville, Wisc. (BBU 91)
11:00 p.m. A civilian observed a "saucer" moving slowly to the south at an altitude of about 2 miles. All at once the object in a sudden burst of speed (faster than a plane) circled from right to left in a huge circle. Observation lasted about one hour. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Oct. 8/9, 1947; Las Vegas, Nevada (BBU)
[AAF reserve Capt. Moore saw an object traveling at 700 mph leave an almost white smoke/vapor trail and change direction from SE to W.] (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 12, 1947. Guadalupe, Mexico (BBU)
9:30 a.m. (CST). Numerous witnesses saw a cigar-shaped, blue and silver color fireball trailing blue flame heading E to W plunge to earth resembling an errant V-2 rocket and appearing to head for impact in the Zamalayuca Mtns. with a billow of smoke and loud explosion. Mexican Army reserve Capt. Aranda saw the fireball from the Hernandez Torres filling station near Caseta and saw it disappear over the sandhills near Colonia Reforma. No meteorites or other remains found in searches. (Sparks; Loren Gross, Jul-Dec 1947 p. 38; 1947 pp. 69-71; SUPP Aug-Dec 1947 pp. 44-45; Mary Castner/CUFOS; Saunders/FUFOR index)

Oct. 14 [12?], 1947; 11 miles NNE of Cave Creek, Ariz. (BBU 95)
12 noon (MDT). Ex-AAF fighter pilot J. L. Clark, civilian pilot Anderson, third man saw 3-foot "flying wing," black against the white clouds and red against the blue sky, flying straight at an estimated 380 m.p.h., at 8,000-10,000 ft, from NW to SE. 45-60 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 20, 1947; Xenia, Ohio (BBU)
11 a.m. Atkinson saw a round 1 ft object at 1,500 ft heading SW on a straight course. (McDonald list; FOIA; Mary Castner/CUFOS)

Oct. 20, 1947; Dayton, Ohio (BBU)
1:20 p.m. Farmer Britton saw 2 cigar-shaped objects reflecting brilliant sunlight traveling W to E on a straight course at high speed about 1 mile height in trail formation about a city block apart emitting a slight vapor trail, disappearing suddenly. (McDonald list; FOIA; Mary Castner/CUFOS)

October 21, 1947; Transmittal of EEI on alleged "flying Saucer"

Oct 28, 1947 Intelligence Requirements on Flying Saucer Type Aircraft, SECRET Schulgen Memo

Nov. 2, 1947; Houston, Texas (BBU)
Daybreak. Immigration Service [agent?] Brimberry saw an almost round or oval or saucer-shaped object with bright light [?] about 100 ft [?] diameter spinning in its descent. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 3 (or 4), 1947; Vaughn (near), New Mexico
Approx 8:00 pm. Basketball-Sized object explodes near colonel.

Nov. 5, 1947; Persian Gulf
Crewmen aboard the oil tanker Chipola were said to have sighted eight saucer-shaped objects whizzing through the air a mere half mile away while the vessel made its way through the warm waters off Arabia. As the sailors watched, the objects in question climbed out of sight gaining height while in an echelon formation. (UFOs A History 1947; 284. 75)

Nov. 12, 1947; 40 miles N [S?] of Cape Blanco, Oregon, 20 miles off coast (BBU)

Early morning. USS Ticonderoga USN 2nd Officer Williamson saw 2 balls of fire with a fiery trail headed NW at 700-900 mph. [Probable meteors.] (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 15, 1947; Wichita, Kansas (BBU 2224)
7:02 a.m. USAF Maj. R. L. Wallander, Capt. Belleman, A/3c Phipps saw an orange object (a blue streak?) varied in shape, as it made jerky upward sweeps with 10-15 sec pauses. 3-5 mins. (Berliner)

Nov. 15, 1947; Wichita, Texas (BBU)
8:25 p.m. USAF B47 crew and passengers saw an elliptical blue-white object with orange or red tail, moving erratically. (BB Status Rpt?) [Same case as above??]

Dec. 8, 1947; Las Vegas, Nevada
Moving reddish UFO emitted flash of light, shot upwards out of sight. [XII]

December 18, 1947 Memorandum For The Record [statement of the reality of flying discs]

Dec. 30, 1947; 1 mile W of Pilot Hill, Calif. (BBU)
7:25 p.m. (PST). Crew of McClellan Field C-47 saw a high speed low altitude object trailing red, green and other colored flames headed E over hills. At 7:37 another C-47 crew sent to investigate found the triangular fire area with 2 points emitting bright blue-green flames at the position reported by the first crew. At 7:58 the first C-47 crew found this growing ground fire about 7 miles E of Pilot Hill, going out at 9:55 p.m. If flight path data was reversed to E to W this might be the "Green Dragon" Fireball, a possible precursor to the Green Fireballs. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich FOIA; BB files)

Dec. 30, 1947; Sawtooth Nat. Forest, Idaho (BBU)
7:26 p.m. (PST). Pilot AF Lt. Col. W. W. Jones, and copilot Major A. A. Andrae, both of the Air Transport Command (Eastern Pacific Wing, Pacific Division) flying a C-54 from Great Falls to Fairfield-Suisun Field at 13,000 ft saw a high speed object trailing green and blue flames descending vertically at their 2:30 o'clock position, but slowing just above the ground. Possibly the "Green Dragon" Fireball, a possible precursor to the Green Fireballs. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich FOIA; BB files) 2 secs

**Reference:**
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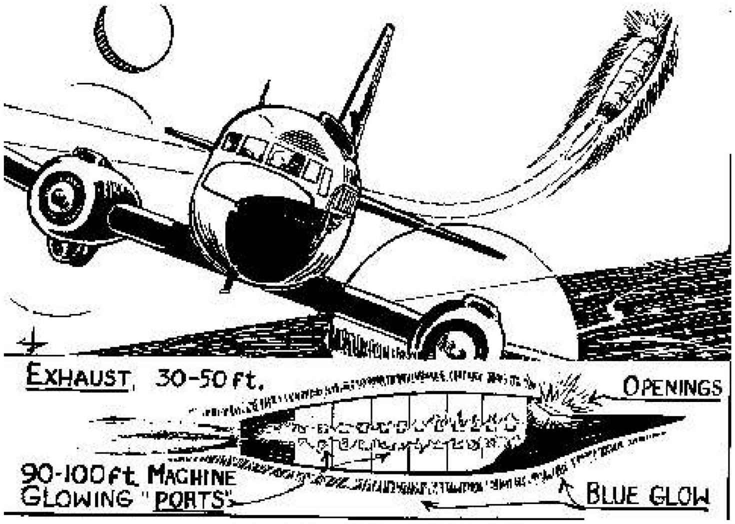

**July 24, 1948 - Chiles-Whitted Case**

Map of sightings for 1948, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database

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1948 was (and still is) a very important year in UFOlogy and this is a 24-page report. I want to thank all the members of the A-Team who made this possible. The latest group of entries was supplied by new A-Team member, Don Johnson (UFOCAT fame) and are marked with an asterisk. Note: There are 209 entries in the 38-page La Paz catalog, the " Summary of Sightings of Unknown Phenomena, 17th District OSI" But in the 1948 group there were only 13 sightings and the only ones listed here are the reports with some important details that make them extraordinary. Also, brief case descriptions giving the Cat (Category) number, name of witness, and source in brackets (M=military), are NICAP UFO Evidence entries that haven't been located. Finally, the case listings from BB files, where available, are inserted by month, and also listed here. A major breakthrough on the Mantell case occurred in 2006. This case had been explained by many researchers, but the A-Team uncovered new evidence. See January 7th. Finally, I want thank Loren Gross for thoughtfully and diligently collecting data many years ago for his UFO Histories and supplemental notes, in particular here the year 1948. And a big thanks to CUFOS and Mary Castnor for housing them on the CUFOS site.

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NARA-PBB1-15 - Jan-Feb-March Sightings

Jan. 3, 1948; Vaasa, Finland (BBU)
A disc-shaped object shot across the sky from west to east in 30 seconds over the coast of Vaasa, Finland. (Source: Project Blue Book files, case 99; Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 1289; Loren E. Gross, UFOs: A History. 1948, p. 1).

Jan. 6, 1948; Chehalis, Washington
3:00 p.m. Mrs Bernice Zaikowski heard a “sizzling and whizzing” sound, and looked up to see a “birdman” hovering 200 feet above her barn. She watched “a man equipped with long silver wings fastened over the shoulders with a strap” ascend rapidly, hover, bank, then fly away. “He flew in an upright position and appeared to be manipulating controls strapped to his chest.” The wings did not flap, instead they retracted close to his body during ascent, and were extended to hover or proceed in horizontal flight. Mrs Zaikowski said five other adult witnesses and a number of children also saw the birdman. (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case 1948-05, citing The Portland (Oregon) Journal, April 30, 1950; Hans Holzer, The UFOnauts, p. 117; John A. Keel, Operation Trojan Horse, p. 206).

Jan. 7, 1948; Kentucky-Ohio (BBU)
1-7 p.m. (CST). Mantell case. Kentucky ANG pilot Capt Thomas F. Mantell, Jr., was killed in an F-5ID F fighter crash at about 3:18 p.m. about 4 miles S of Franklin, Ky., (at about 36°40.4' N, 86°35' N) about 92 miles S (about 205° azimuth) from Godman Control Tower, in an attempt to intercept an unidentified object described in one of Mantell's last radio reports to Godman AAF tower, Ft. Knox, Ky., (37°54'23" N. 85r58"00" W. about 725 ft elevation) as "metallic and tremendous in size." USAF 1st. Lt. Orner, Commander, 733-5 Detachment. AACS, tracked unidentified white light with red coloration by weather tracking theodolite from Godman Field hanger at azimuth 8-degrees: elevation at 5:35 p.m. which disappeared over the horizon at 250° azimuth See later sightings at Lockbourne AFB and Clinton County AFB, Ohio.

Jan 6, 1948; war Department Letter

Jan. 7, 1948; Lockbourne_AFB, Ohio (BBU)
7:15 p.m. (EST). Lockbourne Tower operators, Air Traffic Controller and pilot Alex A. Boudreaux and VHF DF Operator and amateur astronomer Frank M. Eisele, 103rd AACS Sq, sighted an bright object to the SW of the airfield which appeared and disappeared intermittently. Fighter pilot USAF Capt. Charles E. McGee, Asst. Operations Ofcr., Lockbourne AFB, sighted the object on runway 23 landing approach when he was at about 1800 ft and the light seemed to be at about 3,000 ft to the SW about 4-5 miles away, later on the ground sighted it to the W about 6-7 miles away. USAF VHF Direction-Finding (DF) Operator and pilot Albert R. Pickering, Detachment 733, 103rd AACS Sq, Lockbourne AFB, was awakened by the sudden emergence of a lighted amber-color round or oval object about the size of a C-47 or larger [60+ ft] dropping out of the overcast bank 10,000 ft overhead. Lockbourne Control Tower at the same time radioed report of the object, which then maneuvered over to Commercial Point about 3-5 miles away to the WSW, then made 3 full 360° circles over one spot in 30-40 secs per turn diameter about 2 miles [about 600-700 mph at 7 g’s centripetal acceleration] over the runway, at a speed of 500+ mph, leaving a luminous amber-colored tail or exhaust about 5x its length. Then the UFO went to another location and did more 360° turns. Disappeared into the overcast at one point for 1 min then reappeared. Just before departing UFO hovered or “appeared to touch down” on the grass extension past the end of the Lockbourne AFB runway for 10 secs then left at 120° (ESE) heading into the overcast. Also sighted by pilot of USAF 9944 a C-45 at 5,000 ft off right wing at 7:53 p.m. (Sparks; APRO 1977; BB Sign Microfilm Roll 1, pp. 245-265; NICAP)

Jan. 9, 1948; Near Cartersville, Georgia (BBU)
11:30 p.m. Eastern Airlines DC-3 airliner pilot? DuBose saw a blue circular flame pass the plane, turn, then blink [out?]. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 10, 1948; Wildwood, New Jersey (BBU)
8 or 10 p.m. Knitting designer saw a "saucer" or "queer light" approach from the ocean then rise and fall slowly, departed at high speed. Previous sightings of the same or similar phenomenon Dec. 27, 1947, Jan. 3, 1948, "all" at 8 p.m. (McDonald list; FOIA)

Jan. 11, 1948; Hartford, Conn. (BBU)
4:30 p.m. Pilot USAF Capt. Helton and copilot Pargoe in transport plane saw fast moving disc with bluish center and red edges dive at 45° angle to the E. (Project 1947; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

January 21, 1948 - SECRET Department of the Army Memo on Unconventional Aircraft

January 22,1948 - Project SIGN Initiated

> Project SIGN Report, NARA-PBB85-7: "Project 'Sign' was initiated by the Technical Intelligence Division, Air Materiel Command, and assigned Project Number XS-304, 22 January 1948, under authority of a letter from the Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel, USAF."

Jan 23, 1948; Project "SIGN" & UFOs over Sweden

Jan. 27, 1948 nr. Eglin AFB, Florida
Midnight. An Air Force officer (an engineer and chief of the aircraft branch at the base) and his wife were the witnesses.. He had also recently been part of the intelligence group at AMC, having transferred to Eglin in the fall of 1948. The object was similar to that seen in 1947 by Chiles and Whitted: an elongated fat cigar or cucumber-shaped structure with what the observers felt were one or two rows of windows along its length. It seemed to pulse its light, and made many maneuvers before disappearing. Dur, 25 mins. (The witnesses thought, because of the pulses accompanied by "sparks," that the object was rocket-propelled. The sudden "right-angle" changes of direction were an early case of a class of sightings that involved "impossible" non-inertial motions. One can imagine what excitement this would have caused 6 months earlier during the Chiles-Whitted affair. As it was, no one now was interested. The case received a minimal filing). (UFOs A History, Gross)

Feb. 1, 1948; Circleville, Ohio (BBU)
2 a.m. C. Bruce Stevenson saw a large 60 ft domed disc, with bright orange-amber glow from within, approach slowly to about 100-150 ft away and just above his tool barn and then continue to slowly move away. (Project 1947)

Feb 2, 1948; TOP SECRET Planning for Defense of Vital Installations

Feb 4, 1948; Investigating & Reporting of "Flying Disc" Incidents

Feb. 18, 1948; Stockton, Kansas
4:56 p.m. A farmer saw a 4-foot wide disc that approached to within six feet and appeared to aim some type of tube or pipe at him. The UFO then wobbled and emitted some flames. It shot away flying toward the northwest. At 5:05 p.m. a Mr. Wray took a photograph of an irregular-shaped UFO north of Norton, Kansas. (Sources: Omaha Herald, February 18, 1948; Harold Wilkins, Flying Saucers on the Attack, p. 91, Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer, The Coming of the Saucers, p. 179).

Feb. 20, 1948; Emmett, Idaho
1:15 pm. local. Six surveyors saw a small flat, heart-shaped UFO flying in the sky. It was fuzzy across its back edge as if "dipped in cream", and was flying point first below the cloud level at between 2,000 and 4,000 feet. (Sources: Emmett (ID) Messenger, February 26, 1948; Aime Michel, The Truth About Flying Saucers, p. 69; UNICAT database, case # 206, citing Kenneth Arnold, Fate Magazine, July 1948, p. 13).

March, 1948; Aztec, New Mexico
Alledged UFO crash. This is a hoax.

March 1, 1948; Coast of Sweden (BBU)
9:30 a.m. Airline pilot and copilot saw a missile-like object flying at 20,000 ft passing along the coast with a bluish flare [exhaust? trail?]. (Project 1947)

SECRET March 3, 1948 Memo transcription
Actual document

> Memo from Maj-Gen S. E. Anderson, U.S.A.F. Director of Plans and Operations regarding AMC proposal to use fighter aircraft to intercept flying discs (Project 1947)

March 10, 1948: Aleutian Islands
While on a routine flight to Cape Air Force Base, Umnak Island, Alaska, the pilots of aircraft AF 2537 observed from 5 miles distance and 3000 feet a white vessel at 167° 50' W, 53° 27' N proceeding outbound from the shore of Umnak Island on a course of 30°. No curiosity arose upon the sighting of the vessel, except that it appeared to be proceeding exceptionally fast with a long narrow wake trailing behind. (Interest was taken on the above report for the following reason: the shape of the vessel as described by the pilot was identical to the description as submitted by the pilots of #1 sighting, who sighted an object which resembled a submarine.) The key word here is "resembled". See Keith Chester's comments below and the actual 5-page SECRET document. (Keith Chester)

SECRET 17 March 1948 Memo

> Memo from Maj-Gen George C. McDonald, USAF Director of Intelligence, to Commanding General AMC, W-P AFB regarding the use of fighter aircraft to gather information on flying discs.

March 18, 1948

Meeting of Air Force Science Advisory Board reveals missing reports. Col. McCoy mentions 300 reports, also mentioned in other documents. Project Blue Book files only show about 130.

NARA-PBB1-16 - April-May-June Sightings

April 1, 1948; About 9 miles SE of Sorsogon, SE Luzon Island, Philippines (BBU)
9:55 a.m. USAF Lt. Meyers leading a flight of 4 P-47 fighters of the 67th Fighter Sq was flying S heading 180° at 1,500 ft altitude when he saw a half-moon shaped "flying wing" about 30 ft wide 20 ft long, with a barely perceptible dorsal fin, flying on a N heading 360° at about 1,000 ft about 3 miles to his E [evidently silhouetted against the surface 9 miles away at a depression angle of about 2°]. He immediately made a 270° left turn to identify the object when it made a 90° left turn [banking evidently] leveled out on a W heading 270° accelerating rapidly to disappearance in 5 secs, no trail [assuming 10x distance increase to reduce apparent size below visual resolution limit, and constant acceleration, terminal velocity would be about 11 miles per second or 39,000 mph at about 350 g's]. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

April 3, 1948; in San Martino, Lombardy, Italy
6:35 a.m. Bus driver Guiseppe Langiano and railway stationmaster Sr. Bavota saw a luminous orange domed disc hovering about 10 meters above the ground at Fara Di Cigno which stopped 12 meters away from them. It was shaped like an inverted bowl, about 10-15 meters in diameter, and surmounted by a transparent looking dome or "upside-down cup." It was also emitting a very bright beam of white light. A humanoid being floated down to the ground from the object. He wore a stiff, metallic looking one-piece garment with heavy metallic gauntlets. He looked like a "big puppet" about 1.5 meters (5 feet) in height. He had "two round holes in place of eyes." When Sr. Langiano approached, it re-entered the UFO, which then took off. (Sources: Solas Boncompgni, UFO in Italia, p. 94; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case 1948-06 (A0145), citing Solas Boncompgni; Verga Maurizio, ITACAT: Italian UFO Catalogue).

April 5,1948; Holloman AFB, New Mexico (BBU 139)
Afternoon. Geophysics Lab and/or AMC Watson Lab balloon observers Olsen, Johnson, Chance, saw 1 to 2 irregularly round, gray-white or golden objects, indistinct in outline like a majors insignia ... slightly concave on top, one [?] estimated 100 ft size. Both were rising straight up then one veered to the right, dropped, made a large loop, went upward again, then disappeared suddenly not due to distance. The other object arced off to the W at terrific or tremendous speed made 3 vertical loops or violent maneuvers then disappeared suddenly not due to fading away in the distance. (Berliner; cf. Ruppelt p. 71; Vallée?; Loren Gross Jan-July 1948 orig ed p. 25)

April 7, 1948; Longview, Washington
Mid afternoon. Three men in dark drab flight suits were seen flying through the air at 250 feet altitude. They circled the city as fast as a freight train. They had apparatus on their sides that looked like they may have been wearing guns in holsters. They were seen briefly by three witnesses with the last names of Johnson and Pittman. (Sources: Longview (WA) News, April 8, 1948; John Keel, Operation Trojan Horse, p. 207; APRO Bulleltin, June 1980, p. 4).

April 8, 1948; Ashley, Ohio [Delaware?]. Paines (BBU)
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Various witnesses reported a clearly-outlined object, first observed at an angle and slowly southwest. Object was cylindrical and seemed to have a vapor around the top and the sun shining off of it. One account states it was opalescent like a mother of pearl. It was also described as apparently very large, about the size of a full moon in height but smaller in width, but very high up.. Air Force analyst suggested a vertical meteor trail but witnesses stated the object was first moving at an angle then righted itself flying vertical. Duration 10 mins +- (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

April 9, 1948; Holloman AFB?, Alamogordo, New Mexico (BBU)
2:06 p.m. (MST). (Trakowski GRUDGE rpt)

April 9, 1948; Montgomery, Alabama (BBU)
3:10 p.m. Lt. Col. Hughes, Air Tactical School instructor, Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Florida, while flying a P-51H fighter at 16,000 ft and just before completing a 180° left turn spotted a silver parachute-shaped 8 ft disc with a 5 ft long cable or shroud underneath suspending a silver canister or ball, at his 10 o'clock position (to the SE) off his left wing headed NW, about 300-500 ft away and 200300 ft below him. He banked sharp left to try to follow the object, at 310 mph IAS, but it disappeared in 5 secs without dropping in altitude. (FOIA)

April 11, 1948; Alton, Illinois (BBU)
Siegmund. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Popular Science Article Tells All About Skyhook

> Here the "secret" is emblazoned on the cover of Popular Science for May 1948 as a bit of publicity hype since obviously it was not "secret" if it was being published openly. (Keyhoe's book cover two years later looks a bit like this magazine cover.) The issue must have hit the newsstands in April possibly as early as March 1948, and written up in maybe Jan/Feb 1948. (Brad Sparks/Ole Jonny Braenne)

April 18, 1948; 1 mile N of Fairbanks, Alaska (BBU)
1:06 p.m. USAF member Johnson of 375th Recon Sq-Very Long Range, Ladd AFB, in the Chaechako Hotel saw a noiseless object with a flat discus shaped object 8 inches in size [at arm's length??] rapidly oscillating in flight at about 2,0003,000 ft altitude about 1 mile away traveling NE to SW at about 250-300 mph visible only when the flat side was toward the observer reflecting high intensity sunlight (?). (FOIA; FUFOR Index) few mins or 15 secs ?

April 18, 1948; N Atlantic bet. Iceland and Greenland (BBU)
(McDonald list)

April 19, 1948; Greenville AFB, South Carolina (BBU)
4:15 p.m. 2 Lts. Henning (Henning?) and Loomis heard jet fighter(s) and when looking for it saw a stationary silvery or white sphere directly overhead at about 15,000-20,000 ft, which looked like a weather balloon (but none had been launched), and after 1 min it was joined by an identical object at 15,000+ ft which remained relatively stationary (about 1 min) then both suddenly accelerated to high speed off to the NNE in trail formation disappearing in about 30 secs, while the original object drifted N [?]. Size estimated at slightly smaller than a 42 ft AT-6 at the indicated altitude. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

April 23, 1948, A Preliminary Project SIGN Report (56 pages in pdf file)

> Intact copy found in 900 pages of documents released in 1997 with the Roswell inquiry, published by the Fund for UFO Research.

April 30, 1948; S. of Anacostia NAS, Maryland (BBU)
10:15 a.m. Pilot Lowe of Navy aircraft SNJ Buno 90731 flying S at 180° magnetic at 5,500 ft saw yellow sphere in opposite course S to N at constant altitude about 1,000 ft below. (Jan Aldrich; Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

May 5, 1948

> Routing and Records Sheet by Miles Goll describing the excellent work of Alfred Loedding, monitor of Project SIGN.

May 5, 1948; Adapasari [or Adapazari], Turkey (BBU)
(McDonald list)

May 6, 1948; Near Wake Island, bet. Kwajalein and Hickam Field, Hawaii (BBU)
9:05 a.m. USAF pilot Barnes of MATS plane saw a ball of fire explode like a shell. [Probable meteor bolide.] (McDonald list; Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

May 7, 1948; Memphis, Tenn. (BBU)
Bray and Kaiser. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

May 12, 1948; between Westfield and Clare, Indiana
A private pilot found that he was sharing his air space with something unknown but resembling, he said, the "Graf Zeppelin" in appearance, but slightly smaller in size. It had bright finish and zoomed faster than an airliner. (Gross UFOH 1948,31; Blue Book file 129???)

May 25, 1948; Wesserbillig, Luxenborg
Jumping from a coal train at night, 45-year-old Mr. Klotzbach suffered severe leg injuries and experienced a lot of bleeding. He fainted, but surprisingly when he woke up he found himself inside a UFO. The UFO occupants spoke to him in German. They shared with him some undisclosed messages, and he next experienced a further loss of time. He awoke again four days later in Luxemborg, legs fully healed. (Sources: Thomas E. Bullard, UFO Abductions: The Measure of a Mystery, case 59; Gordon Creighton, FSR, September-October 1969, p. 20; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of

Humanoid Reports, case A0148).

May 28, 1948, 6 miles east of Monroe, Michigan (BB)
3:00 p.m. (1500 hours). 1st Lt. Alexander Kokolonis, USAFR, while flying in a USAF C-47 at 6000 feet altitude observed out of the navigator's window three disc-like objects two miles to the left. The objects were approximately 300 to 400 feet in size, silvery-gold in color, and traveling at well over 500 m.p.h. The objects were in sight approximately 10-15 seconds. Approximately 10 seconds later, Kokolonis observed two more similar objects approximately 2 1/2 miles to the left and he alerted M/Sgt Ernest Davis, Jr.who also observed the two objects. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Late May, 1948; Oxford/Bicester, Great Britain
11:40 AM. Four officers and two crew aboard a York transport aircraft, accompanied by a formation of six meteor jets, encountered a 100' oval with three bumps or protrusions on the bottom. Ground radar tracked the object which was stationary and above 25,000 feet. The object departed at an incredible speed of 1500 mph. (See detailed account from a letter to Jenny Randles linked above)

May 31, 1948; Wilmington, North Carolina (BBU)
At 1:20 in the afternoon a cigar-shaped object moved through the sky at terrific speed over Wilmington, North Carolina. Mrs. H. D. Alspach [and two others, one by name of Colvin], reported that the object emitted smoke, appeared about three feet long, veered, slowed down, and then sped away toward the east at a high altitude. ((McDonald list; FUFOR Index, Don Johnson: Source: Wilmington, North Carolina Morning Star, June 1, 1948).

June 16, 1948; Kapustin Yar test flight facility in Astrakhan, Soviet Union
A banana or cucumber-shaped object with beams of light was tracked on radar when it descended across the course of Russian test pilot Apraksin flying over the Kapustin Yar test flight facility in Astrakhan, Soviet Union. The experimental aircraft he was flying experienced a total electrical failure when it was hit by a cone of light, with the engine and controls failing. Although temporarily blinded, he was able to glide the plane to a landing. (Sources: Felix Zigel, unpublished manuscript, p. 124; Geoffrey Falla, BUFORA Vehicle Interference Project, p. 004; Jacques Vallee, UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat, p. 137, Lara Elliott).

June 20, 1948; Scott AFB, Belleville, Illinois (BBU)
(McDonald list)

June 29, 1948; W Uniontown, Penna. (BBU)
11 p.m. Mrs. Catherine MacDonald and Mrs. Margaret Hollar saw an oval luminous object "rolling" vertically on its edge in level (or climbing) flight at about 5,000 ft, below the clouds, with a short trail (about 1/2 length of object), in the SW moving SW to NE (to the S of witnesses?). 2 similar objects seen at 5-min intervals, the 2nd seeming transparent as lightning could be seen flashing behind it. Police were then called so 2nd/3rd objects were seen by police Sgt. Charles Schulz [Schuh?] and Mrs. MacDonald's daughter Catherine. Another neighbor woman and her daughter were brought out, when a 3rd object was seen, height estimated 6,000-9,000 ft (climbing?), same SW to NE path. (FOIA; FUFOR Index) 5-10 secs + ? + 6-7 secs

June 30, 1948; S Knoxville, Tenn. (BBU)
Whitehouse. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

June 30, 1948; Hecla, South Dakota (BBU)
Pfutzenreuter. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

NARA-PBB1-17 - July-August Sightings

Summer 1948; Erie, Pa.
Engineer saw elliptical UFO which flew horizontally, then ascended rapidly. [UFOE, VI]

Summer of 1948; Goose Bay, Labrador
UFO tracked on radar at 9,000 m.p.h. [UFOE,VIII]. Major Edwin A. Jerome, USAF (Ret.) reported the incident to NICAP in 1961. Major Jerome was a Command Pilot, Air Provost Marshall for about 8 years, and also served as an Intelligence Officer and CID Investigator.

Summer 1948; Easton, Pa.
Physicist watched 3 luminescent greenish discs cross sky. [UFOE,VI]

July 4, 1948; Dravesburg, Penna. (BBU)
Jannicky. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

July 4, 1948; Nr. Longmont, Colorado
Revolving silver circular object soared upward at "terrific speed." [UFOE, XII]

July 8, 1948; McKeesport Pennsylvania (BBU)
Morning. Mrs. Nell Veway and Mrs. Elizabeth Geltz observed a round silver plate-shaped object moving noiselessly overhead. It disappeared into a cloud bank but reappeared on the far side. They followed the disc until it was out of sight. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

July 9, 1948; Alaska
Two Air Force officers reported approximately 20 discs or spheres milling around in formation and making a jet-like sound. (Fund Report C-7; 2 pp.)

July 9, 1948; Fielding Lake, Wash. (BBU)
Caramia. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

July 1948; Pasco, Wash.
Private pilot saw disc diving and climbing away at high speed. [NICAP, V]

July 9, 1948; Osborn, Ohio (BBU)
9:47 p.m. AMC Technical Intelligence Division officer and pilot, Lt. C. W. G., of MCIAXO-4, saw to the N about 70° elevation a luminous yellowish-white object traveling E to W at estimated 3,000-4,000 ft about 500-600 mph, illuminated at regular intervals, first 1-2 secs, then dark 3 secs, lit 1-2 secs again, dark 3 secs, then lit 1-2 secs again disappearing to the W slightly above the horizon N of Patterson Field. No sound or trail. Moon 1/4 illuminated seen rising to the WSW (actually setting to the W at 272° azimuth 21° elevation 15% illuminated). (FOIA)

July 17, 1948; 5 miles S of San Acacia Dam, New Mexico (BBU)
4:50 p.m. 2 Kirtland AFB Sgts. on a fishing trip with their families saw a group of 7 aluminum circular possibly spherical objects approach from the S at 20,000 ft pass overhead at 1,500 mph if the altitude was correct (5°/sec angular velocity), at first appearing like snub-nosed jet fighters of unknown type, shifting from V formation to L formation to circular formation to no regular formation, at which point a regular pulsating flashing light appeared in the group at 30° from zenith to the N, and at this oblique angle the objects did not appear circular. No noise or trail. (FOIA) [10-30 secs?]

July 20, 1948; Arnhem, Netherlands (BB)
1:30 p.m. local. Drawings made by pilots (Chiles/Whitted) very closely resemble a flying object reported to have been seen by A. D. Otter, chief investigator of Court of Damage Inquiry, and his daughter at Arnhem. This object appeared to be a wingless aircraft having two decks. The craft, sighted four times through scattered clouds and unlimited visibility, was traveling at high speed at high altitude. A sound similar to that made by a V-2 was reported. (Paragraph "q" of Top Secret Air Intelligence Report 100-203-79, "Analysis of Flying Object Reports in The U.S." 10 Dec 1948.) This sighting occurred 4 days prior to the C/W case. (Fran Ridge, BB files)

July 21, 1948; Van Nuys, Calif. (BBU)
(McDonald list)

July 24, 1948; Altoona, Penna. (BBU)
Griebel. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

July 24, 1948; 20 miles SW of Montgomery, Alabama (BBU)
2:35 a.m. Eastern Airlines pilots, Captain C.S. Chiles and First Officer J.B. Whitted, reported that a cigar-shaped object with lights like portholes approached head-on, accelerated, climbed away. (Sparks lists this as possible meteor fireball. [Battelle Unknown No. 5] 5-10 secs) Ruppelt describes this incident in his book:

> Captain Edward J. Ruppelt:
> "On the evening of July 24 (Ridge: Actually the 23rd), 1948, an Eastern Airlines DC-3 took off from Houston, Texas. It was on a scheduled trip to Atlanta, with intermediate stops in between. The pilots were Clarence S. Chiles and John B. Whitted. At about 2:45 A.M., (now the 24th) when the flight was 20 miles southwest of Montgomery, the

> captain, Chiles, saw a light dead ahead and closing fast. His first reaction, he later reported to an ATIC investigation team, was that it was a jet, but in an instant he realized that even a jet couldn't close as fast as this light was closing. Chiles said he reached over, gave Whitted, the other pilot, a quick tap on the arm, and pointed. The UFO was now almost on top of them. Chiles racked the DC-3 into a tight left turn. Just as the UFO flashed by about 700 feet to the right, the DC-3 hit turbulent air. Whitted looked back just as the UFO pulled up in a steep climb."

July 24, 1948; Robins AFB, Georgia
02:50 a.m. (Eastern) Walter C. Massey, a member of civilian alert, observed a squash-shaped object with flaming exhaust headed south at terrific speed. Seven other witnesses from Augusta, Georgia, also observed the object. (BB Microfilm). "In none of these instances does a meteorological or astronomical explanation suffice to explain the sightings." (McDonald)

July 25, 1948, Yakima, Washington
At 2:00 P.M. and at 4:20 P.M., a silvery moon-sized flying blob was seen by hundreds of witnesses over the city of Yakima. Hundreds of calls flooded into the CAA office concerning the flying object.

July 26, 1948; Chamblee (near Atlanta), Georgia (BBU)
8:45-9 p.m. 5-15 (?) students outdoors at Georgia Tech at Chamblee saw a green light with a silver tail about the size of a football [at arm's length??] in steady flight to the SE slowly descending as if for a landing, completely silent. At 9 p.m. Atlanta Naval Air Base tower observer saw a blue-white object in horizontal level flight at high altitude travel from NE to SE in a few seconds then gain altitude and suddenly turn to the S, completely noiseless. Independent witnesses include City Editor of Atlanta Chronicle newspaper and 9 others. (FOIA) few secs?

July 27, 1948; Albuquerque, New Mexico
8:35 a.m. A University of New Mexico scientist saw a flat metallic disc-shaped object that hung motionless in the sky for ten minutes. (Source: Jacques Vallee, Anatomy of a Phenomenon, p. 54).

July 29, 1948; Indianapolis, Indiana (BBU 185)
9:18 [9:55] a.m. James Toney and Robert Huggins, both employees of a rug cleaning firm in a truck headed W, saw a shiny propeller shaped aluminum object, with 10-12 small cups protruding from either blade, 6-8 ft long, 1.5-2 (or 12) ft wide, above trees about 30 ft altitude to the NW about 300 ft away heading S about 170° approaching to about 100 ft at closest. Object glided across the road at 25-30 mph in a slight descent then made a 20° bank to the E, went down in a wooded area; witnesses stopped truck got out to look but object disappeared behind trees; later search found no traces. No sound or trail. (Battelle Unknown No. 1; Vallée Magonia 65) [15 secs]

July 31, 1948; S Central Indianapolis, Indiana (BBU 190)
8:25 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Swigert saw a cymbal shaped or domed disc object or rounded coolie hat to the W, about 20 ft across, 6-8 ft thick, 3:1 ratio 10 secs noted, white without any shine but shadowing on upper right (sun from the left or E), fly straight and level from horizon to horizon W to E heading 90°, first through window facing W then window facing S, altitude estimated at 2,000 ft covering distance of 5 miles (1,800 mph? distance 2 miles? elevation 10°?), shimmering in the sun as if spinning. No sound or trail. (Battelle Unknown No. 8; FOIA, Dan Wilson)

July 31, 1948; Near Marion, Virginia (BBU)
Shortly after sunset. Max Abbott, flying a Bellanca Cruisair four-passenger private airplane, saw a single bright white light [take off?] accelerate [to 300 mph?] and turn up a valley. (Berliner; cf. Project 1947)

Aug. 1, 1948; South China Sea from Hong Kong to Saigon, Vietnam
Morning. Everyone on a Air France airliner flying over South China Sea saw a huge metallic cigar-shaped object flying south, and then make a 90-degree turn into the clouds. Later that day at Clark Field in the Philippines American military observers also sighted a wingless cigar-shaped object with a row of lights. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, Anatomy of a Phenomenon, p. 54; Donald E. Keyhoe, Flying Saucers are Real, p. 72).

Aug. 2, 1948; Columbus, Ohio (BBU)
Saunders. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 3, 1948; Moscow, USSR (BBU)
8:00 a.m. A long metallic cylinder with no wings flew at a very high altitude and was seen in the skies 25 kilometers northwest of Moscow in Russia. It moved silently and very fast towards the northeast. (McDonald list; Don Johnson: Sources: Project Blue Book, August 1948; Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 1338, citing Loren E. Gross, UFOs: A History. 1948, p. 48).

Aug. 4, 1948; North Powder, Oregon (BBU)
(McDonald list)

August 5, 1948, Top Secret EOTS

> The Top Secret "Estimate of the Situation," concluding UFOs were interplanetary space ships, sent to Air Force Chief of Staff. (Brad Sparks: .....specifically Aug 5, 1948, the date Keyhoe gave after actually seeing a copy in 1952.)
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> Ruppelt:
> "According to the old timers at ATIC, this report shook them worse than the Mantell Incident. This was the first time two reliable sources had been really close enough to anything resembling a UFO to get a good look and live to tell about it. A quick check on a map showed that the UFO that nearly collided with the airliner would have passed almost over Macon, Georgia, after passing the DC-3. It had been turning toward Macon when last seen. The story of the crew chief at Robins AFB, 200 miles away, seemed to confirm the sighting, not to mention the report from near the Virginia North Carolina state line."
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> "In intelligence, if you have something to say about some vital problem you write a report that is known as an 'Estimate of the Situation.' A few days after the DC-3 was buzzed, the people at ATIC decided that the time had arrived to make an estimate of the Situation. The situation was the UFO's; the estimate was that they were interplanetary! "

Aug. 11, 1948; Near Hamel, Minn. (BBU)
Bet. 12 and 12:15 p.m. (CDT). 2 Leuer boys playing outside saw a round, dull gray or silver object 2 ft diameter, 1 ft thick, like inverted plates approach from the NW drop down between the boys from a height of 12 ft and land 8 ft away from one of the boys like a balloon with a metallic clinking sound and a train whistle noise. It spun once, shot up 20 ft, made the whistle noise again, hovered, shot up to a height of 30 ft maneuvering to avoid phone lines and trees, flew away to the NE. CIC Special Agent Capt. Charles L. Victor, 113th CIC Det., found an area 2 ft in diameter where the ground showed signs of extreme pressure. (Vallée Magonia 66; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 15, 1948; Phoenix, Arizona
Early afternoon. Many people witnessed four silver disc-shaped objects that flew fast from east to west, then flipped in sequence. Three of the objects were seen again later. (Sources: George Eberhart, A Geo-Bibliography of Anomalies, p. 208, citing MUFON; Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 1341, citing Ronald D. Story, Encyclopedia of UFOs, p. 17).

August 17, 1948; Hamel, Minn.
Small, two-foot-diameter object touched down, quickly rose to height of about 20 feet, flew away. Depression found at landing site. Soil samples sent to FBI laboratory for analysis. (Fund Report C-10; 7 pp.) (Dated Aug. 11 in Project Blue Book files. Project GRUDGE Report Case No. 152)

Aug. 29, 1948; Maplewood, Ohio (BBU)
5:30 a.m. Mr. Faby Niswenger, a farmer, saw a large silvery sphere rise from a wooded area and hover above his farm, dropping a silvery substance that disintegrated before touching the ground. While still viewing the object it disintegrated in midair. (Vallée Magonia 67; FUFOR Index)

NARA-PBB1-18 - September Sightings

Sept. 11, 1948; over San Francisco, California
11:30 p.m. A yellow glowing teardrop-shaped object was seen for several seconds flying toward the west at 800 miles per hour, against the wind. It was lost from view in the fog. (Sources: Bruce D. Berry, Fate, February 1958, p. 58; Loren E. Gross, UFOs: A History. 1948 (volume 2), p. 75).

Sept. 18, 1948; SE Shreveport, Louisiana (BBU)
5:00 p.m. Draftsman at home using high-power binoculars to watch an L-6 aircraft at 10,000 ft altitude at 60° elevation to the SE traveling 100 mph, for Air Force Day, saw a bright white aluminum half-spherical object traveling the opposite direction in level flight at about 20,000 ft altitude 21/2 miles away ground distance at 100-150 mph heading S, no trail, lost when he tried to view it without binoculars. Object appeared to be 1/3 size of the L-6 (35.5 ft) but 2x the distance, or about 24 ft. (FOIA)

Sept. 22, 1948; Near Turner AFB, Albany, Georgia (BBU)
3:30 p.m. (EST). USAF Lt. Martin G. Rubisch, Asst. Combat Ops Ofcr. at Eglin AFB, Flor., the copilot of a C-47 flying from Eglin heading NE into Turner AFB at 2,000 ft when he saw a shiny metallic object about the size of a radio controlled target drone, but with no wings or rudder, approaching from about 1,500-2,000 ft away about 35° to the left heading 335° (or 155°?) at about 250 mph at 1,500 ft altitude, no trail. (FOIA)

Sept. 23, 1948; Los Alamos {Santa Fe?], New Mexico (BBU)
9:40 a.m. Group of Los Alamos Scientific Lab personnel, Angier, Fairchild and others, waiting for an aircraft at the landing strip saw a sun-reflecting glint in the sky from a flat circular metallic object high in the N sky appearing like a flat dime on-edge slightly tipped as if 50 ft away. (Case recounted in unpublished Ruppelt manuscript said to be included in the TOP SECRET AMC Estimate of the Situation, apparently a revised version of the Aug. 5, 1948, initial draft. FUFOR Index.)

Sept. 23, 1948; 4 miles E of San Pablo, 4.1 miles S of Pinole, Calif. (BBU 208)
Approx. 12:02-12:03 p.m. Retired U.S. Army Col. Horace S. Eakins and Sylvester Bentham saw a 2-engine bomber aircraft pass low overhead to the SE then saw far beyond and high above it, possibly 1 mile higher, a strange fast-flying irregularly shaped translucent white amoeba headed E, the size of a 4-engine bomber, with 3 appendages in front 2 trailing with a dark grey spot possibly spherical near the center which remained stable in motion, the arms of the amoeba undulating, the object wobbling, disappeared suddenly, no trail. [Another object sighted?: a buff or grey rectangle with vertical lines.] (cf. FOIA)

Sept. 23, 1948; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
[AESS security guard Hanson ?? saw an oval orange luminous object, length/width ratio about 1.5:1, to the E crossing the sky in level flight from right to left, trailing flame, disappearing in a cloud bank to the NE.]

Sept. 28 [18?], 1948; San Simeon, Calif. Patterson (BBU)
(McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Oct 1, 1948
JANAP 146 reporting regulation issued and then tabled by Major General Cabell

Oct. 1, 1948; Fargo to 25 miles SE of Fargo, North Dakota (BBU)
9:00-9:27 p.m. (MST). Air National Guard fighter pilot Lt. George F. Gorman plus 4 others including 2 CAA tower controllers saw a small 6-8-inch round white ball of light with a flat, no-depth disc-like appearance, blinking off and on at slow speed. First spotted by pilot Dr. A. D. Cannon and passenger Einar Neilson aboard Piper Cub aircraft at 1600 ft AGL, N of Hector Field moving fast to the W above them at about 250270 mph, spotted by Gorman shortly after. Gorman radioed tower and began pursuit at 9:07 p.m. Cannon and Neilson landed, went up into airport tower and with binoculars watched Lt. Gorman attempt to chase the light in his F-51 fighter, closest approach less than 500 ft distance on his first pass at about 5,000 ft. Gorman climbed to 14,000 ft but stalled out unable to intercept light at about 16,000 ft. Light made evasive and aggressive maneuvers, such as seeming to try to ram the F-51, that outperformed the F-51 at a top speed 600+ mph. Light dropped to 11,000 ft, Gorman attempted to dive on it, light pulled up, rose vertically until it disappeared. 27 mins (Sparks)

5 Oct 48 to 11 Oct 48 TOP SECRET Control Log
Covers period 5 Oct to 11 Oct (Courtesy of Project 1947)

Oct. 11, 1948; Neubiberg AFB, Munich, West Germany (BBU)
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Oct. 12, 1948, Clingerman's Request
AMC Intell Dept Acting Chief Col. Clingerman's request to AFRD (Gen. Donald Putt) asked for RAND study of the possibility that "some of the unidentified aerial objects that have been reported both in the United States and in foreign lands may have been experimental spaceships.... it is believed more likely that they represent the effort of a foreign nation, rather than a product from beyond the Earth."

(See Nov. 18 and Dec. 13, 1948, documents concerning the study of the spaceship possibility. RAND's actual study on Dec. 13, 1948, completely disregarded Clingerman's suggestion about a foreign nation testing spaceships and concentrated on possible spaceship visitations from Mars or Venus or planets in other star systems and what performance characteristics might be expected from such vehicles.)
http://www.project1947.com/gr/48randufostudy.htm

Oct. 13, 1948; South Bend, Indiana (BBU)
Brooke and Thompson. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 14, 1948; Between Dayton, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind.
Air Force pilot, major, saw a UFO flying in an oscillatory path, up and down motions. Intelligence report missing. (Fund Report C-13; 2 pp.) (Project GRUDGE Report Case No. 181)

Oct. 15, 1948; Fukuoka, Japan (BBU 218)
11:05 p.m. USAF pilot 1st Lt. Oliver Hemphill Jr. and radar observer 2nd Lt. Barton Halter flying a P-61 Black Widow night fighter made 6 interceptions of the same or different objects tracked on airborne radar, only one seen visually. Dull or dark translucent object shaped like a dirigible with a flat bottom and clipped tail end. Speed varied from 200 to about 1,500 mph. Pilot tried to close on visual object, but it dove away fast. (FOIA; Jan Aldrich)

Oct. 15, 1948; of Le Havre, Seine-Maritime, France
4:00 p.m. (approx). A domed disc hovered over the city. It moved away slowly at first, then sped up and shot away very fast. There were three witnesses who reported the sighting, which lasted about a minute. (Source: Lumieres dans la Nuit, issue # 123).

Oct. 15, 1948; E of Virginia coast (BBU)
5:20-6:10 p.m. (EST). Ship's observer aboard SS Wolfport, about 50 miles E. of Virginia coast, saw a bright nearly moon-shaped object with distinct bright center about 1/4 moon's angular size at 350° azimuth (nearly N) 40°18' elevation heading SE becoming darker with nightfall, at 5:30 p.m. at 358° azimuth 43°41' elevation, [passing near the North Celestial Pole by about 10°], at 5:54 at 50° azimuth (nearly NE) 57°5' elevation. (FOIA)

Oct. 16, 1948; 1 mile S, 8 [5?] miles E of Sterling, Utah (BBU)
11:45 a.m. Airplane mechanic and used car dealer Mr. Nash on a hunting trip on a mountain at 9,000 ft MSL heard a fluttering, throbbing or purring noise and saw a flattened football or lozenge shaped black object with wide silver longitudinal stripe 9 x 6 x 3 inches, with blunted opening in the rear but no exhaust, pass 500 ft overhead on a NNW path at 4+ secs 300 mph. (FOIA)

Oct. 17, 1948; Crescent City, Calif. (BBU)
[4:10 p.m.?] (PST). Blimplike object much too fast and maneuverable for a blimp. [Siler, Haley and 2 other witnesses saw bright silvery oval object heading SE at 6,000+ ft altitude moving faster than an aircraft.] (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 18, 1948; Pacific Heights, Oahu, Hawaii
(21.31° N, 157.87° W). 5:05 p.m. (AHST). USAF rated pilot Major Robert C. Drum, wife and daughter, saw a round or elliptical bright silver object 10-15 ft in size [or 4-5 inches at arm's length??] about 10,00014,000 ft altitude heading NE on a steady course horizontal to the ground about 200 mph, no trail or sound, no markings of any kind seen, observed intermittently for up to 10 secs at a time [due to cumulus clouds?]. (Dan Wilson) FOIA)

Oct. 24, 1948; 10 miles SW of Junction City, Kansas (BBU)
Huber. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 24, 1948; Phoenix, Ariz. (BBU)
Peterson. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 24, 1948; 4 miles SE of Moorhead, Minn. (BBU)
5:45 p.m. Mr. Sanders and his wife while driving NW on Hwy 52 towards Moorhead and Fargo (46.88° N, 96.78° W) saw a brilliant golden-white round object suddenly appear as if a light switched on, about 3 miles away to the NE at 1,000 ft altitude in a gradual climb traveling at high speed, estimated 600-1,000 mph, heading W towards Moorhead, no trail or sound, about 1/2 full moon angular size [moon and sun both below the horizon]. When they reached the N of Moorhead the object, which was slightly to the left of directly ahead, suddenly made a right turn to the N then 1 sec later disappeared by suddenly switching off. (FOIA; McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 29, 1948; Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada (BBU)
4:12 AM. A target was picked up on scope #2, also subsequently found on the search scope #1. Goose tower was queried about possible aircraft in the area but gave a negative reply. GCA shop was called and a S/Sgt was asked to come over immediately. When he arrived the target had disappeared after being observed for about five minutes. At 4:19 another target

showed up and both men watched it 4:25 AM when it faded from view. Again, at 5:16 AM, they sighted a target which faded into the ground clutter after about 4 minutes. Targets were small but very clear. Alerted by the previous operator, the next operator at the GCA unit observed as many as three blips at one time. He recorded a speed of 30 mph for each blip with the objects moving into the wind or crosswind. One blip was described as a very strong target. (Fran Ridge, Dan Wilson)

Oct. 30, 1948; About 15 (25?) miles WNW of Grays Harbor/Pacific Beach, Washington (BBU)
4:20?-4:30 p.m. (PST). While flying in an F-82 fighter headed N at 8,000 ft at 240 mph on a GCI intercept mission initially directed by the ADC radar site 634th Aicraft Control Sq., Neah Bay, Wash. (505th AC&W Group, Everett, Wash.) radar observer AF 2nd Lt. Robert L. Kunzman, 318th All Weather Fighter Sq, 325th Fighter Group, McChord AFB, Wash., saw as he headed toward an interception point a single compact group of yellow objects in the WNW at 10 o'clock position which burst into an in-line formation of about 10-20 or 25 white egg-shaped objects that crossed over in front of aircraft to 1 o'clock (in the NNE) heading W to E still in line formation at about 8,000 ft heading S and dropping back to 3 o'clock position in the E, which he first thought might be seagulls. Objects maintained same altitude and horizontal flight throughout. Objects then doubled back heading N paralleling the F-82's course while moving back up to 2:30 o'clock position at high speed, turning translucent part of the time just before disappearing by fading out or dissolving without going far enough to have vanished due to distance (some fog with visibility 5 miles may account for disappearance). [If at 5 miles objects covered 15° from 3 to 2:30 position in possibly 5-10 secs, time assumed not reported, then relative velocity was possibly 500-1,000 mph greater than F-82's 240 mph.] He called attention of the pilot Maj. Homer William Morris who missed seeing the objects. Ground radar lost object at this same time. AFOSI interviewed radar controllers at 635th AC&W Sq at Pacific Beach, who tracked "no unidentified objects at high rate of speed" (leaving unstated what about unidentifieds at moderate speed) but did not interview at 634th AC&W Sq at Neah Bay which did the tracking. (McDonald list; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 4, pp. 630-657; NARA Roll 88 pp. 144-149) ? (radar) + 20 secs (visual) 2+ witnesses RV

Oct. 31, 1948; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU)
This was .Incident #195, the object reported in this incident has no astronomical explanation; speed was too slow and time in sight too long. The object, observed on a GCI radarscope with PPI.. If the speed indicated the radial velocity of the object or true space velocity it is obviously too slow for conventional aircraft. One document mentioned the target was as large as an aircraft and was observed for a total of 8-1/2 minutes. There was no visual sighting but eight witnesses were involved in the radar tracking. (BB documents, McDonald list)

Oct. 31, 1948; Azores (BBU)
(McDonald list)

NARA-PBB1-19 - Nov - Dec Sightings

In November of 1948 there was a sudden flurry of reports from our air bases abroad.

Nov. 1, 1948; Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada (BBU)
According to a USAF Intelligence Report mentioned in NICAP files, on November 1, radar men at Goose Bay Air Force Base in Labrador picked up a strange object flying 600 miles an hour. VIII) (Ruppelt manuscript)

Nov. 3, 1948; SECRET memo

> Memo from Maj. Gen. Cabell, Department of the Air Force, to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command (Courtesy of Gildas Bourdais)

Nov. 3-4, 1948; 10 miles E of Vaughn, New Mexico (BBU)
[U.S. Army Col.?] Hayes. [Green fireball?] (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 4, 1948; Top Secret USAFE Document

> "They have been reported by so many sources and from such a variety of places that we are convinced that they cannot be disregarded and must be explained on some basis which is perhaps slightly beyond the scope of our present intelligence thinking."

Nov. 6, 1948; Wakkanai, Japan (BBU)
At 11:57 a.m. local time, a radar operator at a ground radar station observed a blip on the radar screen. The target first appeared as one object but at times appeared as 2 targets. The speed of the object(s) was estimated varying from 160 mph to 240 mph. The target circled the radar site continuously for one hour and five minutes. No interception action was taken

due to adverse weather. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 8, 1948. SECRET

Three page letter from Colonel McCoy to Chief of Staff. (Courtesy of Gildas Bourdais)

Nov. 10, 1948; in Ervalla, Orebro province, Sweden
10:20 p.m. A 40 meter high cone of multicolored lights enveloped a farmer in Ervalla, Orebro province. The witness received ultraviolet burns to his exposed skin. No object was seen as the source of the cone of lights. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 1357; Andre Liljegren, AFU Sweden News, issue # 23).

Nov. 12, 1948; Clark AFB, Manila, Philippines (BBU)
Bet. 1 and 2 p.m. Airman Wright with 18th Maint. Sq saw a white speck flying in the distance to the NE, then N, then fly into a cloud bank and emerge to the NNW, approaching closer so that he saw it was a very large 300 ft long 140 ft wingspan snow-white aircraft with low wings darting in and out of clouds much faster than any jet, about 20-30 miles away about 3-6 miles high, leaving an exhaust trail like skywriting and making loud aircraft noise. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 12, 1948 Meeting

Meeting at National Bureau of Standards between AF Intelligence Collections Branch, Project SIGN and NBS members re saucer problem. SIGN turns over its case files (summaries only) to AF Intelligence and MIT air defense expert AFSAB member George Valley.

Nov. 17, 1948; Peace River, Alberta, Canada (BBU)
6:18 a.m. (PST). Pilot and radio [radar?] operator of military aircraft saw a bright orange flaming egg-shaped object flying on a SW heading. (Project 1947; McDonald list)

Nov. 18, 1948

Brig. Gen Donald Putt, Director AF R&D, writes to RAND to request analysis of "special design and performance characteristics that are believed to distinguish space ships." (Brad Sparks: The actual AF request to Rand Corp. to study the spaceship possibility was the Gen Putt R&D letter to Rand of Nov. 18, 1948, based on AMC Intell Dept Acting Chief Col. Clingerman's request to AFOIN and AFRD of Oct 12, 1948, and not July 21, 1948.) (See Dec 13)

Nov. 18, 1948; Andrews AFB / Camp Springs, Maryland (BBU)
9:45-10:03 p.m. USAF Lts. Jackson and Combs, 2 reserve pilots, aboard an Andrews AFB T-6 aircraft traveling 150 mph and 2 independent ground observers saw a highly maneuverable whitish-grey oval lighted object smaller than the T-6 cross over Andrews AFB from NE to SW and back again in a circular pattern from 4,000 ft dropping to 1,700 ft then climbing to 7,000 ft. T-6 followed object to identify it, made 3-4 passes at the object while climbing, dove on the object at 240 mph but it dropped down and came up behind the T-6 and continued circling the base. T-6 was able with difficulty to put object in front of city lights on the ground to try to make out details, and came within about 300-400 ft turned on landing light and object responded with a dull glow, then sped off to the NE at 8,000+ ft and 500-600 mph disappearing. Object's speed varied from 80 to 600 mph in multidirectional or omni-directional flight, with vertical maneuverability, highly evasive with high acceleration. Another reserve pilot, a USAF 2nd Lt. in another aircraft over the NE corner of Andrews AFB at 1,000 ft saw the object directly overhead. A further independent witness, USAF Staff Sgt. John J. Kushner, observed object from the ground. (FOIA; Ruppelt p. 46)

Nov. 23, 1948; 10 miles E of Vaughn, New Mexico
About 10 p.m. U.S. Army Col. Hayes. Bright white round light "larger than a basketball" descended slowly vertically until exploding 400-500 ft above ground. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 p. 407; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Nov. 23, 1948; Furstenfeldbruck AFB, Munich, West Germany (BBU)
10:20 p.m. USAF F80 jet fighter pilot Capt. Slater, another jet pilot Capt., and a 1st Lt. of 23rd Fighter Sq from the ground saw a reddish star-like object to the E moving S over Munich at 200-500 mph, turning slightly SW then SE. Slater called the Racecard DF Station equipped with radar which tracked an unidentified target at 27,000 ft and 30 miles S of Munich, climbing to 40,000 ft at 40 miles S of Munich then circling around. (FOIA)

Nov. 26, 1948; Washington and Oregon (BBU)

Young. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 30, 1948: SECRET Letter - AMC Requests Radar Reports From ADC

Letter from Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, to Commanding General, Air Defense Command, Mitchel AF Base, Mitchel Field, New York. "It is requested that all reports of unusual sightings by radar stations of your command be made directly to this Headquarters by the most expeditious means."

## Beginning of the Green Fireball Mystery

Dec. 3, 1948; Fairfield-Suisan AFB, California (BBU 257)

8:15 p.m. A silent round unidentified white light was first sighted two miles north of the tower at by two air traffic controllers. Its speed was 400 mph while approaching, but it slowed to 200 mph and finally left at 500 mph with a vertical climb. The sighting lasted 25 seconds. (Source: Project Blue Book files counted in official statistics, case # 257; Donald E. Keyhoe, Flying Saucers Are Real, p. 79; Richard Hall, The UFO Evidence, p. 130; UNICAT, case # 626).

Dec. 5, 1948; W of Las Vegas, New Mexico (BBU)

9:05 p.m. (MST). USAF pilot Capt. William Goede, copilot Major Roger Carter, and S/Sgt. flight engineer, flying a C-47 from Lowry AFB, Denver, to Williams AFB, Chandler, Ariz., at 18,000 ft saw a green fireball. 2nd green fireball sighting E of Sandia Mtns. (10 miles E of Albuquerque) at 9:27 p.m. shot up from the ground to 500 ft height. (Sparks; FOIA)

Dec. 5, 1948; NW of Las Vegas near Montezuma Mission, New Mexico (BBU)

9:35 p.m. Pioneer Airlines Flight 63 pilot Ernest Van Lloyd and copilot James Smith saw a pale green (later said to be white or whitish-orange) fireball with pale green trail at 9:35 p.m. coming head on, while flying W on 272° heading at 9,000 ft in a C-47, attempted evasive action but object dropped close to ground level. (FOIA) few secs

Dec. 6, 1948; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)

10:55 p.m. AESS officer Joseph Toulouse driving W saw a green fireball almost directly overhead above Sandia Base nuclear weapons assembly site, slightly to the NW arching slightly downward from E to W, about 1/3 full moon, with a flaming tail. (FOIA)

Dec. 8, 1948; About 20 miles E of Las Vegas, New Mexico (BBU)

6:33 p.m. 2 AFOSI Special Agents, Capts. Melvin E. Neef and John J. Stahl, Jr., returning from investigation of green fireballs in a Beech T-7, heading E at 90° and 190 mph at 11,500 ft altitude and 5,000 ft above ground, saw green fireball 30° to the left of their flight path, to the ENE at 60° azimuth, at an estimated 2,000 ft above their flight altitude of 13,500 ft., which shot past them maintaining almost level flight until the end to the WSW at 240° azimuth when it seemed to burn out and drop suddenly with reddish-orange glowing fragments which lasted less than 1 sec. Later aerial search of the ground site in daylight found nothing. (FOIA)

Dec. 8, 1948; Chanute AFB, Illinois. (BBU)
McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Dec. 9, 1948; Near Pittsburgh, Penna. (BBU)

3:20 p.m. (EST). USAF officers Mulling and Col. Brown flying in a C-45 saw round object to the N on converging course then at 250° then 270° in the W at 12,000-16,000 ft about 2 miles away traveling about 250 mph. Angular size about 2°. (McDonald papers; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Dec. 10, 1948

TOP SECRET analysis was completed but secretly released within the government on April 27, 1949, updated with a different cover. The "Ghost of the Estimate", report 100-203-79.

Dec. 12, 1948; Starvation Peak near Bernal, New Mexico (BBU)

9:02 p.m. ±0.5 min (MST). Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, USAF Capt. Charles L. Phillips, and CAP intelligence officer Lt. Allan B. Clark, returning from green fireball investigations while looking to the NW saw a green fireball at least stellar magnitude of -4 traveling E to W low above the horizon about 3°-4° elevation in almost perfectly level flight until the last 0.1 to 0.2 sec when it slightly curved downward, disintegrating into 3-4 pieces, no sound. Based on independent witness, an AESS guard at Los Alamos, LaPaz triangulated object's flight path at about 8-10 miles height along a 25-mile path, speed 39,000 to 43,000 mph. (FOIA)

Dec. 13, 1948: Letter to Office of Chief of Naval Operations

Project "SIGN" files sent to the Navy by Col. Clingerman.

Dec 13, 1948: Lipp Letter to Gen. Putt
"Special Design and Performance Characteristics That Are Believed To Distinguish Spaceships"

Dec. 17, 1948; N Ambridge, Penna. (BBU)
1:30 a.m. 2 witnesses in the railyard, a train conductor Hildebrand and the yardmaster Werner [?], saw a formation of 8 white luminescent rotating spherical objects, like wheels revolving around hubs, approaching from the N high above horizon, 45° elevation, headed S, just before reaching overhead they made a controlled dive and a sharp 90° right turn to the W, with the topmost object leading the others, fading from view while still high above horizon. (FOIA; FUFOR Index) 30 secs

Dec. 20, 1948; Air Intelligence Information Report on Chiles-Whitted Case
Capt. Robert Sneider, project chief, Project SIGN, continued to believe that the Chiles-Whitted case was undeniable evidence

Dec. 20, 1948; W of Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
AESS observation post sighted green fireball with a triangulated 7-8-mile W to E flight path calculated by LaPaz based on another independent observation at a different site. (FOIA)

Dec. 28, 1948; Los Alamos, Nm (BBU)
4:31 a.m. An inspector at Los Alamos sighted a fireball. It was not falling as fast as a falling star (meteor) he continued to watch. For several seconds, at an estimated altitude of 6,000', the object disappeared with a green flash, lighting up a small cloud between itself and the witness. (AFOSI Case 15; brad Sparks)

Dec. 30, 1948; Sweden. (BBU)
(McDonald list)

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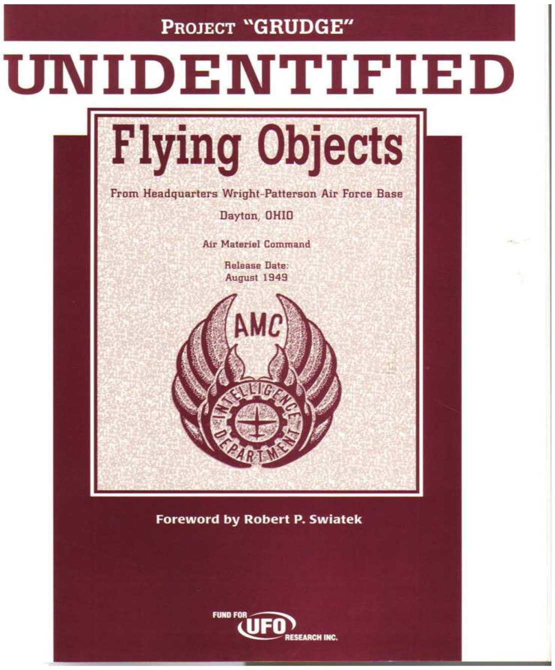
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August, 1949; SECRET Project Grudge Report

Map of sightings for 1949, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database at http://www.larryhatch.net/

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This chronology is currently a 29-page report and a very important year in UFOlogy. I want to thank all the members of the A-Team who made this possible. To look at and/or print all the 1949 Blue Book monthly summaries, click here. Otherwise the monthly listings are inserted within this chronology by month. Note: There are 209 entries in the 38-page La Paz catalog, the " Summary of Sightings of Unknown Phenomena, 17th District OSI". But in the 1949 group there were 144 sightings and the only ones listed here are the reports with some important details to make them extraordinary. Also, brief case descriptions giving the category number, name of witness, and source in brackets (M=military), are NICAP UFO Evidence entries that haven't been located. Finally, I want thank Loren Gross for thoughtfully and diligently collecting data many years ago for his UFO Histories and supplemental notes, in particular here the year 1949. And a big thanks to CUFOS and Mary Castnor for housing them on the CUFOS site.

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**The Chronology**

## NARA-PBB1-20 - January 1-31 Sightings

Jan. 1, 1949; Jackson, Mississippi (BBU)
5 p.m. Pilot D. [?] Rush flying private plane saw a 60 ft cigar-shaped object cross the sky in front of the plane to the SW, nearly colliding, at 500 mph. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Jan. 4, 1949; Hickam Field, Hawaii (BBU 275)
2 p.m. USAF pilot Capt. Paul R. Stoney, on ground at Pacific Command HQ, saw a flat white, elliptical object, with a matte top, about the size of a T-6 aircraft, circle at about 3,000 ft while oscillating to the right and left, then speed away. (Jan Aldrich)

Jan. 5, 1949; Sea of Japan
At 10:07 p.m. local time, an unknown object was picked up on radar. The length of observation was 4 minutes. The source of information was the Far East Air Force (FEAF). (Dan Wilson)

Jan. 5, 1949; Albuquerque, New Mexico
Briefly mentioned in report at Los Alamos below. No other data.

Jan. 6, 1949; Kirtland AFB, New Mexico (BBU)
OSI Case 16. Diamond shaped object in horizontal flight much faster than a jet.

Jan. 6, 1949; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
OSI Cases 16 & 17 (mentions above incident again). Unusual sounds heard. Report mentions a Jan 5 incident)

> Jan. 13, 1949. Extraordinary US Army Memo
> Col Eustis Poland, G-2 Intelligence, US Army, issues memo to the Director of Army Intelligence concerning the wild hypotheses that were spreading concerning the southwestern light phenomena. (Courtesy, Project 1947 and Joel Carpenter)

Jan. 23, 1949; 4 miles S of Tillamook, Oregon (BBU)
11:05 a.m. Machinist and former wartime air defense observer Charles E. Leckington and wife Rose C. while driving S on Hwy 101, about 1/4 to 1/2 mile N of Pleasant Valley, saw a shiny, silvery, round stationary object about 10-15 ft size glinting in the sun to the SE at about 35° elevation about 2,000 ft height about 1/2 to 3/4 mile away (in its belated investigation in April, AFOSI claimed a height figure of 500 ft without explaining the discrepancy). When he went inside his shop with Allen Hughes of neighboring Hughes Grocery to get binoculars the object had disappeared. No sound or trail. Burt [Bert?] J. Smith, father-in-law of Leckington, living in house behind the Leckingtons, saw for about 1 min the polished silver saucer-shaped object reflecting sunlight [nearly?] overhead at first, about 1,000-2,000 ft [1,400-2,000] altitude, angular size of full moon (0.5°), then moving NE at about 30-50 mph [30-35 mph], for about 1 min to disappearance at 45° angle [elevation]. (Sparks; FOIA; BB files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) 2.5-3 mins 3 witnesses ~1 Full Moon triangulation

> FBI Memo of Jan 24, 1949
> The memo documents speculation on Soviet nuclear-powered disc by USAF Col C. D. Gasser of the Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft (NEPA) project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Gasser reported rumors coming from Wright-Patterson AFB that nuclear-powered disc-shaped planes might be making incursions into US airspace and returning to the USSR over the North Pole. (Courtesy of Project 1947 site)

Jan. 24, 1949; About 250 miles SW of Bermuda Island, Atlantic (BBU)
12:00-2:10 a.m. (Z/GMT/UT) (For more detailed report click on link above) USAF pilot and crew of RB-29 bomber in the 373rd Recon Squadron based at Kindley AFB, Bermuda [on classified Atomic Detection System service] was searching for a lost BOAC aircraft. At 1,500 ft and at 200 mph saw to the left (in the N) a red glow on the ocean 1 to 1-1/2 miles in size extending up to 2,500-3,000 (or 4,000-6,000) ft altitude with 2-4 white searchlight-like beams of light within the red glow. At 12:25 a.m. B-29 turned toward the light and by 12:40 approached so close, estimated 100-150 ft [?] distance at 6,000 ft altitude, that pilot made a sharp bank to avoid collision. B-29 crew unable to take nuclear fallout sample of air around red glow because in haste to take off on search mission they failed to bring filter paper. B-29 circled the red glow from all directions for 44 mins as the glow slowly moved [at about 10 mph headed W], when they finally departed the area at 1:24 a.m. Red glow still visible on landing in Bermuda [at about 2:10 a.m.]. (BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5 pp. 167-233; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Jan. 27, 1949; Cortez-Bradenton, Florida (BBU 284)
10:20 p.m. Capt. Sames [Sannes?], Acting Chief of the Aircraft Branch, Eglin AFB, and wife saw a cigar shaped object as long as 2 Pullman cars, with 7 lighted square windows and throwing sparks, descend then climb with a bouncing motion at about 400 mph. (Berliner; FUFOR Index) 25 mins

Jan. 30, 1949; Near Amarillo to near Lamesa, Texas (BBU)
5:54 p.m. (MST). Thousands of witnesses over several states saw spectacular green fireball, N-S trajectory triangulated by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz as 12 mile altitude over Amarillo area descending slightly on nearly horizontal 143-mile path to near Lamesa disappearing about 8 miles altitude. No noise except slight hissing. 100+ witnesses interviewed. (Sparks; FOIA) 10-20 secs

Jan. 30, 1949; Roswell, New Mexico (AFOSI 19)
5:55 p.m. Approximately 200 observers. W-E, 2000', horizontal flight, blue green, moving slowly, disappeared in shower of lighted fragments. Also seen at Alamogordo (AFOSI 20) and Fort Worth, Texas (AFOSI 21).

January 31, 1949 letter, FBI Memo
"Protection of Vital Installations (three page pdf file)

Jan. 31, 1949 Army FOIA Document.
To AFOSI concerning the latest Green Fireball incident seen over several states on Jan 30, 1949. "All out investigation OK'ed by OSI" says the handwritten notation of Feb 4, 1949. LaPaz investigated and determined the Green Fireball had a 140+ mile trajectory from near Amarillo to near Lamesa, Texas, at a multiply triangulated altitude of about 60,000 to 40,000 feet at a velocity of 25,000 to 50,000 mph -- an absolute physical impossibility for a meteor. No traces were found despite LaPaz and AFOSI plowing through miles of Texas mud looking for fragments. (Brad Sparks)

Statement from Project SIGN
Possibility that some of the incidents may represent technical developments far in advance of knowledge available.

NARA-PBB1-21 - February 1-28 Sightings

Feb. 10, 1949; North of Dayton, Ohio (BB)
At 2032 local time Capt. Roger J. Groseclose, USAF Pilot, and 1st Lt. Ray W. Adams, USAF Student Pilot, observed from the air at 7,900 feet a white object with a blue glow in a straight gradual descent to approximately 9,000 feet then it broke into two parts and disintegrated. The object was in sight for approximately 5 seconds. [Probable meteor] (Dan Wilson, BB files)

SECRET Project SIGN Report, Feb. 11, 1949 (72-page pdf file)
The order of February 11, 1949, that changed the name of Project Sign to Project Grudge had not directed any change in the operating policy of the project. It had, in fact, pointed out that the project was to continue to investigate and evaluate reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects. In doing this, standard intelligence procedures would be used. This normally means the unbiased evaluation of intelligence data. But it doesn't take a great deal of study of the old UFO files to see that standard intelligence procedures were no longer being used by Project Grudge. Everything was being evaluated on the premise that UFO's couldn't exist. No matter what you see or hear, don't believe it. (Ruppelt) [Correction: The order changing SIGN to GRUDGE was dated Dec 16, 1948, by AF Dir of R&D Gen Donald Putt, not made effective until Feb 12, 1949, after SIGN's Final Report was issued Feb 11. We know the date of the change because it was commented on at the Los Alamos green fireballs conference of Feb 16, 1949, as having occurred the previous "Saturday," Feb. 12. - Brad Sparks]

Feb. 14, 1949; Canado, New Mexico (AFOSI 22)
6:40 p.m. Dr. (deleted) and his wife were returning from Gallup (New Mexico), they crossed the long bridge about two miles due east of Ganado. As they came up the hill west of the bridge, where the road heads south, brilliant white light was observed in the sky directly in front of the car, and somewhat above the horizon. The object appeared to hang stationary, then fell in slight curve to the west. Mrs. (deleted) said that the object was slightly greenish color. Both agreed that the object had an orange tinge as it fell, and that sparks appeared to trail off the object, both while stationary and as it fell. Dr. (deleted) said that his first reaction was that it was an airplane on fire, and that he had so reported to the Arizona State

Police."45 (Gross, UFO History, 1949, pg. 21)

AFOIN_AIR_Memo_No.4_Feb.15, 1949

Found in the FBI files a copy of Air Intelligence Requirements Memo No. 4, "Unconventional Aircraft," of Feb 15, 1949. Copies were sent by Hoover to FBI offices worldwide in SAC (Special Agents in Charge) Letter No. 38 of March 25, 1949. (Brad Sparks)

Feb. 16, 1949, Los Alamos Conference on the Green Fireball Problem
Actual document

This offshoot of this conference was the Project TWINKLE, scheme to gain more accurate information on any more "peculiar meteors" by establishing number of cinetheodolite stations to film anything unusual in the atmosphere, especially fast moving objects.

Feb. 17, 1949; Grants [Sandia Base, Albuquerque?], New Mexico (BBU)
OSI Case 24. 6 ? p.m. [Mitchell ? and others] saw oval white light moving S in vertical climb then leveled off, then a gradual ascent. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 17, 1949; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
6:00 p.m. (AFOSI Cases 23 and 24) Apparently the same object viewed at different or overlapping times on its trajectory. Case 23 is truck driver Herman Wilcox at about 6 PM (actually 5:57) from near Grants, NM, and Case 24 is UNM Prof. Marvin May at 5:57 PM from Albuquerque (who with his training in meteorite tracking with LaPaz has the more accurate time than the truck driver). There were also about 100 guards at Sandia Base including the Officer of the Guard, sighting it at 5:59-6:06 PM evidently.

Feb. 23, 1949. Sandberg Pass 40 miles S of Bakersfield, Calif. (BBU)
10:30 p.m. USAF pilot of T-11 with 703rd Air Reserve Division saw a sausage-shaped object circle the plane at 10,000 ft in 360° and 180° turns. (Sparks; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index) 40 secs

Feb. 27, 1949; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
7:05 p.m. Green-white fireball seen in horizontal flight from W to E. (FOIA) 2 secs

Feb. 28 (not 23rd), 1949; Sandberg Pass 40 miles S of Bakersfield, Calif. (BBU)
10:30 p.m. USAF pilot of T-11 with 703rd Air Reserve Division saw a sausage shaped object circle the plane in 360° and 180° turns. (Project 1947)

NARA-PBB1-22 - March 1-31 Sightings

March-May NARA Docs, General

March 2, 1949; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
12:10 a.m. Sewald saw high speed light in horizontal flight low in the sky N to S. (FOIA; FUFOR Index) 2 secs

March 3, 1949; Los Alamos, New Mexico
1:59 a.m. (AFOSI 27) This report is not an original BB unknown, nor has it been included in the Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns by Brad Sparks. The report is, however, mentioned in the BB Microfilm files and listed in the La Paz/AFOSI Catalog. The behavior of the Green Fireballs is suspect in almost all of the AFOSI Catalog cases, especially so in this one where the FB is in an almost vertical descent, something no meteor of any kind can do.

March 6, 1949; Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
8:20 p.m. (AFOSI 29 & 30) Army Sgt. Hubert Vickery and PFC John Ransom on patrol at the AFSWP (Armed Forces Special Weapons Project) nuclear weapons storage site saw a blue-white oblong object about 2 ft x 1 ft in size travel S from 286° to 279° azimuth elevation 5°45'. Other sightings by Army patrols from 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. (FOIA)

March 6, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
8:45 p.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw a light-colored round object with trail about 10° long travel S to N from azimuth 189° elevation 21° to azimuth 210° elevation 6°31'. No sound. Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) 1 sec

March 6, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
[8:20?] p.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw a blue-white ball-like "fixed flash," size of basketball [?], in the NE at azimuth 40° elevation 59°. No sound or trail. Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) 1 sec

March 7, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
1:15 a.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw a brilliant blue-white flash of light like flashbulb in the NE at azimuth 40° elevation 66°15'. No sound. [Meteor?] Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) 1 sec

March 7, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
1:30 a.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw a blue-white ball-like "fixed flash," size of basketball [?], in the NNE at azimuth 16° elevation 27°30'. No sound. [Meteor?] Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) 1 sec 1 174.

March 7, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
1:30-2 a.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw a bluish-white ball-like flash of light like flashbulb in the WSW at azimuth 250° elevation 26°. No sound. Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA) 1 sec ? 2 175.

March 7, 1949; Camp Hood, Texas (AOSI 32-34)
PFC. Max Eugene Manlove, 1st Provost Squadron, Camp Hood, Texas, observed a teardrop-shaped object, orange in color, drop vertically in front of him. Observation time: 2 seconds. (AFOSI 34). 1:30 a.m. Two other sets of military witnesses. Very brief (2 secs?). (AFOSI 32, 33).

March 7, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
1:45 a.m. Army artillery observation patrol saw an orange tear-drop shaped object, 2 x 1 ft in size [?], drop vertically to ground, in the ENE at azimuth 60°. No sound. [Meteor?] Other sightings by Army patrols (see above, below). (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 413, Maxwell Roll 5, p. 627; FOIA)

March 7, 1949. Window Rock, Ariz. (BBU)
6:10 p.m. Sighting of round object fire red in the center shading to blue at edge, 3 ft in diameter [?], traveling estimated 200-300 mph, in the N at elevation 40°-45° disintegrating at the end. No sound. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, p. 414) 5-8 secs

March 8, 1949; Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas (BBU) (AFOSI Case 39)
2 a.m. Army infantrymen in separate locations 1/2 mile apart sight different lights, one white seen by Payne, the other, by Cpl. Luke Sims, was of a yellowish red light in level flight crossing 60° of sky. (FOIA; FUFOR Index) 5 secs ?

March 8, 1949; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BB)
6:35 p.m. Two observers reported intense white/aluminum colored object moving horizontal, then descending, from 800 mph to slower than a twin-engine airplane. (Dan Wilson, AFOSI Cases 36-37)

March 13, 1949; Albuquerque, New Mexico (AFOSI Case 40)
9: 50 p.m. Not a BBU but a Sandia Base OSI Case. Ball-shaped object with a tail of fire flying at a speed slower than a meteor on a slightly descending path. Object appeared to be half the size of full moon.

March 14, 1949. Aircraft bet. Honolulu and Canton Island (BBU)
bet. 9 and 9:16 a.m. (GMT). (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.)

March 17, 1949; Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas (BBU 319)
7:52 p.m. Capt. Horace McCulloch, Asst. G-2 of the 2nd Armored Division at the nuclear weapons storage site, was preparing the test firing of flares in order to prove recent sightings were mistakes when he and his men themselves saw

aerial phenomena, 7 separate sightings by trained artillery observers in different locations enabled rapid triangulation of large, green, red and white flare-like objects flying in generally straight lines. (FOIA) 1 hr ?

March 18, 1949; Fort Chimo, Quebec, Canada (BBU)
7:50 p.m. (EST). USAF and RCAF personnel at Detachment Crystal-I, 1227th Air Base Sq, including USAF 1st Lt. and Warrant Officer JG, RCAF Flying Officer/Liaison Officer Brodribb, and a USAF civilian employee, saw a red light like an aircraft light to the S traveling W to E at high altitude estimated 10,000 ft and 200-250 mph silently with stops and starts and flickering, and a turn to the S at the end. (FOIA) 2-5 mins

March 22, 1949 Letter
Air Force letter to Director, FBI

March 25, 1949 Letter
FBI letter to Air Force who was seeking help from FBI. Includes attachment below.

March 27, 1949; Tucumcari, Montoya, New Mexico (BBU)
6-6:30 p.m. (AFOSI cases 42-45). Various witnesses, including police officer, postmaster (Montoya, N.M.), newspaper editor (Tucumcari Daily News), saw a contrail-like yellowamber-orange object, length/width ratio 5:1, 1/6 moon's diameter, slowly moving from S (205° azimuth) to W (254° azimuth) at about 45°-60° elevation (75° at Montoya moving 180° to 260° azimuth), wiggling slightly, at first in a vertical orientation [?], dived steeply-leveled-climbed 2-3 times, reversed course once at top of a climb, a bright glitter of white light at a leveling off. No sound or trail. (FOIA) 15-30 mins

March 29, 1949. Shemya AFB, Aleutian Islands, Alaska (BBU)
10:05 p.m. USAF crew of B-29 bomber saw a dull yellowish light flying at 2,400 ft. (Project 1947)

March 31, 1949. E of Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
11:50 p.m. (AFOSI Case 46) Army Lt. Frederick Davis on patrol saw a reddish white ball of fire pass horizontally over the base airstrip, and noted interference on the field telephone afterward when he reported it. (FOIA) 10-15 secs

NARA-PBB1-23 - April 1-19 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-24 - April 20-30 Sightings

April 3, 1949. 1 mile SE of Dillon, Montana (BBU)
11:55 [11:50?] a.m. Miller Construction Co. owner Gosta Miller, a commercial pilot and aviation engineer, and an employee, and a trucking company owner and a gas station attendant (Lovell, Lessey, Greene) saw an object like two inverted plates attached face-toface, matte blue-grey or greenish-grey non-reflective bottom, bright aluminum top reflecting sunlight, 20 ft diameter (others estimated 15-25 ft), 4-5 ft thickness. Object seen over the N end of town at 3,000-5,000 ft height about 4 miles away moving in several directions rocking or rotating in semi-circles 6 times, move E descending rapidly to about 700-1,000 ft height, rock again a few times with upper side now visible reflecting sunlight, fly SW to 2 miles W of Dillon, rock again a few times, then rapidly flew over airport 12 miles NE of Dillon at 1,000 ft departing rapidly to the E disappearing over mountains. No sound or trail. Speed 1,000 mph so great object seemed blurred. (Berliner; cf. FOIA; Jan Aldrich) several mins

April 4, 1949. Merced, Calif. (BBU)
10:20 p.m. Major William Parrott, former Air Force pilot, saw a generally round object with curved bottom and dull coloring, giving off clicking sound until overhead. Parrott's dog reacted. (Berliner) 35 secs

April 5, 1949; Los Alamos, New Mexico (AFOSI Case 47)
10:00 p.m. S-N, green with red afterglow, approximately 300' above S. slope of Fejarito Mountain, object of tremendous speed disappeared behind mountain.

April 5, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
11 p.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 1/2-1 sec

April 6, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
12:05 p.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 3-5 sec 1 190.

April 7, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
1-1:35 a.m. 5-45 secs 2 (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.)

April 6-7, 1949. Memphis, Tenn. (BBU)
12:01 [12:30?], 2, 3:30, 4 a.m. Housewife Mrs. Mike Love Stewart and Dorthy [Dorothy?] Hall (and Helen Howell?), a husband and son, saw 6-9 climbing, diving, whirling yellow or silvery oval objects which avoided 3-4 airplanes, traveling from SW to SE about 45° elevation about 1-2 miles away, 1/4 moon angular size. (FOIA) 2-4 hrs

April 7, 1949. March AFB, Riverside, Calif. (BBU)
Bet. 2:45 and 3:00 p.m. Air National Guard Lts. Reeser and Salter, pilots in a T-6 heading SE over March AFB's radio beacon at 7,000 ft, first saw about 1,000 ft below them for 4-5 secs a tumbling red and grey wingtip-tank-shaped object, smaller than a T-6, and then 4 white domed-disc parachute-shaped objects separated by about 1,000 ft each. They circled around and copilot saw the 4 white parachute shapes, no shroud lines, etc., and climbed to 9,000 ft for a better look but the objects disappeared to the E. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

April 12, 1949; Albuquerque, New Mexico (AFOSI Case 51)
7:30 p.m. SE-NW, round white object 1/8th size of moon moving very fast.

April 12, 1949; Elpaso, Texas (AFOSI Case 52)
Witness reported grayish object rose straight up leaving smoke trail, 15 minutes duration.

April 15, 1949; Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado (BB)
3:30 PM MST. The color of unlighted, frosted electric light bulbs the hurtled over the base. The Intelligence Division of the Fifteenth Air Force investigated: "Objects followed straight course. When first seen, the object on the left was an apparent distance of five feet behind the first, and with an increase of speed overtook the first object in about two seconds and flew in close formation with the first object. This fact seems to preclude the possibility that these objects were meteors. Object was first sighted by T/Sgt. Morbeck, who was watching a B-25 pass over the field, and observed the objects passing above the B-25, going in the opposite direction, and called them to the attention of Major Bullock and M/Sgt. Fink, who were standing near by and remarked: 'Are those airplanes? Boy! They are sure fast.'" (pg. 63 Gross 1949, Blue Book case 294)

April 15, 1949. El Paso, Texas (BBU)
4:30 p.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 15 mins

April 18, 1949. Flagstaff and Williams, Ariz. (BBU)
1:48 a.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 1-2 secs

April 20 [21?], 1949. Ludington, Mich. (BBU)
Afternoon. Paul Timm and Pat O'Connell, high school students, saw a fast moving white "comet with a tail" cross the sky to the W disappearing over Lake Michigan. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

April 22, 1949; Cliff, New Mexico (AFOSI Case 54)
9:05 a.m. W-E, 20-degrees dropping slowly, aluminum colored, round flat thin 15' diameter object in view 2 minutes.

April 24, 1949; 3 miles N of Arrey, New Mexico (BBU 358)
10:30 a.m. (MST). General Mills meteorologist and balloon expert Charles B. Moore and 4 Navy crew on a balloon launch crew (Akers, Davidson, Fitzsimmons, Moorman) saw a white, round ellipsoid, shadowed yellowish on one side, length/width ratio 2.5x, cross the sky from the S (azimuth 210° elevation 45°) to the E at about 5°/sec angular velocity, passing near the sun (126° azimuth 60° elevation), tracked by Moore viewing through 25x ML-47 theodolite after it came out of the sun. Object seemed to turn to the N, maintained constant azimuth at about 20°-25° when it suddenly climbed from 25° to 29° elevation in 10 secs and disappeared by distance or dust obscuration. Distance unknown; by assuming 57 miles, velocity is then 5 mi/sec or 18,000 mph (earth orbital velocity, not escape velocity) but this is pure assumption. (Sparks) 60-secs

April 25, 1949; Springer, New Mexico (BBU)
6:30 -7:30 AM. A 25-year-old man by the name of Abreu, and another friend, were fishing at Springer Lake, a body of water four miles NW of the New Mexico town of the same name. They were preparing bait when they heard a peculiar sound, similar to a high pitched whistle. They both thought it was some high flying ducks coming in for landing and they looked up in the air. What they saw was certainly not ducks. The objects were silvery white in color and looked like balls, similar to Christmas tree ornaments, that passed them at very high altitude and going very fast and out of sight in very few seconds." (BB case 318) They observed the objects for over an hour and made a sketch that showed the objects in various formations as they zoomed overhead. The word: "zoomed" may be good word to use since the witness remarked: " I do not

believe that these objects could have been picked up or followed with field glasses, they weew moving much too fast." (FOIA; FUFOR Index) Few secs

April 27, 1949 Joint Intelligence Committee Report (retyped copy)
The USAF Directorate of Intelligence personnel briefed the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations,
Lt. Gen. Lauris Norstad, and his staff on UFOs in a TOP SECRET "Air Brief."
Actual copy

April 27, 1949
The Air Force sends Top Secret "Unidentified Aerial Objects" presentation with Appendix A,
a summary of Air Force actions to the Joint Committee on Intelligence (JIC). Committee is composed of
representatives from the Army, Navy, Air Force intelligence divisions.

April 27, 1949, Project Saucer Report
"Memorandum to the Press" No. M 26-49, released to the press from the Pentagon.
Based on Project Sign / Grudge (classified codenames for Project "Saucer") info from AMC
Technical Intelligence Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, the last gasp of the pro-UFO faction.

April 27, 1949. SE of Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
9:20 p.m. 2 Army soldiers [Pillett and Belislandro?] on patrol saw a blinking violet object 1-secs 1/2 inches in diameter 10-12 ft away and about 6-7 ft above ground in motion, passing through branches of a tree before disappearing. At 9:25 p.m., 2 miles away 4 Army men sighted a 4-inch bright light, with a 2-4-inch metallic cone trailing in the back, 600 ft away 6-7 ft above ground silently approaching from the NE in level flight at 60-70 mph, disappearing suddenly in the SW at 150 ft away. At 9:37 p.m. the same witnesses saw a 2-inch white light appear 100 ft away to the NNE flying in a zigzag in level flight about 6 ft above ground, disappearing suddenly. At 9:39 p.m. the same witnesses saw a 3rd light in the WSW. (FOIA; FUFOR Index; Jan Aldrich) 1 min+

April 28, 1949
Printed copies of the Top Secret "Analysis of Flying Object Incidents in the United States" (Air Intelligence Division Study 203) disseminated to restricted list. Originally prepared by the USAF Directorate of Intelligence, Air Intelligence Division, and the Office of Naval Intelligence on 10 December 1948, this was a followup to the AF presentations to the JIC and the AF DCS/O the day before.

April 28, 1949; Gary/Michigan City, Indiana
8:00 a.m. CST. (Account where time was given says 1:00 o'clock in the morning) Businessman-Pilot Leon Faber was “just amazed” by the mysterious object he said he saw. Faber said he spotted “a bright, shining object moving east” while flying over the Gary-Michigan City, Ind. area.“It looked like one of those flying saucers." he said. “Certainly it was something I've never seen before.”Faber said he was flying at 6,000 feet and the object, 10,000 feet away, looked about the size of a basketball.“It was on its flat side and just disappeared suddenly,” he said. “It didn't get any smaller, like something moving away from you at a distance. It just suddenly disappeared. Goodness, it’s the most stunning and amazing thing that ever happened to me. I didn't think it was possible.”Faber, 49, is president of the James Knights Company, manufacturers of radio crystals. He said he was talking by radio to some radio hams when he spotted the object and described it to them for the five minutes the object remained in his view. (Project 1947; Sandwich, IL; Terre Haute, Indiana, The Tribune - April 29, 1949)

April 28, 1949. Homer, Mich. (BBU)
9:15 a.m. William Sackett and William Gibson pursued 6 flying discs 10 inches diameter by car along Hwy 60 for 5 miles as they flew at low altitude in "wide circles" paralleling the road. (FOIA) 5 mins

April 28, 1949. Tucson, Ariz. (BBU 361)
5:45 p.m. (AFOSI Case 57) Howard Hann [Hamm?], Mr. Hubert [Huber?] and Tex Keahey saw a a very large bright, sausage-shaped object, with no fins, wings or protuberances, travel from NE to SW, over a period of 12 minutes or so. The object was shiny metallic and reflected the sun, and appeared to be revolving as it moved like the "slow roll of an airplane." There was no noise, nor was there exhaust or a vapor trail. There were no wings or engines or "protuberances of any sort." It appeared to be traveling at 300-600 mph. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

April 28, 1949. SE of Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
8:30-10 p.m. Several Army security patrols sighted a variety of strange lights, mostly slowmoving changing color from white to red to green, one with a red blinking light, one with a "coneshaped affair" trailing in the rear similar to one seen the day before. (FOIA)

April 29, 1949
First installment of Saturday Evening Post article by Sidney Shallett "What You Can Believe About Flying Saucers."
articles/ShalettsArticle1.pdf
articles/ShalettsArticle2.pdf

April 30, 1949. Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
10:15 p.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 2 secs

NARA-PBB1-25 - May 1-14 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-26 - May 15-31 Sightings

May 2, 1949. Elko, Nevada (BBU)
11:40 a.m. CAA radio operator Mr. Small using field glasses saw 3 flying discs 30 ft diameter at 14,000 ft moving (heading?) SW at 300-400 mph make a left turn and depart ahead of a United airliner taking off from Elko airport. (FOIA; FUFOR Index) 3-4 mins

May 3, 1949. Sidney, Ohio (BBU)
9:00 a.m. Store owner Wilford and Sprague saw bright shiny disc high overhead at about 85° elevation heading NE wavering, climbing and descending slightly on a straight path. (FOIA; FUFOR Index) 2 mins

May 4, 1949. 4-1/2 miles W of Maplewood, Ohio (BBU)
6:30 p.m. Ms. Wical saw bright silver flat circular object to the SE traveling NE with sun glaring off the surface, spinning at high altitude, no sound or trail. (FOIA; FUFOR Index) <2 mins

May 5, 1949; Ft. Bliss, Texas (BBU 376)
11:40 a.m. Army officers Maj. Day [May?], Maj. Olhausen, Capt. Vaughn saw 2 oblong white discs, flying at about 200-250 mph, make a shallow turn. 3" object passed through field of fire on Waco #4 firing range. (Berliner) 30-50 secs

May 5, 1949 Letter to CO, Kirtland AFB
The Inspector General USAF, 17th District Office of Special Investigations, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico.
Letter to Commanding Officer Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, 5 May 1949

May 6, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
1:05 a.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) <1 sec 1 1/8 213.

May 6, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
8:40-9:30 p.m. UFO observation network using Army artillery observers (Lt. Mardell E. Ward?), established 2 days earlier, tracks its first object. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 628, Roll 91, pp. 414ff.; FOIA; Jan Aldrich) 50 mins ?

May 6, 1949: Sidney, Ohio (BBU)
8:30 a.m. Stump, Herman and Quinn saw a bright object about 1/2 mile to the W moving S at high speed, no trail or sound, one saying it was too bright to see the shape the other saying it had a flat circular shape. (FOIA; FUFOR Index; Jan Aldrich) 2 mins

May 6, 1949; Livermore, Calif. (BBU 379)
9:35 a.m. C. G. Green saw 2 shiny, disc-like objects rotate around each other and bank, then one shot upwards with a grey trail and rejoined the other. (Berliner) 5 mins

May 6, 1949; Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
UFO observation network using Army artillery observers (Ward?), established 2 days earlier, tracks its first object. (FOIA; Jan Aldrich) real-time triangulation?

May 6, 1949; Moscow, Russia
The test pilot (Apraksin) took off in new aircraft for a test flight and was flying at maximum altitude. The cloud cover in

the take-off area was light but when he found himself at Moscow latitude clouds covered the ground. He established communications with Vol'sk and maintained communications with the base at all times. Suddenly an incomprehensible aircraft, described as a "flying cucumber", appeared and was flying considerably lower. Later, it began to descend. The pilot directed his aircraft toward the object and the speeds of both machines were very great and collision appeared inevitable. At a distance of about ten to twelve kilometers cones of light beams were directed at his aircraft. (See more detail at link above).

May 7, 1949; S St. Louis, Missouri (BBU)
7 p.m. (CST). Just after sunset Vaughn saw the sun glinting off a flat reddish-brown object, "somewhat triangular" shaped, oscillating, the size of a private plane but faster. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

May 7, 1949; Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
7:40 p.m. Lt. Mardell Ward, at the Army's UFO observation post, and another observation site, spotted a brilliant white diamond-shaped object at triangulated location 15,000 ft away at 1,000 ft 57 secs 2+ real-time triangulation altitude headed NW. Object was tracked for 57 seconds as it traveled 20 miles (at 1,300 mph) while changing color from white to reddish to greenish as it dropped altitude and dimmed then disappeared. No sound. (FOIA; Jan Aldrich; Loren Gross Jan-Jun 1949 Supp p. 79, erroneously put at Los Alamos)

May 8, 1949; Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
10:08-10:17 p.m. Lt. Mardell Ward, at the Army's UFO observation post, and 2 other posts sighted brilliant diamond-shaped object to the W moving NW or NE at 1,600 ft altitude slowly dropping. Severe radio interference during sighting, none afterward. (FOIA; Jan Aldrich; Loren Gross Jan-Jun 1949 Supp p. 80, erroneously put at Los Alamos) 9 mins real time triangulation

May 8, 1949; Tucson, Arizona (AFOSI Case 67)
9:30 a.m. Four witnesses reported a motionless, metallic, circular object at 4,000' that started moving west then turned to the north. Object was moving horizontal, then rapid climb at 45-degree angle to 20,000' until out of sight. 10-20 minutes.

May 9, 1949; Tucson, Arizona (AFOSI Case 68)
2:30 p.m. SW-NE, silvery object, 25' in diameter and moving at 750-1000 mph. 6-10 secs.

May 9, 1949
Time article called UFO witnesses "spinners of yarns."

May 12, 1949 Letter concerning conference at Sandia Base, New Mexico, 27 April
To Director of Special Investigations, Office of the Inspector General USAF, Washington 25, D.C. Page 4-- Dr. Kaplan expressed a great concern, as these occurrences relate to the National Defense of the United States.

May 12, 1949 Memo (front page unredacted)...Both pages (lower quality, redacted)
SECRET memo from IG USAF to Dir. Special Investigations about Kaplan visiting the district office to review reports.

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Letter to Dr. J.A. Van Allen from Cmdr R.B. McLaughlin about tracking flying saucer "a few weeks ago".

May 12, 1949; Holloman AFB, New Mexico (BBU)
9:30 p.m. (MST). AF contract solar astronomer, Donald H. Menzel, of Harvard Observatory, was being driven by military car from Holloman AFB, on Hwy 70 just outside the base, en route to Alamogordo [headed ENE on road azimuth 66°], when shortly after leaving the base he saw a bright reddish star Antares about 6°-8° East [to the lower left] of the nearly Full Moon estimated to be 15°-18° above the ridge line [99.3% illuminated Moon at about 19° elevation 136° azimuth, Antares at about 11° elevation 132° azimuth] rising above the Sacramento Mountain ridge. Shortly afterward he noticed first one small round white light low about 3°-4° over the ridge to the lower left of the Moon and star and then another identical light to the right of the first and in horizontal line, about 3° apart [at roughly 122° to 125° azimuth, 5°-6° elevation, seemingly over Moore Ridge, summit 7,264 ft, 32°42'22" N, 105°51'11" W, 15 miles away]. Each light was white possibly slight greenish tinge, about 0 to 1st stellar magnitude, the left one slightly brighter, both increasing in brightness as if possibly rising above a haze layer, both initially "fuzzy" but apparently sharpening in edge contrast. Each light suddenly disappeared one after the other before the car could be stopped. Menzel estimated that as the car traveled 50 mph it created a 3-mile baseline over which he nevertheless noticed no perceptible change in the lights' azimuths, or

perhaps no more than 1° to 2°, hence a distance he calculated at 180 miles and object "diameter" about "¾ mile" (4,000 ft) [correct figure 2,300 ft]. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 88, pp. 904, 920-1; Roll 91, pp. 424-5; Maxwell Roll 6, pp. 241-9) 4 mins 1 witness 1/4 Full Moon

May 13, 1949; Shafer Butte, nr. Boise, Idaho (BB)
Bt. 11:00 and 11:20 a.m. Mountain Time, Robert F. Smith, a World War II bomber pilot, saw six unidentified flying objects about 10 miles west of Shafer Butte. Smith at the time was driving from Caldwell to Boise. Five of the objects were flying in a "V" formation at an estimated 13,000 feet. The objects were the approximate size of a B-29 aircraft, silver on top and dull on the bottom, and the shape of a half-circle with a point in the front. The objects were in view for approximately 5 minutes. The five objects appeared to be in a descending spiral formation and seemed to be linked together because they remained in almost perfect formation. The objects then changed course and took off into the sky at high speed. No commercial or private aircraft were known to be in the vicinity where the objects were observed. Neither were military aircraft scheduled in that area. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

May 16, 1949; Davis Monthan AFB, AZ
5:00 pm. Object was described as black, round and flat in shape, similar to a washtub. It maintained the same altitude, fluttering as it disappeared behind an obstacle. Ground/visual from a military source. 8-10 seconds

May 19, 1949; Fort Bliss, Texas
8:30 a.m. Numerous military witnesses observed a round silver thin object, rocking giving an edgewise and sideways view, 30 degrees altitude. Object in sight for approximately 5 minutes. Object moved about 15 to 20 miles during observation. Maneuvers: Irregular rolling and tilting motion slowly rising as it traveled away.

May 20, 1949; Pontchartrain Beach, New Orleans, Louisiana (BBU)
4:25 p.m. Tulane Univ. Associate Professor of Political Science (USAFR Lt Col) John E. Kieffer of 12th AF, Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas, was lying on his back at the beach when he sighted a bright, shiny silver flat spherical object in the ENE headed WSW [towards him] joined by 5 smaller similar objects grouped around the larger object which made a large circle over New Orleans Airport, then [main object] made a rotation around its horizontal axis and disappeared. At 45 degrees to 50 degrees elevation initially. No sound. No visible means of propulsion. (Sparks; BB files) 23 mins 1 witness

May 21, 1949; Moses AFB, Hanford, Washington (BBU)
Afternoon. An F-82 fighter was dispatched from Moses Lake AFB, near Hanford, Washington, to intercept a flying disc that was observed hovering in restricted air space over the Hanford Atomic Plant at an altitude of 17,000 to 20,000 feet. The silvery, disc-shaped object bad been visually sighted by crew and personnel from the Hanford radar station and confirmed on radar.

May 23, 1949. Moses Lake AFB, Wash. (BBU)
8:45 a.m. (PST). Three USAF pilots, Lt. Col. Walter C. Hearne, Lt. Col. Wallace R. Jordan, and 1st Lt. Gerald B. Blish, sighted from the ground at 325th Fighter Wing, Moses Lake AFB, a small [pinpoint-like] bright silver light traveling at high speed straight and level heading about 15° - 20° course about 5-10 miles away at about 10,000 to 15,000 ft altitude. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 6, pp. 565- 9) 1 to 1- 1/2 mins

May 23, 1949, Camp Hood, Texas
10:10 PM. A light estimated to have been three feet in diameter, round in shape, and changing from an amber to a greenish-yellow in color. The light was in sight for about 2 or 3 mins, and was about 1,500 yards from the observer. The speed was slow and the light appeared to grow. No maneuvers were noted. (Gross, UFO History, 1949, pg. 82)

May 23, 1949; Camp Hood, Texas
11:30 PM. A strange light was seen that reappeared approximately 20 times and was described as being round and about the size of a half dollar. The color was similar to that of an ordinary light bulb. The light was in sight for several seconds and moved straight up aid down with a slight lateral motion right to left. (Gross, UFO History, 1949, pg. 82)

May 23, 1949; Camp Hood, Texas
11:30 PM. Another section of the camp noticed a light that appeared and reappeared several times. It was described as being the size of a light bulb when held at arm's length and was round in shape. The duration of the sighting was about one minute. The movement of the light was straight up and down at slow speed. (Gross, UFO History, 1949, pg. 82)

May 24, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)

12:30 a.m. Round pale-yellow slowmoving light about 6,000 to 9,000 ft away smaller than Full Moon, slightly above horizon. Tracked by Army UFO observation network at Site B nuclear weapons storage stockpile? (BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 630) 60 secs

May 24, 1949; Rogue River, Oregon (BBU)
5:00 p.m. (PST). NACA Ames Research Lab employees Don Heaphy and ?, plus Mrs. Oliver Elizabeth McBeth, pharmacist and wives, saw in the E at azimuth 60° a hamburger-shaped metallic disc about 25-35 ft to 100 ft wide with a tail fin and "dirty" surface, rough wrinkled surface in the rear, at about 5,000 ft altitude about 1-4 miles away traveling at about C-47 speed (200 mph?) which accelerated to jet speed (600 mph?) to the S, azimuth 170°. Observed with 8x binoculars. (Battelle Unknown 10; Bruce Maccabee; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Jan Aldrich) 90 secs-3 mins

May 24, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
7:46 p.m. Security agent [Army CIC?] sighted brilliant stationary incandescent round light [low on the horizon?] then sighted the same about 2 secs later but ½ the apparent size. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, p. 630) 1 sec

May 27, 1949; Near Hart Mtn., south-central Oregon (BBU 404)
2:25 p.m. (PST). Oil company vice-president, USNR pilot, former AAF flight instructor, Joseph C. Shell, flew his lightened-load SNJ Navy aircraft from Red Bluff, Calif, to Burns, Oregon, heading NNE at 212 mph ground speed at 9,000 ft above MSL (about 4,000 to 5,000 ft above ground level), saw to his right (about NE) something metallic in the distance [about 20 miles away] at about 42° 38' N, 119° 43' W, which as he approached resolved into 5-8, most likely 6-7, oval or egg-shaped metallic objects, 2:1 length/width ratio, and 1/5 as thick, each the same size less than 20 ft in diameter, fly in trail formation, with an interval equal to 3-4x their length between the lead object and the 2nd object, and only 1/2 to 2/3 object length spacing between the 2nd and all remaining objects, which separation remained constant almost as if being towed by the lead object. He saw the objects "outlined" against the bluffs of Hart Mtn, and could see the dark ground between each object, and noticed they had slightly changed course from a "quartering" path to a path parallel to his course in the opposite direction (heading SSW) at about 230 ±30-40 mph while following the rim of the bluffs (which rim was about 7,000 ft MSL), appeared to be about 1,000 to 1,500 ft below his altitude about 5-1/2 to 7-1/2 miles away at closest approach (to his ESE), but less than the 10-mile distance to the bluffs. Near end of sighting Shell dropped in altitude and then could see the objects at his flight level, at his estimated position 42° 41' N, 119° 49' W, hence his estimate of objects' altitude as about 1,000-1,500 ft below his original 9,000 ft MSL. Objects disappeared on the horizon out of visual range, at estimated position 42° 28' N, 119° 48' W. Visibility being >60 miles. (Sparks; Berliner; Jan Aldrich; Footnote.com images 6313041 ff.) 5 mins 1 witness 1/30 ? Full Moon

May 31, 1949; Misawa AFB, Honshu, Japan (BBU)
11:10 a.m. USAF pilot Giles flying F-80 saw a circular object moving at high speed and disappearing into cirrus cloud overcast. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

NARA-PBB1-27 - June 1-30 Sightings

June 1, 1949; 2 miles from Stewart Field, Newburgh [or at Walden?], New York (BBU)
8:30-9 p.m. (EST). S/Sgt. and 6 others saw yellow oblong soundless object appear and disappear every few mins 30° NW of the moon [which was at about 268° azimuth 35° elevation]. (FOIA; FUFOR Index) 30 mins

June 2, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
12:40 a.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 1 sec

June 5, 1949

> Walter Winchell column: "The New York World-Telegram has confirmed this reporter's exclusive report of several weeks before--which newspapermen have denied-- about the flying saucers. Said the front page in the World-Telegram: 'Air Force people are convinced the flying disk is real. The clincher came when the Air Force got a picture recently of three disks flying in formation over Stephensville, Newfoundland. They out-distanced our fastest ships.

June 6, 1949; Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
9:05-9:08 p.m. Williams, Jones and others in UFO observation and triangulation network tracked a hovering orange object about 30-70 ft in diameter, 2 mils angular size, 1 mile above ground, 3 miles S of the observation post, 4-1/2 miles S of the Plotting Center, which suddenly started moving in level flight then exploded in a shower of particles. (FOIA; FUFOR Index) 2 mins 40 secs

June 10, 1949; 20 miles SW of Boston, Mass (BBU)
USAF pilot Kirschbaum flying T-6 with 58th FI Sq saw a white tubular 100 ft long flying at 100 mph, chased but lost. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

June 11, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
8:57 p.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 4-5 secs

June 14 (not the 10th), 1949; White Sands, New Mexico (BBU)
3:35 p.m. (MST). During the test firing of a Navy rocket [actually AF V-2 rocket No. 47 to 83 miles altitude] 5 tracking stations observed 2 small circular objects about 1.7 ft in size parallel the 1,500 mph rocket on each side, then the W object passed through the rocket exhaust, joined the E object and both accelerated away. Observed through 20x telescope (theodolite) tracking instrument (with photos? that failed to show UFO's). 8 mins later a possible 3rd object was sighted. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 5, pp. 1466-7, 1470; McLaughlin TRUE article Mar 1950; Saunders/FUFOR Index; LA Times, Aug. 30, 1949

June 20, 1949. Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU)
8:10 p.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 1.5-3 secs

June 22, 1949; Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Three women, one school teacher, another biologist working at an Oak Ridge lab, and third who was wife of member of the Security Division, AEC, Oak Ridge observed a very odd trio of "flying saucers" for about 15 minutes: "It was described as consisting of two identical rectangular-shaped objects which appeared to be coordinated in movement and which moved in wave-like motion. The third object was circular in shape and appeared to be in level flight between and above the two rectangular objects. The rectangular objects appeared to be bright' metal on top but dark underneath, while the color of the circular object was the same as that of frosted glass. The 'flying saucer,' when last sighted, was in level flight and was flying in anorthwesterly direction. The weather was clear with high cummulus clouds. The 'flying saucer' flew at speed of from 10 to 15 mph over an area just about the center of Oak Ridge." 131 (Gross, UFO History, 1959, page 83)

June 24, 1949; Mesa, Arizona (AFOSI Case 75)
3:45 p.m. Five objects observed by two witnesses. One object moved vertical. Described as steel gray and at least one was a disc with two flanges. 400 mph.

June 27, 1949. Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
1:38 a.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 2 mins

June 29, 1949. Flagstaff, Arizona (BBU)
8:10 p.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.)

June 30, 1949. Seligman, Arizona (BBU)
4:30 p.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 8 secs

NARA-PBB1-28 - July 1-31 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-29 - more July Sightings

July 3, 1949; Longview, Wash. (BBU)
10:40, 10:49, 11:25 a.m. (PDT?). Aeronautical engineer Moulton B. Taylor with experience in USN guided missile and pilotless aircraft development was airport manager at Longview preparing for an air show when someone pointed out an object in the sky to the NW at about 30° elevation. Taylor immediately announced this sighting over the public address system to the crowd of 150-200 observers, including pilots, who watched a metallic discus-shaped object cross the sky from NW to SE (track offset to the W not quite reaching zenith) with an oscillating falling-leaf motion along a straight path and occasional sun glints, estimated altitude 30,000 ft at 300 mph, approx. size of DC-3 [about 100 ft] disappearing in smoke from a wood pulp mill at about 80° elevation after a total duration about 2-1/2 to 3 mins. A 2nd similar object was seen about 6 mins later coming from the N [or NNE] at about the same altitude/distance, at about 45° elevation, heading about due S on slightly curved path (concavity of path away from witness, radius of curvature about 15 miles), disappearing in the sun (about ENE [actually ESE azimuth 116° elevation 53° at 10:51 a.m. assumed PDT]) after total duration about 2 mins (on a possibly 8 mile long path [240 mph]). Then a 3rd sighting at 11:25 a.m. coming from almost due W [or WNW] at about 40° elevation, on a W-E straight line path (passing to the N, not quite reaching zenith) again at about the same altitude/distance at which time the oscillations were precisely timed at 48/min, and again disappeared in the sun (to the ENE [actually ESE azimuth 127° elevation 58° at 11:27 a.m.]) (again on a possibly 8 mile long path [240 mph]). (BB

Maxwell Microfilm Roll 6, pp. 1227-1240; McDonald 1968) 3 + 2 + 2 mins 150-200 witnesses 1/5 - 2/5 Full Moon

July 4, 1949; Daniel Fry Claims Ride In Saucer

July 8, 1949; Shoshone Lake, Yellowstone Park, Wyoming
Bt. 6:30 and 7:00 a.m. A man and his wife were fishing from a rubber boat when they heard what sounded like the whir of duck wings. Looking straight up over their heads, 800 to 1,000 feet, there were 8 objects appearing to be round and about 20 feet in diameter, and very bright metal like bright aluminum, sailing (very fast) like a can lid but not in formation, no smoke or exhaust. When the disc-shaped objects were over the center of the lake one of them turned completely over sailing in among the rest of them without coming in contact with the other objects. Just before the disc went out of sight the one on their right turned on its edge and sailed down and away from the rest. (UFOS A History, 1949, pg.15)

July 21, 1949; Mount Pleasant, Utah (BBU)
1:13 p.m. (MST). Military aircraft pilot Knight saw 2 white or silver objects on head on course below the nose of his aircraft. Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

July 23, 1949: North of Delphi, IN
11:40 AM. Two observers fishing at a quarry, plus a separate witness, saw some 12-meter objects circle and play in the sky at about 1500 feet estimated altitude. Type unknown.

July 24, 1949; Mountain Home, Idaho (BBU 483)
12:03-12:13 p.m. Henry Clark, manager of a flying service, flying a Piper Clipper at 19,000 ft, saw 7 delta-shaped objects, 35-55 ft in span, 20-30 ft long, 2-5 ft thick, light colored except for a 12 ft diameter dark circle at the rear [center?] of each, with a flat top surface and a 2-5 ft high dome, sharp needle nose, flat tail, outer panels oscillated then disappeared. Objects flew in a tight formation of 2's with 1 behind, and made a perfect, but un-banked, right turn about 1,500 ft ahead and 500 ft below with no wake turbulence, displaying decreasing smooth oscillations, then turned right again passing the aircraft at about 450-500 mph. Clark's engine ran rough during the sighting, and on landing was found with all spark plugs burned out. (Berliner; cf. NARCAP) 10 mins

July 30, 1949; Mt. Hood, Oregon (BBU 496)
9 p.m. Northwest Airlines Capt. Thrush, 2 Portland control tower operators, and a flying instructor (Henry, Penhallegan, Brasford) saw an object with 1 white light and 2 red lights, maneuver and hover. (Dan Wilson, BB files, Berliner; Jan Aldrich)

July 30, 1949. Killeen Base/Site B [Nuclear Weapons National Stockpile], Camp Hood, Texas (BBU)
9:35, 10:04 p.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 2-2.5 secs + 2- 3 secs

NARA-PBB1-30 - August 1-31 Sightings

August, 1949; SECRET Project Grudge Report
The GRUDGE Final Report (but not publicly released). It was still classified SECRET until Aug 1, 1952,

Aug. 6, 1949. Las Cruces, White Sands, Alamogordo, and Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
8-8:30 p.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 414ff.) 1-5 secs

August 8, 1949, Medford, Oregon (BB)
11:20 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. At Medford Municipal Airport, six observers (some military; some civilian CTO's) saw a number of objects, varying from 1 to 7, traveling slow to very fast. the objects were estimated at 30,000 feet and were shiny, and would fly formation for a while and then break off and reform in trail formation. They would disappear for short periods and then reappear in the same general area. Persons from the control tower used binoculars to get a better look at the objects and were able to distinguish wings on the objects but no further identification could be made. Air Force Conclusion: Balls of thistle. (Dan Wilson, BB Archives)

August 19, 1949; Norwood, Ohio
Rev. Gregory Miller, Norwood, Ohio, in the presence of other witnesses, with help of Norwood police officer, obtained 16 mm black and white movies of a large disc hovering in a searchlight beam. The disc emitted "two distinct groups of

triangular-shaped objects." (CRIFO Newsletter, Vol. I, No. 5, August 6, 1954). One of a series of well-witnessed sightings logged by Army searchlight operator, Sgt. Donald R. Berger. Three 25 foot rolls of movie film were exposed, using a Hugo Meyer F-19-3 camera with telephoto lens; also several still photographs with a Speed-Graphic and 14 inch Wallensach telephoto lens, the best of which were submitted to Time-Life and reportedly never returned. One photograph reproduced in "Inside Saucer Post. . .3-0 Blue," by L. H. Stringfield, Cincinnati, 1957

August. 20, 1949; Las Cruces, New Mexico (BBU)
10:45 p.m. Astronomer and discoverer of planet Pluto, Clyde W. Tombaugh, with wife and mother-in-law, all saw a rigid formation of faint bluish-green rectangles as if windows on a solid dark object about 1° across, which flew at high speed from zenith SSE to about 35° above the horizon where it disappeared all the while the rectangles foreshortening due to the slant angle. No sound. Wife thought she saw faint interconnecting glow. (FUFOR Index; etc.) 3 secs

1949, Fall; Key Atomic Base
A high AF officer was involved in the radar tracking of five apparently metallic UFOs which flew south over the base at tremendous speed and great height. [UFO Evidence, Section II]

NARA-PBB1-31 - September 1-30 Sightings

Fall, 1949; New Mexico
Night. A UFO dropped out of nowhere into the car headlights of a couple. It was saucer-shaped and 50-60 feet in diameter. When 20 feet in distance from the car, it rose up and passed at a low altitude over the car. While this happened, the car radio had an abnormal amount of static. The couple did not see how the UFO left their vicinity. (Tulsa Tribune, Dec. 10, 1957) Music on car radio blanked out by static as UFO passed over car. (NICAP List, item 3)

September 5, 1949; Reno, Nevada
2:00 p.m. MST. Observers: S/Sgt Willie L. Cole, USAF, 23rd Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, his wife and another lady reported a perfectly round, silver object with curved sides coming to a smooth round edge, about the size of a P-38 wingspan. Altitude: 3000 to 5000 feet; speed: 500-600 mph heading due west. Object flew perfectly straight and level for about 2 minutes. Comments: No sound, smoke, contrails, or exhaust was observed. (BB Archives, Ridge)

September 5, 1949; Lebec, Calif (BBU)
12:10 p.m. 2 USAF pilots flying military aircraft with 3538th Maintenance Sq saw an oval object climb at tremendous speed to the S. (Project 1947)

September 9, 1949; Mexico, Missouri
Noon hour. A round silver object was observed in the sky by Sydney McGee, foreman of the tin shop, and John Wright, a tin shop employee. The object was estimated to be 20 feet in diameter and six feet thick and was hovering at an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 feet altitude. The object suddenly took in a burst of speed and vanished to the southwest. One other person also saw the object. (Dan Wilson, Reference: Mexico Evening Ledger, September 9, 10, 1949, Page 1)

September 9 [10?], 1949; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU)
9:56 p.m. (AST). Military aircraft pilot saw an egg-shaped object disappear into a cloud at high speed. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

September 14, 1949 letter to Director of R&D, HQ, USAF
Concerning/including "Light Phenomena"

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2:00 p.m. MST. Observers: S/Sgt Willie L. Cole, USAF, 23rd Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, his wife and another lady reported a perfectly round, silver object with curved sides coming to a smooth round edge, about the size of a P-38 wingspan. Altitude: 3000 to 5000 feet; speed: 500-600 mph heading due west. Object flew perfectly straight and level for about 2 minutes. Comments: No sound, smoke, contrails, or exhaust was observed. (BB Archives, Ridge)

September 6, 1949;
Missing BB report found for Payerne, Switzerland. Swiss Col. Eggenberger.

NARA-PBB1-32 - October 1-31 Sightings

September 26, 1949, Lexington, Nebraska (BB)
6:30 PM. Six members of a farming enterprise were threshing wheat when they saw three objects coming from the general direction of the sun (SW). As the objects proceeded they gave off a dazzling brilliance. They maintained a level flight with two of the objects changing positions as they flew. The power of the illumination remained constant throughout the incident (i.e. no pulses or flashes). Once the objects reached a direction NW of the observers, they made a smooth 90 degree turn straight upwards and climbed rapidly out of sight. One of the farmers was a recent graduate of a two-year course in aeronautical design and thought the objects looked like a domed-disk when viewed face-forward, but were actually like a stubby, wingless, tailless fuselage when seen from the side. About five miles away, four other persons saw what they felt were two fast-moving objects flying in the distance at level flight before abruptly turning straight up and flying away from the Earth. This group of people did not know their distant “neighbors.” (UFOs & Government)

September 30, 1949; Camp Holabird, Maryland (BB)
3:17-3:19 PM. While on duty as a Military Policeman on the Main Gate, witness observed two (2) unidentifiable aerial objects near the smoke stack of the Chevrolet Assembly Plant which is adjacent to Camp Holabird. These objects appeared to hover between the smokestack and a large tree, a relatively short distance away. FLOYD described the objects as disc shape, much like an enlarged silver dollar, very shiny, but at such a distance as to prohibit actual observance of any specific color. A comparative measure as to the actual size of the objects was estimated as being approximately one half the diameter of the Chevrolet Assembly Plant's smoke stack. Approximate angle of elevation during the period of observation was estimated as about 15 degrees. The objects seemed to be proceeding in no apparent direction, but because of the uncertainty concerning the distance of the objects from the observer, it would be difficult to estimate any definite speed. FLOYD heard no sound that he could attribute to the objects and saw no flames or exhaust. The objects appeared to be without fins, canopies, or antenna. Weather conditions at the time of observation were evaluated as relatively clear, no clouds were present, although a slight ground haze is thought to have existed. Position of the sun at time of observation was estimated as being 15 degrees in azimuth south of the objects, and an undetermined angular distance above. It was impossible to establish the manner of disappearance of objects inasmuch as the objects left FLOYD's field of vision during an interruption caused by persons passing through the gate. (Blue Book files, Jan Aldrich)

October 1, 1949; Jackson, Mississippi
Cat.11 Rush case (M)

Oct. 11, 1949; Holloman AFB, New Mexico (BB)
Bet. 10:45-11:00 a.m. (MST).USAF M/Sgt. Ralph M. Stevens,Tech Aide in Lower Atmospheric Research, Elec & Atm Res Section, Holloman AFB, and Sgt. Marion H. Graves were at Ryan Site #4 tracking a balloon launch by theodolite when they spotted a high speed round white dish-shaped object in the NW at 60° in straight flight pass overhead to disappearance at 60° elevation in the SE. Size compared to B-29 [141 ft] at 150,000 ft range [1/10 full Moon].(Sparks; BB files)

Oct. 12, 1949; Holloman AFB, New Mexico (BB)
11:15 a.m. MST. S/Sgt Clifford B. Hart, a flight engineer, and two others, observed a round, white or aluminum colored object moving across the sky from the south to north. It then veered to the northeast where it disappeared. Hart estimated the speed of the object at 1,500 mph at an estimated altitude of 35,000 feet. Hart estimated the size of the object comparable to a B-29 aircraft. The other witnesses were S/Sgt J.D. Denning, and S/Sgt Harry A. Boggs, both are aircraft mechanics. The object was in sight from 45 to 60 seconds. On this same day a similar object was sighted at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, at 1:40 p.m. MST. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Oct. 12, 1949; Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona (BB)
1:40 p.m. MST. Four airmen, S/Sgt John A. Bobst, S/Sgt Paul C. Wallingford, T/Sgt Roy Elias, and 1st Lt. David J. Latz observed a white or silver round solid object of apparent metal construction traveling from the northeast to the southwest at a high rate of speed possibly as much as 1,000 mph at an estimated altitude of 25,000 to 30,000 feet overhead. The object had an estimated diameter of approximately 50 to 100 feet. The object was in sight for approximately 15 seconds. The four men were standing in the aircraft parking area for the 65th Bomb squadron. (Dan Wilson, Blue Book files)

Oct. 14, 1949; Mt. Palomar Observatory, Calif (BBU)
1:15 and 1:20 p.m. Observatory Manager of Public Relations Harley C. Marshall drove away from Observatory when he saw a perfect "V of V's" formation of about 16-18 silver [round?] objects without tails or wings overhead traveling at high 1 + 1 EM effects on cosmic ray detector speed to the NW and emitting a sound like jets but not quite the same which noticeably lagged behind visual location of objects in the sky by about 35°-40°. Marshall stopped car and observed objects disappear [behind?] cloud cover that extended from horizon to about 45° elevation. [Marshall returned to Observatory] and phoned Asst. Superintendent-Electrical B. B. Traxler on duty who at about 1:20 p.m. saw one dark unidentified object

traveling to the SW while checking the cosmic-ray Geiger counter recording equipment and saw that the needle had jumped off scale for several secs. For the next 10 days another 21 incidents of off-scale cosmic-ray detector incidents occurred at scattered times fitting a periodic 1.5-hour time schedule, a phenomenon not seen before or after, and unexplainable by equipment failure or radio interference from aircraft. Several Navy aircraft of differing prop and jet types were flown near Palomar Observatory using radio, altimeter and radars on Oct. 21 and Nov. 2 in an unsuccessful effort to trigger the Geiger counter. (Jan Aldrich; McDonald list)

Oct. 17, 1949; Mt. Palomar Observatory, Calif (BBU)
7:20 a.m. Observatory Asst. Superintendent-Electrical B. B. Traxler saw a small black object without apparent projections moving at high speed to the SW at the same time the cosmic-ray Geiger counter went off-scale again (see incidents of Oct. 14 and 21, 1949). (Sparks)

Oct. 21, 1949; Mt. Palomar Observatory, Calif (BBU)
2:30 p.m. Observatory Asst. Superintendent-Electrical B. B. Traxler saw an elongated slightly curved or banana shaped object traveling to the E or SE for about 3 secs. Independently and without knowledge of Traxler's sighting, George Adamski of Palomar Gardens saw the dark cigar-shaped object. (Jan Aldrich; McDonald list) 3+ secs

Detection of UFOs by Geiger Counters - BB Archive Correspondence

> In regard to the 14 & 17 & 21 Oct 1949 sightings at Mt. Palomar Observatory in the NICAP chronology and Sparks' "BB Unknowns" list, the 25 Nov 1949 "case" in the Blue Book Archive is not a "case" occurring on 25 Nov 1949 but the date the document was written and it contains some material on this incident. It is not actually a case file, but a collection of correspondence (47 documents) related to the potential detection of atomic powered UFOs by Geiger counter equipment, which was put together in 1952. There are several pages about the events and witnesses at Mt. Palomar.

Secret (1952) Document Mentions Correlation Between Sightings and Rise in Radiation

> It was found that in October 1949 such an incident occurred at the Mt. Palomar Observatory and that the Navy had investigated them (21 incidents). (NARA-PBB85 762, 766 - Fran Ridge)

NARA-PBB1-33 - November & December Sightings

Nov. 3, 1949; Baja (near) California
Air Force pilot saw four discs in formation. [III], Donnelly case (M)

Nov. 21, 1949; Akita, Honshu, Japan (BBU)
USAF pilot flying F-80 fighter saw a rectangular object flying at 500 mph. (Weinstein)

Nov. 25, 1949; Mt. Palomar, California

> Nonexistent case date invented by BB to cover the real events on various dates in Oct-Nov 1949. is merely the date of an ONR-Pasadena report on these radiation/UFO incidents.

Dec. 4, 1949; Bet. Covington and Hammond, Louisiana (BBU)
4:35-4:38 p.m. (CST). USAF pilot of C-47 transport Flight AF 5566, Maj. F. E. Whitker, Base Legal Officer of Walker AFB, Roswell, N.M., copilot 1st Lt. P. H. McDavid and crew chief engineer Staff Sgt. C. Thomas also from Walker AFB, while flying from Carswell AFB, Dallas, to Keesler AFB, Miss., at 180 mph at 5,500 ft heading 90° (E), saw a bright silver sphere about the size of a jet fighter [50 ft?] come towards their aircraft heading about 300° or about W nearly head on at 1 o'clock position [from about 120° ENE] at about the same altitude, 5,500 ft, at high speed in excess of 600 mph or faster than a jet then after about 30 secs object turned abruptly to the S, then stopped, bobbed up and down. Object made several accelerations and decelerations and sharp direction and altitude changes during sighting, very maneuverable in all directions, Whitaker describing as appearing to "bounce all over the sky." Object disappeared by sudden burst of speed crossing field of vision in about 1 sec. No vapor trail, exhaust, distinguishing features, or sound noticeable above the C-47's noise. Apparent size half-dollar on windshield. (Jan Aldrich)

Project Twinkle Letter of December 9, 1949, Re: "Light Phenomena"
To Director of R&D, HQ, USAF, from AMC, Dayton. More on conference.

Dec. 13, 1949; Holloman AFB, New Mexico
Note: Unknown aerial phenomenon sighted (bad link on DBase and no details or source)

December 27, 1949

This was both the GRUDGE codename AND final report (Technical Report) that were not released and remained classified SECRET until Aug 1, 1952, and even then no one knew it was declassified except possibly Donald Keyhoe and Leon Davidson.

Dec. 28, 1949; Bet. Hamlet and Greenwood, North Carolina (BBU)
5 p.m. James and 3 other pilots of military light training planes saw a blimp-shaped object outdistance the [4?] planes at high speed. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Dec. 29, 1949; Hamlet, North Carolina
Time not given. A former Air Force Pilot, Phillip Gibbons, observed a UFO over Hamlet. The Pilot shared the object was 20 feet in diameter, bright aluminum in color and appeared at 3,000-4,000 feet. Gibbons called the object "a bright aluminum ball". Gibbons believed the object was not a balloon as he would have caught it in his plane. ("Silver Sphere Gives The Slip To N.C. Flier", "Something Fishy" Says Pilot Who Tried to Catch Hanging Ball, UP, The Anniston Star, Anniston, Alabama, December 29, 1949, Thursday, Page 16; submitted by John S. Chase)

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Dec. 31, 1949. Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C. (BBU)
Daytime. Wash DC Air National Guard 113th Aircraft Control Squadron Corporal Robert E. Guinn happened to look overhead during a jet takeoff and noticed an object like a "huge stack of tinfoil" when it tilted toward the sun, floating in and out of the clouds, the size of an ANG hangar, then suddenly headed SE at high speed. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 7, p. 1053-5) 1

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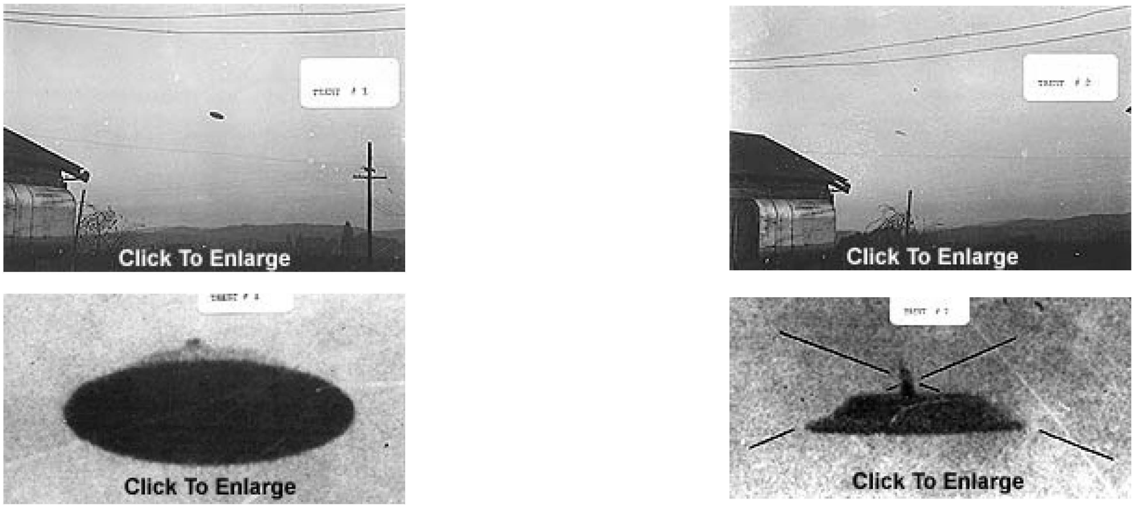

**The Trent, McMinnville, Oregon photos, May 11, 1950 - courtesy Bruce Maccabee**

Map of sightings for 1950, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database

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This is a 34-page report on an on-going project involving a number of people. I want to thank all the members of the A-Team who made this possible. This was a very important year in UFOlogy. Some of the best photographic evidence was obtained that year: April 23, Red Bud, Illinois; April 27, White Sands, New Mexico (Cinetheodolite film taken by camera tracking station); May 11, McMinnville, Oregon (Trent photos); May 24, White Sands (Cinetheodolite films); June 27, Louisville, Kentucky (Hixenbaugh movie film); August 15, Great Falls, Montana (Mariana color film); August 31, Alamogordo, New Mexico (Project TWINKLE film). Even more important is the fact that the April 27 White Sands tracking was a successful triangulation!!! Then there were all the sightings and radar-jamming and radiation incidents at Oak Ridge (in particular, Oct 29 & 30th). The Oak Ridge story included the FBI being put on "immediate high alert". Last, but certainly not least, we have to thank Loren Gross for thoughtfully and diligently collecting data many years ago for his UFO Histories and supplemental notes, in particular here the year 1950. And a big thanks to CUFOS and Mary Castnor for housing them on the CUFOS site.

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Note: There are 209 entries in the 38-page La Paz catalog, the " Summary of Sightings of Unknown Phenomena, 17th District OSI" But in the 1950 group there were 50 sightings and the ones listed here are the reports with some important details to make them extraordinary. The catalog ended with entry 209, which was for May 1, 1950. Also, brief case descriptions giving the Cat (Category) number, name of witness, and source in brackets (M=military), are

NICAP UFO Evidence entries where cases haven't been located.

**The Chronology**

Blue Book Listings, Total Year Access
NARA-PBB1-34 - January - February Sightings

January 1950; TRUE Article

True magazine article "Flying Saucers Are Real," by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, suggested UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin.

Jan. 6, 1950; Near Howard, Kansas (BBU)
2:10 pm CST. Gray and 2 other USAF crew of C-47 transport saw a 30-60 ft silver football-shaped object flying in straight level flight. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 6, 1950

A new wave of Frank Scully-type hoax stories begin to circulate widely through the media nationwide, including TIME and Newsweek magazines (stories of the AF meeting live aliens, recovering crashed saucers, bodies of little green men). Apparently the new stories were inspired by AFOSI (AF Office of Special Investigations) as a disinformation operation to discredit the Roswell incident in advance, in case Roswell should leak. The AF was fearful that retired Navy-Marine officer-pilot and investigative reporter Maj. Donald Keyhoe, after his blockbuster TRUE article, was hot on the trail of uncovering Roswell, though he was not (the AF had no way of knowing that). AF viewed this as a Navy attack on the AF, exploiting inter-service rivalry and using dirty tricks, and expected more to come (Brad Sparks)

Jan. 7, 1950; S of Corona, New Mexico (BBU)
10:15 p.m. Holloman AFB Asst. Maintenance Officer Risley while driving saw a yellowish-white ball of light at about 45° elevation descending at a 60° angle, changing color to orange with trailing flame, to just above a mountain range where it leveled off becoming bright blue-green traveling 10° E [?] until it dropped behind the mountain. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 10, 1950; Las Vegas AFB, NV
10:10 a.m. Civilian pilots, father and son, observed 2 F-80 jet fighters approaching for landing at elevation angle of about 45° into the sun [in the SE at about 21° elevation 141° azimuth] and saw an object at an altitude of approximately 1500-2000 feet, about 25-30 ft in size. Object appeared "pure silver," round "like a balloon" (AFOSI found no balloons launched) and solid material like "a metal," with no external fittings, air ducts, antenna, supports, or exhaust trail, seeming no noise audible above that of an F-80. Direction of flight [heading?] was NNE with no tactical movement, or maneuver, motion was smooth, at first slow and then a very rapid acceleration in a horizontal ascent, disappearing over mountains to the E. (Sparks; BB AFOSI files; NICAP website) 25 secs 2 witnesses 1 Full Moon ?

Jan. 12, 1950 Memo

AF Directorate of Intelligence (AFOIN) quietly cancels the special intelligence collection directives to various government agencies for reporting UFO (flying disc/flying saucer) incidents, though routine intelligence channels still require UFO reporting. Cancellation is a follow up up to the widely announced closure of "Project Saucer" (classified codename GRUDGE) at AMC (Air Materiel Command), Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, on Dec. 27, 1949, which had been designed to blunt the impact of Keyhoe's just-released bombshell article in TRUE claiming saucers were extraterrestrial. AFOIN Director, Gen. Charles P. Cabell, believed that in fact AMC was taking its UFO project underground by announcing the closure. Months later Cabell discovers that AMC Intelligence Dept under Col. Harold Watson was not running a secret UFO investigation, and Cabell is forced to make up for AMC's negligence by conducting his own UFO investigations via his AF Intelligence staff. (Brad Sparks)

Jan. 12, 1950. Holloman AFB, NM
7:00-7:05 and 9:00 p.m. (MST). Airman John M. Gusich, 3024th Air Police Sq, file clerk in Air Provost Marshal's office, Holloman AFB, sighted bright white light similar to Venus, with erratically changing color to green and red, erratic left-right, up-down small motions, at about 10° to 15° above horizon in the N, at azimuth 353° to 355° moving level to the W. Sighted again briefly at 9:00 p.m. and had moved W to about 325° azimuth. Extremely cloudy in the W, S and E, clear only in the N, hence could not be Venus setting in the WSW, azimuth 252° elevation 5° (at 7:00 p.m.), setting at about

7:27 p.m. and well below horizon and totally invisible at 9 p.m. Similar sighting of star-like light in the N by Gusich next morning disappeared at 6:05 a.m. due to approaching sunrise was probably star Capella at azimuth 325° (about NW to NNW) elevation 3°. (Sparks)

Jan. 12, 1950; Gulf of Mexico (BBU)
At 11:25 p.m. EST, a B-29 aircraft was flying over the Gulf on a course of 260 degrees when three objects were noted on the radar scope orbiting the B-29 from all quadrants. The objects were noticed by the Radar Operator, Aircraft Commander, Navigator, and Bombardier. One object was first sighted on a bearing of 330 degrees traveling south. The objects travelled across the scope in approximately 15 to 20 seconds on the 100 mile range setting. In a few minutes this object was joined by two others, which disappeared in a few minutes. At short ranges the object was large and well defined on the radar scope. The object would go off for about 100 miles, turn and come in as if for an attack, pass through the center of the scope and emerge on the other side. The estimated speed of the object was between 2,500 to 3,000 mph. The one object remained on the radar scope for approximately 30 minutes, following the B-29 all the time. The radar operator switched ranges on the scope and picked up the object on the 20 and 50 mile settings. Twice the object came to within 20 miles of the aircraft and then apparently had the ability to hover, for the movement on the radar scope would cease for 5 to 15 seconds. After altering course the object no longer appeared, but the radar was jammed for approximately 10 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

Jan. 13, 1950; Holloman AFB, New Mexico, OSI Case 166
Sounds much like a star but the OSI report stated, "Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting:  None."

Jan. 14, 1950; Oak Ridge, TN
4:45 PM. Fairchild plant workers at the nuclear research facilities watched a brilliant fiery ball of light hover over restricted military airspace for about two minutes. (Source: Loren E. Gross, UFOs: A History. 1951, p. 3).

Jan. 18, 1950; Denver, Colo. (BBU)
6:19 p.m. USAF pilots of T-6 saw a round reddish-white object tapered aft flying at 15,000 ft. (Project 1947)

Jan. 18, 1950; Denver, Colorado (BBU)
At around 1859 hours (6:59 p.m. CST) Lt. A. P. Webb and six other pilots in four aircraft saw a similar flame or light moving at a high rate of speed at times varying slightly. All the observers described the flame or light in similar terms and gave its course generally as southwesterly. (Dan Wilson)

Jan. 22, 1950; Near Kodiak NAS, Alaska. (BBU)
2:40-4:40 a.m. USN P2V3 patrol plane pilot Lt. Smith and radar officer A. L. C. Gaskey briefly detected a radar target 20 miles N, then another target S of Kodiak at 2:48 a.m., possibly the same target traveling 225 mph in between. Smith radioed Kodiak NAS to look for other air traffic but none was reported. Gaskey then noticed strong radar interference preventing him from tracking the target. At 3 a.m. watch officers Morgan and Carver on the USS Tillamook S of Kodiak island saw a maneuvering red exhaust-like or orange ball of fire circle the Kodiak area in 30 secs clockwise beginning and ending in the SE. At 4:40 a.m., P2V3 radar picked up fast moving target at 5 miles which closed that distance in 10 secs (1,800 mph) to dead ahead position, where it was seen as "two orange lights rotating about a common center like two jet aircraft making slow rolls in tight formation." Smith tried to pursue but object came at him in a "highly threatening gesture." Smith turned off all aircraft lights to reduce visibility, object flew off to the SE disappearing in 4 mins. (Project 1947; BB files??)

Jan. 24, 1950; Near Blackstone, Virginia (BBU)
4:50-5:05 p.m. (EST). 3 Pentagon officials, 2 USAF combat flying officers, pilot Capt. G. B. Edwards and copilot Capt. Theron C. Fehrevach flying C-45 transport plane heading 26° at 5,000 ft, saw a dark 200-250 ft diameter hemispherical parachute-shaped or B-35 flying wing shaped object at about 20° azimuth at about 7,000 ft about 5-10 miles away with a large black smoke region below it almost looking like a large suspended black object about 3x the object's diameter, possibly obscuring a lower portion of a sphere instead of the object being just an upper hemisphere. UFO was darker than the 50% cloud cover and “easy to distinguish as not being cloud.” Object moved smoothly horizontally to the right to about 32° azimuth at about 300+ mph then back again without any noticeable turn radius. Edwards put the C-45 into a climb to 7,000 ft so they would be on the same height level as the UFO and turned left slightly to 20° to head directly toward it. Army Courier Service passenger 1st Lt. John H. Van Santen was alerted by Fehrevach and now also saw the object move right then left by 12° again, then they all saw the object recede at high speed radically away and disappear [at possibly 6,000 mph to reduce angular size below visual resolution by increasing distance at least 200 miles in <2 mins at

about 4:55 p.m.]. About 1-1/2 mins later object reappeared about 30°-45° to the right of their heading at the same level but at greater distance, stationary in position, then oscillating or "wiggling" about that position horizontally right-left about 1-1.5x object's width. Object moved horizontally to dead ahead again and disappeared by receding in the distance at high speed. (Jan Aldrich)

Jan. 31, 1950

President Truman announces his approval of the H-bomb project. This was widely seen as a "crash program" and the number one super secret weapon to counter the surprise Soviet atomic bomb of Aug. 1949 which had caught Western intelligence off guard by coming many years sooner than predicted. Later in 1950 it would be widely thought that flying saucers trumped even the A-bomb and H-bomb. (Brad Sparks)

Jan. 31, 1950; N of Aleutian Islands, Alaska (BBU)
6:55 p.m. USAF pilot saw 3 ft red and white elliptical object flying E. (Project 1947)

Feb. 2, 1950; Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz. (BBU)
USAF bomber pilot saw object trailing smoke. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Feb. 5, 1950; Teaticket, Mass. (BBU)
5:10 p.m. Marvin Odom, former U.S. Navy fighter pilot, USAF Lt. Philip Foushee, pilot from Otis AFB, and 2 others saw 2 thin, illuminated cylinders, one dropped a fireball, both maneuvered together then disappeared high and fast. (Berliner) 5 mins

Feb. 8, 1950; Tampa, Florida (BBU)
11:45 p.m. USAF crew of B-29 bomber saw 300 ft long 30 ft wide rocket-shaped object flying at 2,000+ mph. [Eastern Airlines??] (Project 1947; FUFOR Index) multiple?

Feb 18, 1950, Holloman AFB, NM
0610-0640. Driving north from Holloman AFB, MSTMajor William J. Maynor, M/SGT Raymond F Gotainger, M/SGT William R. Royal Observed in a break in the clouds an object the size of a coffee cup at arm's length which appeared to be a very bright light and as the sum arose occasionally reflected the light of the sun from the lower half of the object. It diminished to such a degree that it was no longer visible after its movement of about 10 degrees. The AF suggested Vega, but a balloon at high altitude is a better suggestion. (Maxwell PBB roll 7, frames 1212-1215.)

Feb. 22, 1950

TRUE publishes a follow up article by an active duty Navy officer Cdr. Robert McLaughlin claiming in the March 1950 issue that scientists at White Sands Proving Ground had tracked a UFO at escape velocity (the 18,000 mph speed was actually orbital velocity and was merely assumed, not tracked or measured by Charles B. Moore, in the Apr. 24, 1949, incident). McLaughlin states he believes UFO's are extraterrestrial. AF views this as another Navy attack on the Air Force. (Brad Sparks)

Feb. 22, 1950; Key West, Fla.
Navy pilots, others, saw glowing UFO, confirmed by radar. [IV]

Feb. 24, 1950; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 642)
1:55 p.m. While tracking a weather balloon from atop TWA Bld. at the Municipal Airport, 1.5 mins (theod). Weather Observer Luther B. McDonald saw crossing the field of view in the theodolite a white, round object not quite as elongated as an egg, darkened on the top-left side, flying straight and level from about 20° to 23° elevation at about 110° azimuth in the E apparently on a trajectory towards them on about a 240° to 270° heading, covering 2° in 1-1/2 mins [probable round-off in angles so that elevation may have changed from about 20.5° to 22.5° and azimuth from about 109° to 111°]. Object's angular size about that of the upper part of the moon as seen through theodolite [probable 21x telescope sight of David White pibal theodolite]. Lost sight when shifted to weather balloon (and back). Weather Observer Harrison S. Manson also observed object with the naked eye, for about 20-30 secs, (unaided) appearing to be brilliant white like metal reflecting sunlight the apparent size of a weather balloon about to disappear in the distance, impression of flight heading to ESE [actually from ESE]. (Berliner; Jan Aldrich)

Feb. 24, 1950; Datil, New Mexico (BBU)
7:30 p.m. (MST). Stanfield and other Holloman AFB Photographic Branch project staff for tracking aerial phenomena at

the Datil observation post saw and photographed a circular luminous object 15.31 arcmins (0.2552°) in diameter with a 3.785° long trail, using 1-5 Cineflex camera with 3-inch focal length lens. (Sparks; FUFOR Index) observation post photo.

Feb. 25, 1950. Datil, New Mexico
2-2:30 a.m. White round light reappeared in the same position in the sky from 4 hours earlier, changing to red and green, moving slightly towards the NW, then disappeared behind mountain. Angular velocity 0.5°/.min [in azimuth?] calculated by LaPaz. Note this is 2nd sighting of the same night by this Holloman AFB UFO observation post. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 465-6; Maxwell Microfilm Roll 7 pp. 1226-52) 30 min, observation post photo.

Feb. 25, 1950; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU 645)
3:55 p.m. 12 AEC Atomic Energy Security Service (AESS) inspectors saw a cylinder with tapered ends, silver and flashing, fly slow then fast, flutter and oscillate, change course. (Berliner) 3 secs to 2 mins

Feb. 27, 1950; Counterville, Illinois (BBU)
7 a.m. Pilot and aircraft mechanic Richard Lemmon was flying [SE] from Wood River to Du Quoin, Illinois, in a PT-19 light training aircraft with his wife, at 2,000 ft when he noticed an object near Coulterville, and he alerted Mrs. Lemmon who then saw the object. He climbed to 5,000 feet at 140-150 mph where he appeared to be at the same level with the object, reaching as close as 1/2 mile away. Object was in the shape of a discus about 60 feet in diameter, 10 feet thick in the middle and thinner at the edges, with a high metallic shine. Lemmon flew above, below and to side of object to be sure it was real and no reflection or illusion. No markings or breaks in the metal for windows or rotors, etc., but had impression of "cuts of a piece of a pie." No flames, smoke or vapor trails. Object was highly maneuverable and made several turns, right and left, up and down. Object tilted in the direction of motion with no distinguishable front or rear. No visible means of propulsion. Lemmon tried to buzz people on the ground to look up at the object. Object picked up speed to disappear at "great speed" [near Pinckneyville/ Du Quoin?]. (Sparks; BB files; Project 1947 website; NICAP website; UP, Du Quoin, Ill., March 14, 1950; Loren Gross Jan-March 1950, pp. 26, 93) 15 mins 2 witnesses 2 Full Moons

## NARA-PBB1-35 - March Sightings

### March 1950--True Article

> "How Scientists Tracked a Flying Saucer," by Cmdr. R. B. McLaughlin, USN, reported April 24, 1949 White Sands sighting. [I]

March 1, 1950; Knoxville, TN
Witness not considered reliable. Incident involved the use of an Army surplus radar unit.

### Estimate - Soviets Pose Dangerous Threat By Mid 1952

> On March 2, 1950, a Joint Chiefs of Staff; (JCS) meeting focused on establishing goals for a minimum air defense by 1952. The following month at a USAF Commanders Conference at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, planners familiarized commanders with the thinking behind the plan of minimum defense as well as with its contents. Referred to as the Blue Book Plan, it stipulated that a minimum air defense could be in place by mid-1952. It was estimated that July 1, 1952, as the critical date when the Soviets would pose a dangerous threat. General Charles Cabell expected the Soviets to have between 45 and 90 atom bombs and 70 to 135 Tu-4 bombers (copied B-29s) by that time.

March 3, 1950; Selfridge AFB, Mich. (BBU 650)
11:05 p.m. USAF 1st Lt. Frank Mattson saw an intense, dull yellowish light descend vertically, then fly straight and level at high speed. (Berliner) 4 mins

March 4, 1950; Near Newburgh, IN
A man was driving east approximately two miles east of the junction of Indiana State Hwy 66 and 261 north of Newburgh, when he observed an object he believed to be a rocket at a distance of approximately 50-75 yards in front of his automobile.

March 5?, 1950. Vaughn, New Mexico
11:35 a.m. 1;00 p.m. White object in straight flight toward 195° azimuth? at 180-200 mph. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 467-8) 1h25m.

March 5, 1950; Bloomfield, NM
Night. A dark, five-foot diameter disc paced a car. When the driver stopped the car the object circled the car, then sped away at a high speed. (Sources: newspaper clippings, March 10, 1950 and March 27, 1950; Loren Gross, UFOs: A History, 1950: January-March, pp. 31-32).

March 8, 1950; Over Wright-Patterson AFB, ATIC, Ohio
In mid-morning, the CAA received a report from Capt. W. H. Kerr, Trans-World Airways pilot, that he and two other TWA pilots had a UFO in sight. A gleaming UFO was visible, hovering at high altitude. CAA also had 20 or more reports on the UFO from the Vandalia area when WPAFB was notified, and sent up four P-51 interceptors. The UFO was also visible to control tower operators and personnel of Air Technical Intelligence Center on the base. Radar had an unidentified target in the same position. (Probable IFO, balloon)

Mar. 8, 1950
Frank Scully cohort Silas M. Newton gives crashed-saucer tale to college class at University of Denver, in the guise of a mysterious Mr. "X."  (Brad Sparks)

March 9, 1950; Selfridge AFB, Mich. (BBU)
7:45-9 p.m. (EST). USAF 1st Lt. Francis E. Parker, 1st Lt. Frank Mattson, Sgt. McCarthy, Cpl. Melton, made multiple air defense ground radar tracking of an object erratically varying height, position and speed from 25,000 to 47,000 ft altitude, 0 to 1,000 mph. (Hynek UFO Rpt. pp. 123-5, 295-7) 75 mins multiple radars (CPS-4 and CPS-5) Not listed as a BBU for some reason. Formerly classified secret, this radar-visual report surfaced as a result of the efforts of a former skeptic. This skeptic not only worked for the U.S. Air Force, he was their consultant on UFOs, none other than Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

March 10, 1950. Phoenix, Ariz.
About 6-6:30 p.m. Object about 200 ft by 30 ft to SSE azimuth 160° at about 40,000-50,000 ft seen by 7 witnesses from moving car. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 338-340, 467-8) 10 mins

March 10, 1950; Orangeburg, S.C.
Disc hovered over city, sped away. [XII]

March 11, 1950. Holloman AFB, New Mexico
1:00 a.m. USAF Air Provost Marshal Major William J. Haynor. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 381-3, 469-470) 5 mins

March 11, 1950; Punta Arenas, Chile (BBU)
12 p.m. Many witnesses saw a silver ping-pong-shaped object at extreme altitude in the NE traveling toward the SW. (Jan Aldrich)

March 13, 1950; Clarksburg, Calif.
Saucer-shaped object descended, hovered with swaying motion, moved away. [IV]

March 13, 1950; Mexico City, Mexico
Airport observers saw 4 UFOs, one through theodolite. [V, Xl

March 16, l950; Dallas, Texas
Navy Chief Petty Officer at Naval Air Station saw a flat oval UFO pass under a B-36 bomber. [IV]. Ruppelt: "Just before noon on March 16, Chief Petty Officer Charles Lewis saw a disk shaped UFO come streaking across the sky and buzz a high flying B-36. Lewis first saw the UFO coming in from the north, lower than the B-36; then he saw it pull up to the big bomber as it got closer. It hovered under the B-36 for an instant, then it went speeding off and disappeared. When the press inquired about the incident, Captain M. A. Nation, commander of the air station, vouched for his chief and added that the base tower operators had seen and reported a UFO to him about ten days before." (RUFO,75; [IV])

March 16, 1950; Farmington, New Mexico
Retired Army Captain, others, saw dozens of discs gyrating in sky. [IV]

March 17, 1950. Los Alamos, New Mexico
3:07-3:08 a.m. 5 AESS inspectors. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 359-364, 469-472) 1-5 secs

March 17, 1950. Los Alamos, New Mexico
4:45 a.m. AESS inspectors. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 359-364, 471-2) 5 secs

March 18, 1950; Nr. Bradford, Ill.
Private pilot watched illuminated oval pass his plane. [V]

March 20, 1950; 35 miles SE of Clovis, New Mexico (BBU)
Morning. USAF pilot of T-6 saw a white spherical then elongated object flying at 2,000 mph. (Project 1947; BB files??)

March 20, 1950; 40 miles E of Little Rock, N of Stuttgart, Ark.(BBU 671)
9:26 [9:29?] p.m. Chicago & Southern Airlines Capt. Jack Adams and First Officer G. W. Anderson, Jr., flying a DC-3 at 2,000 ft heading W from Memphis to Little Rock, saw a 100 ft flat cylinder-section circular disc [or body of object not visible?], width/diameter ratio about 1:4.5, with 9-12 [or 7?] bright white lights or "portholes" along the lower side emitting a soft purple [?] light, and a blinding blue-white center light at the top which flashed 3 times in 9 secs [or 3/sec ??], fly at 700-1,000 mph [or 1,000+ mph?] from the S headed N, passing to their right at about 1/2 mile distance about 1,000 ft higher altitude. (Battelle Unknown No. 11; Project 1947; Ruppelt) 25-35 secs

March 21, 1950; Kirtland AFB, New Mex.
Bt. 1300 & 1330 hrs. UFOs observed from Kirtland Air Force Base and Sandia Base, New Mexico. Objects were silver in color, size approximately that of a dime at arm's length; left no trail or exhaust, had no effect on clouds, and there was no sound or odor detected. Appeared more maneuverable than any known aircraft. The tactics used were similar to the change of positions during dog fights involving two airplanes. However, the way the objects changed position, there seemed to be no similarity to the maneuverability of a conventional plane. Were very maneuverable, made right angle turns, also appeared to reverse (back up) the direction of flight. Another witness, whose name was deleted, viewed two small white objects 15 minutes later from the Sandia Ordnance Area. He said the objects were traveling about 600 miles an hour on an eastward course, while adding: "One made a complete circle around the other just prior to disappearing." About the same time, between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m., four enlisted men: M/Sgt. Guy Johnson, S/Sgt. R. E. Bedwell, Sgt.C. D. Byzewski, and Sgt. M. B. Woodward, sighted a bright silver object, round, and the size of a dime at arm's length, flying over Kirtland Air Force Base. As the object sped in a southeast direction, the witnesses noticed that it was very maneuverable. Zigzag motion up and down. More maneuverable than jet aircraft. Sort of floated like piece of large paper in the air. (Loren E. Gross, UFO'S: A HISTORY 1950: JANUARY - MARCH )

March 22, 1950. Kirtland AFB (Albuquerque), New Mexico
12:10 a.m. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 373-4, 475-6) 1.5-3 secs

March 22,1950; Kirtland AFB, New Mex.
Eleven members of the 4925th Test Group (Atomic) witnessed a UFO northwest of Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, in broad daylight. Another group of sightings were reported the previous day. See Spot Intelligence Report for both days.

March 23, 1950; 85 miles NW of Jacksonville, Florida (BB)
12:30 a.m. EST. A USAF pilot, Lt. Hahn, was on a flight from Jacksonville, Florida, to Robins AFB in a C-47 aircraft. He saw a blue white flame about 50 to 75 feet long coming at him from 11 o'clock at very high speed. T/Sgt. Young, a passenger on the aircraft, also saw the blue white flame approach the C-47. [Probable meteor] (Dan Wilson, BB files)

### March 24, 1950 - Project TWINKLE Begins

The efforts of Dr. Kaplan and Major Oder to start a fireball research project came to fruition in the spring of 1950 when the AF Geophysical Research Directorate headed by Oder issued a letter directive on March 16, 1950, authorizing Project TWINKLE. A $20,000 half-year contract was signed with Land-Air, Inc. which operated the phototheodolites at White Sands. Land-Air was to set up a 24 hour watch at a location in New Mexico to be specified by the Air Force and the phototheodolite operators at White Sands were to film any unusual objects which happened to fly past. By this time there had been many sightings in the southwest according to the sighting catalogue compiled by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz for Lt. Col. Rees of the 17th District OSI at Kirtland, AFB, many of them around Holloman AFB. The official contract gave April 1 as the starting date.

### March 26, 1950

Newspaper columnist and radio broadcaster Walter Winchell announces on the radio that saucers are Soviet secret weapons (a repeat of his similar announcement of Apr. 3, 1949, apparently inspired by his friend FBI Director J.

Edgar Hoover, who leaked the worried comments of AF officer Col. Clyde D. Gasser of Project NEPA). (Brad Sparks)

March 26, 1950; Reno, Nevada
CAA control tower operator saw maneuvering light source. [V]

March 26, 1950; Nr. Washington, D.C.
Former Air Force aircraft inspector dove his plane at disc which zoomed up into overcast. [V]

March 27, 1950; Motubu Peninsula, Okinawa (BBU 678)
10:30 a.m. USAF antiaircraft radar operator Cpl. Bolfango tracked stationary target on radar at 18 miles range for 10 mins at 13,000 ft. Object then moved on 220° heading for 16.9 miles in 2 mins or about 500 mph to a point over a mountain apparently still at 13,000 ft, where it was lost. Visual observation not detailed, only mentioned in summary. (Berliner; Jan Aldrich) 12 mins RV

March 27, 1950

Radio commentator Henry J. Taylor counters the Winchell claim that saucers are Soviet secret-weapons by announcing the "wonderful news" that saucers are in fact U.S. secret weapons, which will reassure the nation when the US Air Force confirms it. Within days story is twisted to specifically credit the Navy's alleged "top secret" project the Flying Flapjack XF5U (first stories from Los Angeles Mar. 30, then U.S. News & World Report article Apr. 3). AF is not credited in this pro-Navy story which spreads nationwide forcing the White House to comment. Pro-Navy anti-AF story is apparently disinformation planted by ex-Hollywood writers in the CIA Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) Political and Psychological Warfare Staff headed by Joseph Bryan III, a future President and Board Chairman of NICAP. CIA and Navy are traditional allies against the AF and Army. (Brad Sparks)

March 28, 1950; Santiago, Chile (BBU 680)
3:15 p.m. M/Sgt. Prince Patterson, U.S. Air Attaché's office, saw a white object through binoculars flying at extreme altitude and speed, crossing 30° of sky in the WNW about 300° azimuth at one point briefly lost in sun's glare [at 296° azimuth 29° elevation] then reappearing [and crossing the sky to about 330° azimuth]. Patterson left roof of U.S. Embassy to retrieve camera with telephoto lens but object was gone when he returned. (Berliner; Jan Aldrich) 5-10 secs binoculars. cat 1

March 29 [30?], 1950; Marrowbone Lake, Tenn. (BBU 682)
7 a.m. Real estate salesmen Whiteside and Williams saw 6-12 dark objects shaped like 300-lb. bombs, estimated 5 ft long, flying 500 mph in descent, making a noise like wind blowing through the trees. (Berliner)

NARA-PBB1-36 - April, May, June Sightings

April 1, 1950
Project TWINKLE official contract period begins

Apr. 4, 1950

White House comments on news stories claiming flying saucers are Navy or foreign secret weapons. Press Secretary Charles G. Ross releases statement that the President and his top military aides, air aide Brig. Gen. Robert B. Landry, and naval aide Rear Adm. Robert L. Dennison, all deny that UFO's are some secret government project or a foreign weapon. Other top officials, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, et al., chime in support of the White House denials. (Brad Sparks)

April 7, 1950; Logan Airport, Boston, Mass. (BBU)
CAA Watch Supv. Connelly and 3 controllers saw a deep-blue ellipsoid object in the W at 15° elevation moving SW-NE opposite the winds, changing back to blue, split into 2 blue lights revolving around each other then separate, change to white then cherry-red, increasing to 45° elevation, disappearing in NE. Overcast at 16,000 ft. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 65-68; FUFOR Index) 10 mins binoculars

April 8, 1950; Kokomo, Indiana (BBU 706)

2 a.m. Earl Baker saw a grey metallic disc, 50 ft in diameter, 15 ft thick, top-shaped with a “conning tower” at the top and three ports on the rim giving off a blue light. Hovered for 2 mins about 200 ft away, slowly spinning and oscillating, then flew away to the N. Baker aroused from sleep by his dog. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 75)

April 10, 1950; Brookley AFB and Bates Field, Mobile, Alabama (BBU)
2 p.m. USAF control tower operator, civilian tower operator and pilots of 2 aircraft saw an object flying to the NE or E over Brookley AFB at 3,500 ft altitude about 45° elevation from Brookley tower. (Willy Smith files) 30 secs

April 14, 1950; Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey (BBU 711)
2:30 p.m. Army M/Sgt. James saw 4 rectangular, amber objects, about 3 ft by 4 ft, change speed and direction rapidly, rising and falling as a group. (Berliner) 3-4 min

April 17, 1950. Los Alamos, New Mexico
3:30 p.m. UC scientists Buck, et al., with telescope. (Sparks; BB Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 376-9, 475-6) 20-30 secs to 15-30 mins

April 18, 1950; Near Memphis, Texas (BBU)
9 a.m.-12:40 p.m. (CST). CAA observers in Clarendon, Texas, saw unidentified object to the SE while observers in Childress about 50 miles SE saw object to NW and triangulated stationary object midway in between near Memphis, for 3+ hrs beginning at 9 a.m., which did not move significantly despite winds aloft. Northrop engineering test pilot Max Stanley and observers Lloyd Balsam and Sam F. West were asked to intercept object as they were about to take off in F-61C (AF 8357) from Amarillo on an MX-775 test (Navaho cruise missile celestial guidance test), and a B-36 also took off from Ft. Worth to intercept.(Jan Aldrich)

April 23, 1950. Red Bud, Illinois
3:58 p.m. Photographer Dean Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Greene, and Donald Gene, saw and Morgan photographed hovering object that shot away. (Sparks; Randle)

April 27, 1950; 10 miles NE of Camp Haugen, near Hachinohe, Japan (BBU)
2:45 p.m. Misawa AFB 7th Fighter Bomber Sq USAF pilot 2nd Lt. James Henry Petty was flying F-80C jet fighter in a slight turn to the left at 25,000 ft 320 mph (IAS?) heading NE about 45° azimuth to meet up with a lead aircraft (apparently another F-80C) piloted by Lt. Sofbom of 7th Fighter Bomber Sq, also heading NE at 45° at this point in a sharper gradual left turn, when he saw an unidentified object about 3 miles away at his 2 o'clock position (about ENE) following the lead aircraft in a tracking position about 1,000 ft below and to the right-rear [about 5 o'clock position roughly 1 mile away] from the lead aircraft traveling about 275-300 mph, silhouetted against clouds. During the lead aircrafts wide left turn that eventually resulted in a 260° heading, the UFO accelerated and pulled up to level position [at 3 o'clock] and climbed to the lead planes altitude while the F-80C rapidly approached and overflew both the lead aircraft and UFO, having to climb (slightly) to avoid collision [now heading about NW about 315°], but getting "a very good look from the top and both sides" of the UFO, Petty saw that it was a rectangular cream-colored flat object appearing to be made of "muslin" about 20 ft high, 60 ft long, but only about 2 inches thick, oriented vertically, not reflecting sunlight despite bright sun, no exhaust, no apparent means of propulsion, not wavering or fluttering. Petty first thought it was an aerial tow target but knew there was no aerial gunnery scheduled. After being overflown, UFO pulled away from lead aircraft, accelerated to 600 mph on a 330° heading [climbed to 28,000 ft?], overtook and crossed in front of Petty's F-80C from behind and left to right [from about Petty's 7 o'clock to 1 o'clock positions] and disappeared in the distance against a clear sky. Similar incident next day near Wakkanai. (Jan Aldrich; Weinstein)

April 27, 1950; Plymouth, Mass. (BBU)
At 0900 hours, 2nd Lt. Frederick A. Beebe, 60th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Otis AFB, Mass., flying an F-86 on a GCI mission at 21,000 feet, observed a light brown, flat oval object flying at terrific speed. Beebe did not attempt pursuit because of the terrific speed of the object. The length of observation was approximately 15 seconds.

April 27, 1950; Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico (BBU)
While preparing for an MX-776A Shrike air-to-ground missile test Charles Riggs and other members of USAF contract Land-Air, Inc., Askania theodolite crews saw, tracked, filmed 4 high flying objects on a cinetheodolite at station P-10 and a theodolite at station M-7. Triangulation resulted in 30 ft size and 150,000 ft altitude for the "high speed" objects located between Holloman AFB and Tularosa Peak. (Sparks)

April 27, 1950; Near South Bend (or Goshen?), Indiana. (BBU)
8:25 p.m. Trans World Airlines Flight 117 pilot Capt. Robert Adickes and FO Robert F. Manning heading W en route to Chicago in a DC-3 at about 200 mph and 2,000 ft altitude saw off to the right well to the rear a bright red disc-shaped object, 5:1 to 10:1 width/height ratio, no trail, angular size of an orange at 20 ft, rolling on edge vertically on a parallel course to their plane overtaking it gradually in about 2 mins at slightly below 2,000 ft altitude until it reached about 100° relative bearing about 1/2 mile away. Adickes and stewardess Gloria Henshaw were then called in to watch, as well as at least 11 passengers including Boeing engineers C. H. Jenkins and D. C. Bourland, executives E. J. Fitzgerald, S. N. Miller, et al. When airliner was turned toward the object it veered off at 400 mph dropping down to about 1,500 ft headed N (or NNW), presenting edge on view, disappearing in a few mins. (McDonald 1968; Project 1947; Keyhoe 1953; NICAP)

April 28, 1950; About 2 miles W. of Wakkanai, Japan (BBU)
11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Misawa AFB 9th Fighter Bomber Sq USAF pilot 1st Lt. James H. Harvey flew an F-80C jet to attempt to intercept unidentified target tracked by Radar Site #18 without success. After 1 hr, at 12:30 p.m., while flying due N 360° about 2 miles W of Wakkanai at 300 mph (IAS?) at 30,000 ft Harvey saw an object about 7 miles to his left in the W on a S 180° heading (click on link above).

April 29,1950; Amarillo, Texas
Alleged encounter where 12-year old boy David Lightfoot reportedly touched a small, saucer-shaped contraption before it flew away and burned him with some kind of gas or liquid. James McDonald re-interviewed the witnesses who didn't outright admit that it was a hoax, but after McD talked to Lightfoot he decided that it had no basis. McDonald letter (Jan Aldrich).

May 5, 1950. Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
Several witnesses reported to 57th FIS seeing hovering intense reddishorange light overhaed above Elemendorf AFB beneath overcast cloud layer at 7,000 ft. Hovered for 5 mins then departed at high speed. No noise or acrobatic maneuvers. (Sparks; AFHRA index for 57th FIS History) 5 min

May 7, 1950; 9 miles S of Ely, Nevada (BBU 721)
6:45 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and their grandson saw a silvery white object hover at 100 ft altitude, move back and forth then fly up out of sight at high speed. Note in case file: “No investigation.” (Vallée Magonia 79) 10 mins

May 11, 1950; 9 miles W of McMinnville, Oregon (BBU)
7:20 p.m. (PST). Evelyn Trent was feeding the rabbits in their backyard just before sunset when she spotted an object to the N in the distance and called out to her husband Paul Trent, who was in the house at the back door, asking him to retrieve their camera. She went into the garage to look for the camera but he found it in the house, ran out into the yard toward where his wife had been then he saw the rapidly approaching large metallic object to the N, saw the object turn on a W heading, bank its underside upward, felt a gust of wind from the object seemingly, snapped a photo of the object at azimuth 334° (about NNW) elevation 14°, angular size 1.67°, then walked 5 ft to his right to compensate for object's motion to the left, snapped a 2nd photo about 30 secs after the 1st, which shows a metallic pie-pan shaped object 1.46° angular size with a large off-center angled antenna or pole projecting from the top, at azimuth 317° (about NW) 12° elevation. Evelyn had joined him by the time Paul started taking pictures and later described the arc covered between photos as about 15° (close to actual figure 17°). Distance and size of object estimated by the witnesses as about 1/4 mile distance and 20-30 ft diameter, or "parachute-sized" (about 24-28 ft), or maximum angular size 1.3° (close to the photographically measured 1.46°-1.67°). Condon Committee and Bruce Maccabee estimated distance about 1 mile and object diameter about 100 ft. Several other witnesses reportedly saw the object. (Sparks; Condon Report pp. 396-407; Bruce Maccabee; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 244-5; etc.) 2-3 minutes.

May 19, 1950; 100 miles E. of Honshu, Japan (BBU)
10:30 a.m. Two military aircraft pilots saw triangular object tracked by ground radar. (Project 1947; McDonald list)

May 20, 1950; Flagstaff, Ariz.
Astronomer/meteorologist observed a "powered" disc-like object from the grounds of Lowell Observatory. [I]

May 21, 1950
Second Gallup Poll on flying saucers is released (first was in Aug. 1947). (Brad Sparks)

May 24, 1950; Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico (BBU)
During an MX-674 Tarzon controllable vertical bomb test, Floyd Fannon and other USAF crew members saw 8 unidentified objects then separately tracked and filmed 2 of the objects down the North American Aviation missile firing range. Cinetheodolite station P-8 filmed one object to the NE for 6 frames (1.0 sec) moving uniformly to the S from azimuth 38°26'59.2" to 38°33'59.2" and elevation 47°32'20" to 47°25'50". Cinetheodolite station P-10, located 5.6781 miles down range to the N (to azimuth 347.07723°) from P-8 and 7 ft higher, filmed another object, hence no triangulation possible, viewed to the E for 74 frames (14.6 secs) moving uniformly to the N from azimuth 86° 9' 9.2" to 85°47' 9.2" and elevation 25°48' 0" to 25° 7'50". (Sparks)

Summary of Observations - Dec 48 to May 50 (our cleaned up document version)
Pursuant to direct orders from Brig. Gen. Joseph Carroll, Director of Special Investigations (AFOSI), HQ USAF, Washington, DC, on a visit to the AFOSI office at Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, NM, a catalog of UFO (aerial phenomena) sightings including the mysterious Green Fireballs is prepared by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz for Lt. Col. Doyle Rees, commander of AFOSI 17th District at Kirtland, who sends it to Gen. Carroll.

May 25, 1950, Lt. Col. Doyle Rees Letter
Re: Summary to Brig. Gen. Joseph Carroll, Director of Special Investigations, HQ USAF, Washington, DC

May 29, 1950; About 7 miles W of Mt. Vernon, Virginia (BBU)
9:20 p.m. Capt. Willis T. Sperry with about 10,000 flying hours, copilot Bill Gates, flight engineer Robert Arnholt, a stewardess and 2-3 or 8 passengers on a DC-6 airliner headed 230° (about SW) out of Washington, D.C., en route to Nashville, at 7,500 ft at 250 mph, saw a spindle-shaped 150 ft long metallic object with intense blue light (about mag. -6) on the tail, beginning with Gates who sighted blue light from their DC-6 airliner on head on collision course. Sperry made evasive 45° turn to the right (to 275° heading), object passed from 11 o'clock to 7 o'clock position (about 125° or SE) to the left at slightly higher altitude meanwhile crossing in front of upper part of full moon to the S (at 145° or 159° azimuth 22° or 27° elevation, depending on whether EST or EDT time, 97% full) where submarine-like silhouette clearly seen, about 5 miles away. Sperry turned left back onto original course to get the object back in view, object may have stayed stationary about 30 secs at this point. Gates then noticed object circled around to the right side, Sperry banked right again, while the object paced the airliner about 20-30 secs before climbing to the E at a 30° angle at "fantastic" speed and disappearing. (Sparks)

June (?), 1950, Redfern, Australia
Sam Kaufman had discovered among his papers this drawing (see below *) by a friend of his, Mr. Frank James. Mr. James, a taxi driver, was on his way to work when he saw this object hovering over the main railway lines into the city of Sydney. The object was over Refern, which is an inner suburb of Sydney. Mr. James and many other people on the street looked up at an object that was dull grey in color. According to James, the “grill” on the underside rotated slowly. He said the arms were withdrawn when the “thing” moved off. As soon as he arrived at work James drew sketches of the object while the details were still fresh in his memory. (Rob Swiatek, Rich Vitello, Barry Greenwood)

June 12, 1950; California
Geologist saw disc-shaped object loop around plane. [VI]

June 16, 1950; E of Tucson, Ariz. (BBU)
8:25 p.m. Air National Guard C-47 pilot Santini saw a triangular object pass the aircraft at 700 mph. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

June 17, 1950; Hasselbach, East Germany (BBU)
2:30 a.m. Central Europe Time. Oscar Linke and daughter Gabriella spotted landed 40-50 ft frying pan-shaped object with two rows of 1 ft holes on the periphery, a 10 ft tall black conical tower on top, about 450 ft away, walked towards it until at about 130 ft away saw two "men" in shiny metallic one-piece suits stooped over, and approached to within 30 ft of the "men," when Gabriella called out, the "men" were alarmed and jumped on the conical tower and went inside [object about 80 ft from witnesses?]. The tower retracted, a cylindrical support column shifted position, object turned from green to red, a slight hum was heard, it lifted off the ground and started spinning, sound turned to a whistling as it accelerated and headed off toward Stockhelm. Linke found a round dug impression in the ground seeming to match the support column of the object. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 204-6; Davis-Bloecher 1978; Loren Gross)

June 21, 1950, Misawa AFB, Japan (BB)
At 3:05 p.m. local time (0605Z), Capt. Obermiller _ Fighter Bomber Wing on a golf course observed a circular-shaped object estimated to be 30 feet in diameter and 5 feet thick at 7000 feet altitude. Object appeared to be traveling at 650 MPH and parallel to an F-80 aircraft at 1000 feet above. Object rose vertically 1000 feet, seemed to change direction and rapidly disappeared at an estimated 975 MPH. The witness is a rated transport and fighter pilot. (BB files/Dan Wilson)

June 21, 1950; Hamilton AFB, California (BB)
1:35 a.m. Corp. Roger G. Pryor, a control-tower operator, and S/Sgt. Ellis R. Lorimer, another control-tower operator, and S/Sgt. Virgil Cappuro, member of the airways communications staff, observed an object the airmen described as circular, thick in the center and tapering to the sides. They used binoculars in following its course. The men said the disc was accompanied by a roar like thunder and the blue flame looked like an acetylene torch. They described its approach altitude at between 2000 and 5000 feet. The object made five passes near the base moving at speeds estimated to be between 1000 and 1500 mph. The whole affair lasted for approximately 25 minutes. The PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD, states that the evaluation on this case is INSUFFICIENT DATA - Report not in file, card not in file, case missing. [Dan Wilson, UFO Evidence, Section III].

June 23, 1950; Tuscaloosa, Alabama (BB)
1:00 p.m. CST. Twenty-thirty civilians observed an object like a flaming red cross moving slowly across the sky at approximately 5000 feet in altitude. The object was observed for about 30 minutes, then disappeared into a thunderhead cloud. The Project Blue Book evaluation of the sighting is listed as Insufficient Data. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

June 23, 1950; Gulf of Mexico (BBU)
7:40 p.m. (CST). USAF 308th Recon Group, Tinker AFB, Okla., “Pelican” weather recon flight at 10,000 ft heading about 30° (about NNE turned to 326° at 7:44 p.m.) ground speed 173 knots (199 mph) with crew navigator 1st Lt. Donald D. Sherr, scanner Sgt. Elbert C. Bishop, engineer Tech. Sgt. John W. Horn, radio operator Sgt. Claudio S. Gonzales, saw at relative bearing 80° [to the right to the ESE?, contra other data to the left or NW?] a huge ball of fire descend slowly in 1-1/2 mins in a wavy spiral or erratic elongated “S” shaped path from at least 50,000 ft to 20,000 ft (or from 50-70 miles down to 30 miles per one witness) at estimated position 28°45’ N, 89°45’ W [estimated by triangulating vapor trail as aircraft flew along a baseline of about 60 miles from a distance of about 270 miles ?] where it faded, leaving an extremely bright glowing bluish or blue-white smoke or vapor trail that persisted for 20 mins without dimming for 15 mins then finally fading into a soft blur at about 8:00 p.m. bright object with extremely bright trail flying erratically. Numerous other witnesses in Alabama, Texas, Mississippi [?], including National Airlines pilot Capt. James L. Hansen flying near Mobile, Ala., J. A. Ellis of Rosedale, Ala. (Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

June 24, 1950; 24, 1950; Daggett, Calif.(BBU)
8:08 p.m. (PST). Numerous observers over Nevada and Calif. United Airlines Capt. E. L. Remlin, First Officer David Stewart, observer Capt. Sam B. Wiper, and crew of 2, plus about 25 of 50 passengers on an airliner at 290 mph at 14,000 ft saw a brilliant bluish-center cylindrical or dirigible-shaped object with orange-tint fly a parallel course with the airliner for 20 miles [3-5 mins duration] at about 20-30 miles distance at 20,000 or 60,0000 or 80,000 ft then fade in the distance. Navy transport pilot sighted dark gray or gunmetal cigar-shaped object 1/8 Full Moon angular size, with faint radiant exhaust at estimated speed 1,000-1,500 mph, altitude 50,000-100,000 ft, 3 mins, traveling N then turned W to disappearance. Lovelock, Nev., airport 30 pilots sighted vapor trail persisting for 20 mins. Witnesses in Ely, Pioche, and Briston Silver Mine, Nev., sighted vapor trail or smoke in a “3” shape to the W for ½ hour. (Jan Aldrich; David Rudiak; Weinstein; UFO Evid.) 3 mins (1/2 hr duration of contrail)

June 25, 1950

> North Korean troops and tanks cross the 38th parallel and invade South Korea in a secret war plan instigated by Soviet ruler Josef Stalin. The Communist aggression opens the floodgates for military funding which increases by 350%, allowing for languishing AF Intelligence and R&D projects to get funded, including UFO investigations (Brad Sparks)

June 27, 1950; Texarkana, Texas (BBU 738)
7:50 a.m. Red River Arsenal employees Terrell and Yates saw a bright object shaped like two dishpans face-to-face, fly straight and level at high speed. (Berliner) 4-5 secs

June 27 ?, 1950; Louisville, Kentucky (BBU)

Movie film of UFO taken by newspaper reporter Al Hixenbaugh. Clandestine investigations initiated by AF Intelligence and AF R&D. (Sparks; FUFOR Index) film

June 29, 1950. Phoenix to Blythe, Calif
5:45-8:35 p.m. B-29 pilot. (BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91 pp. 482

June 30, 1950; Nr. Cunningham, Kansas
Night. The Rev. Ross Vermillion, 26, a WW II bomber pilot, said he saw a flying saucer hovering over US Hwy 54 near Cunningham, Kansas. The witness, paster of the Cheney Christian Church, said his wife, and the family of Dwayne Mulnix, druggist, of Meade, Kansas, also saw the saucer and watched it for about 20 minutes while driving along the highway. They stopped and watched it, then started to drive closer but it sped away. As seen in the bright moonlight, the object was made of bright metal and had an elliptical body "as big as the cross-section of a B-29", and had a rotor turning counter-clockwise around the body. [XII, Reference: Lawrence Journal World, July 1, 1950, Page 7, Dan Wilson)

June 30/July1, 1950; Royal Canadian Naval Air Station, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
11:15 p.m. On that night, two navy men were pulling duty on radar watch from dusk until dawn. The two reported a radar contact bearing 160 degrees at 5 miles [8.3 kilometers]. There was nothing unusual about the initial sighting except that the target remained in the same position for approximately 4 minutes before moving slowly out to sea to a range of 10 miles [16.6 kilometers]. At this point the target was observed to move quickly back inland whereupon radar contact was lost at 23:27 hours. But that wasn't the end of it. See report.

July 1950

Flying magazine article, "Flying Saucers -- Fact or Fiction?" summarized recent UFO sightings by pilots.

NARA-PBB1-37 - July & August Sightings

July 1950; Cincinnati, Ohio
CAA flight engineer observed a "wingless, fuselage-shaped" UFO. [V]

July 5, 1950; Los Angeles, California
At midnight, William Grant, a former Marine Corps aerial photographer observed a brilliantly lighted circular object in the sky. When first seen the object was about 1000 feet overhead moving at about 100 mph then increased to about 500 mph before disappearing behind the Hollywood Hills. It was in sight about 45 seconds. It left no exhaust trail and made no sound. Grant estimated the object was 50 feet in circumference. Reference: (The Evening Independent, Massillon, Ohio, Page 2, New 'Flying Object' Seen in California)

July 6, 1950

AF Intelligence Director, Gen. Cabell, discovers that AMC is not conducting a secret UFO study at all and is forced to arrange for his own investigations of a number of sightings including a movie film case. AMC Intelligence Dept headed by Col. Harold Watson grudgingly revives Project GRUDGE in response to Cabell's complaint. Cabell decides he will fire Watson if he ever gets direct command authority over him (which he does on May 21, 1951). (Brad Sparks)

July 7, 1950; Weisbaden, Germany
10:20 p.m. local. At approximately 2120Z the operator of the GCA scope noticed the presence of a radar target in addition to the aircraft under control. A second radar operator confirmed the presence of the additional target. After several minutes the radar target then seemed to separate into 2 or 3 individual targets spaced 90 degrees to 100 degrees apart. The separate targets then seemed to move at a very high rate of speed in a counterclockwise motion on the scope. (Dan Wilson)

July 11, 1950; Near Osceola, Ark. (BBU)
The crews of two Navy planes saw a disc-shaped UFO whose presence was confirmed by airborne radar. Lt. (j.g.) J. W. Martin, enlisted pilot R.E. Moore, and electronics technician G.D. Wehner said the object first appeared as a round ball, ahead and to the left of their planes. As it crossed their flight path, disappearing in the distance to the right, the UFO resembled a "World War I helmet seen from the side, or a shiny, shallow bowl turned upside down." Wehner said he "caught it on the radar scope," at the closest point, it was estimated to be about a mile away. (Weinstein; BB files??)

July 13, 1950; Fort Peck, Montana (BBU)

11:50 a.m. USAF Weather Recon flight crew saw 4 groups of round metallic silver objects. (Weinstein)

July 13, 1950; Huntsville, Alabama (BBU 758)
5 p.m. 2 Redstone Arsenal employees including Mr. Washburn, saw a polished aluminum object, shaped like a bowtie fly straight and level, then one triangle rotated 1/4 turn in the opposite direction and returned to its original position. Object then made a right-angle turn and accelerated away. (Berliner; FUFOR Index) 30 secs

July 15, 1950. Los Alamos, NM
2:15 p.m. Sighting from Gamma Bld., LANL, of bright metallic aluminumcolored flying-wing-shaped object, no fuselage, with transparent section in middle, 15° above the horizon, heading E to W over mountain range at estimated distance of 15 miles, size about 35 ft, speed about 300 mph, yawing motion in straight flight, seen from window which blocked view of disappearance. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 91, pp. 489-492) 1 min

Aug. 4, 1950 Memo on Flying Discs Interception Hansen AEC

Aug. 4, 1950; Approx. 100 miles SE of New York City (773)
10 a.m. (EDT). Master Nils Lewring, Chief Mate Jacob Koelwyn, and the Third Mate, of M/V Marcala saw a 10 ft elliptical half-egg or cylindrical object, with shiny aluminum or metallic white surface sparkling in sunlight, approach from the SW heading NE at 50-100 ft altitude, approaching to within 1,000 ft or 10 miles (depending on witness) at 25 to 500 mph (depending on witness), flying with a churning or rotary motion, accelerating at end of sighting. (Berliner; Tony Rullan; NICAP website) 15 secs to 1.5 mins

Aug. 7, 1950; Santa Fe, New Mexico (BBU)
4 a.m. [?] USAF fighter pilot Frazier with 93rd FI Sq saw black object at 20,000 ft disappear in the distance. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 14, 1950; 10 miles N. of Cromer, England (BBU)
1:22 p.m. (GMT). RAF Fighter Command Control at Neatishead radar tracked an unidentified aircraft located near Cromer at 15,000 ft traveling about 325 knots (375 mph). Neatishead GCI controller scrambled 257 Squadron Red Section leader Flight Lt. Kartley and a wingman at 1:24 p.m. in 2 RAF Meteor jet fighters from RAF Horsham St. Faith airborne 1:27 p.m. At 1:28 p.m. Neatishead Type 13 radar tracked target at 40,000 ft and height was radioed to jets which leveled off at 15,000 ft. At 1:35 p.m. jets reached 10 miles N of Cromer climbing in altitude to 25,000 and 30,000 ft where the pilots saw two vapor trails suggesting to them widely spaced engines on a single aircraft to their right at great distance and higher altitude on a heading of 280° on a parallel course to the jets. Jets got “slightly ahead” of the contrails while keeping them in sight, at a radar track range of 5 miles to the target. [See detailed report] (Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 15, 1950; Great Falls, Montana
11:30 a.m. Nicolas Mariana obtained 16 mm color movies of two UFOs which appear as bright circular points of light. Footage of UFOs at closer range, confirming visual observation of discs with rotating rims, was reported missing from film when returned by Air Force. Remaining footage was contained in United Artists documentary movie "UFO" and compared to July 2, 1952, Trementon, Utah film showing similar images. Mr. Mariana used Daylight Kodachrome film in a Revere turret type camera and obtained 315 frames showing the UFOs. The film was examined by the Air Force and Navy, but no formal reports released. Report on Photogrammetric analysis by Dr. Robert M. L. Baker, Jr., Douglas Aircraft Corporation, on file at NICAP. Air Force explanation that UFOs were reflections off jet aircraft said to be "quite strained," and the analyst states no definite conclusion. However, UFOs could not be explained as any conventional objects.

> Aug. 15, 1950
> The British Ministry of Defence's Directorate of Scientific Intelligence (DSI) in conjunction with the interagency Joint Technical Intelligence Committee (JTIC) set up a special Flying Saucer Working Party with representatives of each of several agencies to review UFO cases. DSI action was requested by top MoD scientific adviser Sir Henry Tizard following a RAF radar incident of June 1, 1950, and possibly an RAF Daylight Disc sighting on Aug. 14. Working Party members are extremely skeptical and work to find ways to debunk UFO incidents and eventually render a caustically negative final report in June 1951. (Brad Sparks)

Aug. 20, 1950; Nicosia, Cyprus (BBU 793, 783?)

1:30 p.m. USAF MATS liaison officer Lt. William G. Ghormley, Col. William V. Brown, Lt. Col. Lloyd W. Brauer heard an aircraft overhead (a Turkish C-47 at 9,500 ft heading SE to Beirut) and looked for it but saw a small, round or elliptical, bright object directly overhead traveling W at terrific speed and high altitude moving somewhat erratically passing through the glare of the sun about 15° below zenith with no change in brightness [sun then at 58° elevation 231° azimuth to the SW], until disappearing about 30°-35° above the [W?] horizon, clear weather visibility 50+ miles. Brown called Brauer's attention to object the last 2-3 secs. (Jan Aldrich) 15-20 secs

Aug. 21, 1950. Echterdingen Air Base, Stuttgart, W Germany
9:54, 9:58-9:59 a.m. USAF Cpl. George P. Scarlett, 18th Weather Sq, Det 18- 32, Echterdingen AB (Army Air Field), launched a 100- gram pilot balloon tracked by theodolite at 9:30 a.m., briefly noticed a small white object pass across his field of view at about 9:54 a.m., just before the balloon burst at 9:55 a.m. He followed a broken balloon fragment in the theodolite for 3 mins after the balloon burst, when at 9:58 a.m. he spotted a small white object again crossing his 2° field of view of the theodolite, at azimuth 80° (almost due E) 25° elevation headed S for 1 min, appearing as a white oval 15 arcmins in size [1/2 Full Moon with naked eye but possibly 10 Full Moons in theodolite] increasing in size to 50 arcmins [1.5 Full Moons or perhaps 30 Full Moons in optics] then appearing grayish-white with several small lines or shadows on its surface with indistinct outline, when it abruptly changed direction to WSW at high speed and disappeared into the sun [at 99° azimuth 25° elevation]. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 8, pp. 161-2) ? + 1+ min 1 1.5 [in optics equiv to 30 ?] theodolite

Aug. 23, 1950, FBI memo

> August 23, 1950 / FBI memorandum reporting ongoing UFO activity at nuclear weapons facilities in New Mexico during the previous several months.

Aug. 23, 1950. Philadelphia, Penn.
9:05 p.m. (EDT). Retired USAF Col. D. Moreau Barringer and mother-in-law Mrs. Albert Newcombe sighted a white point of light 15 to 45 arcsecs in diameter (?) with sharp leading edge, flickering trailing edge with short yellowish flame exhaust trail, to the NNE (?) coming up from the tree-lined horized S (?) towards zenith, getting a little brighter, passed near bright stars including Vega [at 103° azimuth 85° elevation] so its brightness could be estimated at about 0 mag., passing 2° to 3° W of zenith, but noiseless, without altering course, disappeared in the trees on the S (?) horizon, where the ¾ Moon was visible [at azimuth 167° elevation 20° illuminated 85%]. Speed possibly 300 mph if at 6,000 ft or 1,500 mph if at 25,000 ft [angular velocity about 4°/sec]. (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 8, pp. 164- 7) 30-40 secs 2 1/40

Aug. 24, 1950; About 250 miles SW of Bermuda (BBU 787)
8:04-8:24, 8:27 p.m. (AST). USAF 373rd Recon Sq (Very Long Range) B-29 from Kindley AFB, Bermuda, piloted by 1st Lt. Frank J. Stockton was flying at 192 knots (221 mph) at 10,000 ft heading 27° (about NNE) when radarman S/Sgt. William W. Shaffer turned on his APQ-13-A radar and tracked a distinct bright unidentified target appearing to travel at same speed and heading as B-29 but about 1,000 ft lower and at 10° left of dead ahead 12 o'clock position about 1-1/2 miles away. Shaffer alerted pilot Stockton who alerted crew to look for visual, without success, possibly due to 50% cumulus cloud coverage; two officers verified Shaffer's radar scope readings. Radar target maintained position for several mins then started to fall behind gradually until overtaken by B-29 passing about 1/4 mile to the left, then holding a trailing position behind the B-29 for about 5 mins, then increased speed passing B-29 on the right at about 1/4 mile, drawing slightly ahead of B-29 then gradually turning away to the right and accelerating rapidly. Pilot turned away 20° left to see if target would follow, but it didn't, instead continuing its gradual right turn until it disappeared off scope at about 400 knots (460 mph) at 8:24 p.m. at 30°15' N, 67°12' W [about 30 miles to the SSW when B-29 was at about 30°37' N, 66°54' W]. At about 8:27 p.m. B-29 crew member saw a bluish streak flash past the left wing from head on position about 1,000 ft below, appearing like a meteor but less bright than lightning. (Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 27, 1950; Near Brockton, Mass. (BBU)
6:30 p.m. USN radio mechanic John T. Early from Quonset NAS, Rhode Is., who was a licensed civilian pilot, was flying with a passenger Russell Des-Jardins at 1,300 ft when they spotted a shiny white spherical object with no projections or irregularities on its surface about 20 ft diameter at least 1,000 ft below their aircraft flying at high speed, jet speed [600 mph?], to the E cross wind. No exhaust smoke or unusual noise. (Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 30, 1950; Earnest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland
At 0545Z (1:15 a.m. local time) an object was picked up on the GCA scope travelling at an estimated 40 to 60 mph at an estimated 4 to 6 thousand feet on a course of 120 degrees until it reached the 5-mile ring where it paused for 30 seconds.

A blip picked up on a second scope veered to a heading of approx. 210 degrees then to 140 degrees and disappeared at approx 9 mile range. There were no aircraft in the GCA area at the time. (Dan Wilson)

Aug. 30, 1950; S of Sandy Point/Indian Head, Newfoundland, Canada. (BBU)
1:30-1:50 p.m. (ADT). 3 civilian Harmon AFB Water Transportation Section employees, John Kaeel, Fred Messervery and John Smith, located [in a boat] about 2 miles S of Indian Head (48°29' N, 58°30' W) saw a black or dark round object the size [shape?] of a barrel resembling a "large balloon" located about 3 miles SW of Indian Head (at 48°27' N, 58°33' W) about 1-1.5 [?] miles offshore [apparently about 2 miles to the W of the observers]. The object was hovering just above the water and after a few mins began to slowly ascend to about 15-20 ft above water, then descended again to just above water, in about a 40-60-sec cycle each time which occurred 3 times. On the last cycle the object remained near the surface about 3-4 mins when it ascended vertically until disappearance at 1:50 p.m. [See similar sighting at 2 p.m. near Kippens.] Helicopter search at 4:20 p.m. negative. [No unidentified ground radar returns were reported yet false explanation of "WX Returns" (weather returns) inserted into BB file listings.] (Jan Aldrich) 20 mins

Aug. 30, 1950; S of Kippens, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU 790)
2 and 4? p.m. (ADT). William Alexander, son Bill Alexander and nephew Austin Alexander, fishing in a dory boat about 1-1/2 miles offshore from Kippens, saw a black or yellowish-brown object thought to be a submarine, the size of a dory [about 20 ft] about 1-1/2 to 2 miles away [to the S?], about 3 miles offshore about 15-20 ft above the water, the shape of a large aerial gunnery target balloon or a barrel with a pole or periscope trailing from its center line into the water, moving at 3-5 mph to the NNE [towards shore?]. Object disappeared over the horizon; briefly re-sighted from high ground ashore sometime later [about 4 p.m.?]. Reported to the USAF at 4:10 p.m. No smoke, exhaust, noise or markings. Helicopter search at 4:20 p.m. negative. [See earlier similar sighting from Sandy Point/Indian Head.] (Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 30, 1950; Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico (BBU)
10:45 a.m. During a Bell Aircraft MX-776 Shrike missile test (for the later Rascal air-to-ground strategic missile) USAF M/Sgt and 8 Bell Aircraft employees on base saw two glaringly bright circular to elliptical unidentified objects maintaining relative position to each other following the B-50 launch aircraft from above on both the dry run and hot run prior to missile release. Objects gave "strong glare at all times" not reflected sunlight, maneuvered at high estimated speeds up to 10x the B-50 or roughly 2,500 mph for short distances, left no vapor trails, hovered, accelerated rapidly, made abrupt "square" turns with apparent size changing to indicate ascent and descent. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; McDonald files) 30 mins

Aug. 31, 1950; Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico (BBU)
10 a.m.  1 p.m. (MST). After V-2 missile launch no. 51, Project TWINKLE Askania theodolite crews tracked and filmed multiple objects sporadically several times from several different directions at very high speeds over the course of 3 hrs. Askania cinetheodolite station P-5 filmed object with major axis varying from 8.65 to 13.243 arcmins (0.1442° to 0.22072°), minor axis 3.493 arcmins (0.05822°), one frame per second 60 cm focal length camera, 35 mm color film. Tape recording of audio reporting. Frames 593 and 595 (2 secs of nearly 10 mins? of film of object) show elevation angle changing from 53°44' to 52°38' at a rate of 0.37°/sec. Attempted interception by 4 F-86 jets from 93rd FIS, Kirtland AFB, for 1 hr failed to locate objects, which apparently returned after jets left. Cinetheodolite observers noted object with definite shape and 3-D depth but indistinct or not sharp edges, no smoke or trail, object seemed to "rock or oscillate," lost when observer looked away to get angle reading. (Sparks; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich)

NARA-PBB1-38 - September - October Sightings

Sept. 1, 1950; McKorryuk, Nunivak Island, Aleutians, Alaska (BBU)
7:30-7:35 p.m. Nunivak Island CAA Airways Observer Timothy J. Kenick, George Williams and others saw a strange deep red ball of fire near the horizon to the N towards Siberia "hundreds of feet" high which slowly faded out, followed by sudden appearance of another round red ball of fire above the first slowly fading out repeated another 2 times or so gradually becoming oval shaped and moving toward Siberia, finally disappearing behind clouds. (Jan Aldrich)

Sept. 3, 1950; Spokane, Wash. (BBU 797)
2 p.m. Major R. J. Gardiner saw 3 metallic bronze discs, 20-30 ft long, 2-6 ft thick, moving independently and erratically; his wife and neighbor [Fortney?] saw 1 object. (Berliner; FUFOR Index) 5 mins

Sept. 8, 1950
Frank Scully's book Behind the Flying Saucers is released. (Brad Sparks)

Sept. 8, 1950

Air Force Intelligence (AFOIN) Collection Division's Collection Control Branch (AFOIN-CC-1) at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, issues new intelligence reporting directive requiring special handling and reporting of UFO incidents, "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft," thus reversing the cancellation directive of Jan. 12, 1950. Action reflects the increasing interest by AFOIN Director, Gen. Cabell, and his dissatisfaction with AMC inaction on UFO study at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. (Brad Sparks)

Sept. 8, 1950; Germany (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Sept. 13, 1950; 5 miles SW of Effingham, Illinois (BBU)
7:30 p.m. (CST). Private plane pilot Frye saw 3 dull red lights in triangle formation on collision course. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 15, 1950

With U.S. and South Korea almost forced off the Korean Peninsula by North Korean forces, a rumor is planted with a gullible young Canadian radio engineer visiting Washington, which is designed to boost Allied morale with sensational news of a super secret weapon greater than even the H-bomb (which was the number one secret weapon in public eyes at the time). Based on tips evidently passed along by radio engineer Ralph L. Clark, deputy chief of CIA/OSI (Office of Scientific Intelligence) who had been a top official of the RDB (Research & Development Board of the Dept of Defense), the CIA/OPC plants this story with RDB official Dr. Eric Walker and RDB consultant Dr. Robert I. Sarbacher to be passed along to the visiting Canadian government engineer Wilbert B. Smith. (Brad Sparks)

Sept. 18, 1950; Poplar [Poplar Bluff?], Montana (BBU)
4 p.m. Air National Guard pilot James and another flying F-51's, CAA tower personnel and other ground witnesses saw a round object moving erratically at high speed then hover. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 20 [19?], 1950; Kit Carson [10 miles S of Akron?], Colo. (BBU 807)
10:49 [10:45? MST] a.m. USAF B-25 crew with 3416th Training Sq saw brilliant white star like object accelerate and decelerate, emitting sparks. Source [?] saw 2 large, round, glowing objects and 3 smaller, internally lit objects; 2 hovered for 1 min, moved, and 3 smaller objects came from behind or within the 2 larger objects, and all sped upward and away. (Berliner; cf. Project 1947)

Sept. 21, 1950; Provincetown, Mass. (BBU 809)
9:53-9:55 a.m. (EST). MIT research associate and Air National Guard Maj. Myron Herbert Ligda and Joseph V. Connelly (plus another witness) tracked on SCR-615B radar an unidentified object heading N, during MIT Weather Radar Research Group tracking of USAF flight of 2 Otis AFB F-84 jet fighters which were heading 333° straight and level course at about 400 mph (IAS 250 knots) positioned at range 45 miles 105° azimuth initially, at 9:50 a.m. Object detected at 9:53 a.m. on a nearly intersecting straight line course heading about 358° [at about 500 mph?], F-84 pilots were warned by VHF-1 radio but could not see object due to poor visibility haze when ground radar showed object crossed about 3 miles [actually plotted about 1-1.5 miles ahead and blips “nearly merged”] in front of jets at 9:54:00 a.m. Object speed about 1,500 mph as it made a sharp right turn and loop of about 270° about 15 g's centripetal acceleration back to the W. (Jan Aldrich; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 139-141; etc.) 2 mins

September 25, 1950

Major General Cabell, Director of AFI, requested that AMC reinstate the investigation and analysis at ATIC. The FBI received from Cabell a copy of an intelligence collection memorandum entitled “Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft.” This was yet another request to provide sighting information with the added request that “no publicity be given this reporting or analysis activity.” Once again, in private the Air Force was contradicting its public stance that saucer sightings were not worthy of attention. In private the Air Force and the FBI found out that sightings which were about to occur at Oak Ridge were worthy of attention...a lot of attention.

Sept 25, 1950 - JANAP 146(A)

Joint Army-Navy-Air Publication 146, CIRVIS Commuication Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings. Revised version of JANAP 146 (Oct. 1, 1948). Start of CIRVIS Reports for commercial and military pilots, added UFOs to list of sighting categories.

October 3, 1950; Pomona, Calif.
Disc-shaped UFO reported by scientist. [VI]

October 5, 1950; Between San Fernando & Van Nuys, California
Evening. The pilot of California Central Airlines reported that a mysterious flying object buzzed his aircraft between San Fernando and Van Nuys. Pilot Cecil Hardin said that an object with "eight bright lights", and apparently had no fuselage, was sighted at 4,500'. Hardin said it flashed beneath his plane" at terrific speed" as he pulled up to avoid it and was still visible after passing. [AP article, NICAP UFO Evidence, V]

Oct. 9, 1950 FBI memo

Oct. 12, 1950; Knoxville, Tenn. (BBU)
11:25 p.m. EST. A military radar unit at Knoxville Airport suddenly detected 11, "and possibly more," unidentified targets moving over the restricted flight zone at Oak Ridge. This time action was taken. At 11:30, the radar station commander scrambled an F-82 fighter. It was in the air nine minutes later. The fighter was vectored toward two targets and, according to the radar, closed with the targets, but the pilot saw nothing. Ground observations also failed to detect anything in the sky. No unusual objects were seen visually or on radar for the next two days. Then the "dam broke." On October 15, at 3:25 PM, three Oak Ridge security guards and a caretaker saw an exceedingly strange object. (McDonald list)

Oct. 12, 1950; Oak Ridge, TN
Late Thursday, a saucer-looking object was observed over the K-25 area near the NEPA Project area. The object was described as round, as big as a four room house, silver in color, and had a blister at the top of the saucer. The object also had windows. The object rose slowly for about 100 feet, moved forward, rose again about the same distance and then it was gone at a high rate of speed. (Source: BB files/The Knoxville Journal, October 26, 1950).

Oct. 13, 1950; Oak Ridge, TN
Sightings by AEC security patrols? According to Blue Book Archive, Roll 90, Frames 635-636, radar tracks were noted at 0100 on the 13th but no visual sightings. (Barry Greenwood)

Oct. 15, 1950; Oak Ridge, Tenn. (819)
3:20 p.m. AESS Trooper Rymer, J. Moneymaker, and Capt. Zarzecki saw 2 shiny silver objects shaped like bullet or bladder dive with a smoke trail, one vanished, the other hovered at 5-6 ft altitude, 50 ft away, left and returned several times somewhat further away. (Berliner)

Oct. 15, 1950; Pope AFB, North Carolina (BBU 821)
4:20 p.m. Miami Airlines DC-4 pilot and copilot Daniel and Woodward saw 4 round shiny 100 ft objects descended slowly then took off in a line. The objects were pursued by the pilots for an estimated 3 minutes at an estimated 180 mph. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 15, 1950; near Pope AFB, North Carolina
4:25 p.m. EST. An Air Force pilot was following the flight of a jet when an object, oblate and spheroid in shape, crossed the line of flight of the jet plane and continued its movement in a NW direction. Total length of observation, 10-12 seconds. Object appeared to be constructed of aluminum or like substance...speed unknown...altitude unknown ...trail none. Object followed perfectly straight line of flight. Pilot suggested that the object sighted was the same or one of the same objects sighted and reported by commercial airlines pilot of the Miami Air Lines. (Ridge/Gross)

Oct. 15, 1950; Oak Ridge AEC site, Tenn. (BBU)
(Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 142-3) RV

Oct. 16, 1950; Oak Ridge, Tennessee
3:20 (1520) EST. "While Special Agent William S. Price was present, a report came from the AEC Patrol to the radar station relating that a Trooper Isabell and four civilian employees at Oak Sidge had observed a "silver disc" hovering over the K-25 Plant in the controlled area. The radar screen was able to pick up an indistinct target about every three (3) or four (4) sweeps of the indicator. An F-82 fighter plane was sent to attempt an intercept of the object. The airborne radar of the fighter picked up a target which later proved to be a light aircraft. The ground observers reported that the F-82 passed under the "silver disc" while it was in pursuit of the light plane. The crew of the fighter observed nothing unusual.

Nothing further was learned of the sightings." (NARA doc./Fran Ridge/Dan Wilson)

Oct. 18, 1950, FBI Letter

Oct. 20, 1950; Oak Ridge, Tenn.
4:55 p.m. Not listed in either BB Unknown list, but has aspects that may ultimately classify it as an unknown. Larry Riordan, the Superintendent of Security for the X-10 control zone became a witness. While driving to a residential area he saw an object which he thought at first was a balloon which had lost its "basket." It was generally round, appeared to "come together at the bottom in wrinkles (rather indistinct and something was hanging below." It appeared to be 8 to 10 feet long and lead or gunmetal colored. It didn't seem to be moving but, since he was traveling and only saw it for a number of seconds, he couldn't be sure. He was sure it wasn't a weather balloon, although he thought it might have been a gas bag balloon launched by the nearby University of Tennessee Agricultural Research Farm. On the same day at 3:27 PM the radar unit at the Knoxville airport detected radar targets near the area of Mr. Riordan's sighting and scrambled a fighter plane. The pilot searched the area for about an hour and a half, which included the time of Mr. Riordan's sighting, and found nothing.

Oct. 23, 1950; Bonlee, North Carolina (BBU 824)
12:42 p.m. Ex-USAF pilot Frank Risher saw an aluminum object shaped like a dirigible or Convair C-99 cargo plane, with 3 portholes, arrive from SE, hover 3-5 secs and fly away to the SSE. (Berliner) 40 secs

October 23, 1951; Oak Ridge, Tennessee
4:30 PM, Francis Miller, an Oak Ridge laboratory employee, while driving along a road in Oak Ridge saw an object that appeared to be less than half a mile away and between 1,000 and 2,000 feet up. It appeared as an "aluminum flash" that was traveling in a south-southeast direction. He only saw it for a few seconds. Subsequently it was discovered that a nuclear radiation detection station (a Geiger counter) in the vicinity of the sighting registered a burst of alpha and beta radiation. The purpose of this station was to detect any leaks of radiation from the Oak Ridge Laboratory. There was no leakage of radiation, however. An expert from the Health and Research Division analyzed the readings from the Geiger counter and pronounced them unexplained. This association between radiation detection and a UFO sighting was similar to that at Mt. Palomar mentioned in Chapter 13. Whether the reading of the Geiger counter was actually a result of nuclear radiations or whether the presence of the UFO induced a transient electrical fault in the counter or whether there was some other explanation is not known. This case does not appear in the Project Blue Book file.

Oct. 24, 1950; Oak Ridge, Tennessee
6:30 p.m. FBI documents show several visual sightings at Oak Ridge and a radar track at Knoxville. An unidentified object appeared at 6:30 PM at an altitude of approximately 5,000 feet in the same general vicinity as the object observed by Fry (see FBI doc below). The radar target disappeared at 7:20 p.m.. The complete radar report to the CIC investigator says that targets appeared at 6:23 p.m. moving over the restricted flight zone and at 6:26 a fighter was scrambled to the area of the targets but failed to see anything. (Fran Ridge)

NARA-PBB1-39 - November & December Sightings

Nov. 3, 1950; G-2 Interested In UFOS

> The G-2, an Army Intelligence service, is interested in the matter of UFOs and gives some guidance to commanders reporting such phenomenon.

Nov. 5, 1950; Oak Ridge, Tenn. (BBU 829)
11:55 a.m. Fairchild Aircraft illustrator Don Patrick saw a translucent object, light grey with dark core, shaped like a pear or bean, flying with rapid, darting movements. (Berliner) 5-10 mins

Nov. 7, 1950; E of Lakehurst, New Jersey (BBU)
7:15 p.m. USN pilot Lt. jg Robert Haven flying AD-4Q at 3,500 ft heading W saw a steady white 10-12 inch light to his right at about 4,000 ft 5 miles away heading SE, made a slight climbing turn to the left to get on the tail of the object but it responded by making a head on pass about 100-200 ft over the AD-4Q in a slight dive at high speed. Haven made a tight turn to pursue, noted no wash or slipstream from the object traveling at about 900 mph, which made 5-6 head on passes at the AD-4Q, climb rate >2,000 ft/min, chase abandoned at 11,500 ft., as object outmaneuvered aircraft. When jets arrived object reached about 25,000 ft and disappeared. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 68-70; NARCAP)

Nov. 10, 1950; South Ruislip, England

8:59 a.m. Not listed as an unknown in BB files, four radar contacts were made with an airborne unidentified object over England at altitudes of 1,000 feet or less to 30,000 feet or more and giving returns comparable to those of a B-29 aircraft, between 8:59 a.m. and 10:26 a.m. The speed of the object varied from 30 m.p.h. to 1000 m.p.h. statute. One contact at 9:46 a.m. lasting until 9:47 a.m. the object was lost due to accelerations and ascent in excess of capability of radar automatic tracking equipment. The object was observed through surface contact by AN/MPQ-2.. Observation was made from a radar van at Heston Airdrome (Dan Wilson; 51deg. 29' N -- 00 deg. 23' W).

Nov. 10, 1950; southern California
The U.S. Destroyer, Blue, searched the Pacific Ocean off southern California with radar, trying to track down a mysterious "unidentified object". A navy report said the Blue picked the "object" up on its radar screen and was maintaining the contact. The Blue, based at San Diego, had the object in the radar screen and was trying to close with it to identify it. Announcement of the search was made at Washington after San Diego authorities forwarded a report to the Navy Department there. (newsclipping)

Nov. 14, 1950; Key West, Florida (BBU)
Appoximately 8:00 p.m. local time, an unidentified object was picked up by ground radar at 15,000 feet at 30 miles north of NAS, Key West. The speed of the object was 480 mph on a heading of 180 degrees. The object made a turn to the right and faded from the scope. An F6F-5N picked up object on radar at 1 1/2 miles range but was unable to close for visual contact. At approximately 8:15 p.m. an unidentified object traveling at high speed was sighted by the pilot of a F6F-5N near NAS, Key West. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

Nov. 15, 1950; Key West, Florida (BBU)
9:00 p.m. An unidentified object was picked up by ground radar within 3 miles of two F6F-5N aircraft on a GCI flight. One pilot made a visual contact with the object with a long silver fuselage, no lights. The unidentified object followed the F6F-5Ns being controlled by GCI. The return on the radar was twice the size of the F6F aircraft and the speed of the object was estimated as twice as fast as the F6F's cruising at 160 knots. [See also Nov. 14, same location] (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

Nov. 20, 1950; South Ruislip, UK (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Nov. 21, 1950 - "Smith" Memo

Nov. 23, 1950; Maxwell AFB, Alabama (BBU)
Thompson. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 27, 1950; Huron, S.D.
CAA personnel saw hovering maneuvering UFO. [V]

Nov. 27, 1950; Evansville, WI.
Flying instructor reported six elliptical objects in loose echelon formation. [V]

Nov. 29-30, 1950; Knoxville, Tenn. (BBU)
1755 hours. Numerous unidentified paints appeared on the radar scope at the 662nd AW Radar Detachment at the McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee. These paints almost covered the "Restricted Area" at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. A fighter aircraft was sent to the area but no visual contact was reported. Most of the targets were visible on the radar scope for two to three hours. At 1900 hours the graph record of a background (Geiger) counter in the "Restricted Area" indicated a pronounced rise in Alpha particles and a slight rise in Gamma rays at the same time. These readings were unaccounted for. The AEC advised that there were no known "Argon releases" during 29 or 30 November 1950. On November 30, 1950, at 1351 hours untill 1405 hours a single unidentified target appeared on the radar scopes ranging 12 to 21 miles west to northwest of the station. At 1630 hours, on November 30, 1950, numerous unaccountable paints appeared on the radar scopes. The "paints" were so numerous they could not be counted or plotted. These paints remained visible on the radar screens until approximately 2330 or 2400 hours. At least nine highly qualified persons witnessed these targets. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

Dec. 1950; Nr. Cheyenne, Wyo.
USAF officer saw aluminum-like oval UFO. [III]

Dec. 2, 1950; Nanyika [Nanyuki?], Kenya, Africa (BBU 845)
10:50 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. L. Scott saw a pearly, iridescent object with a flattened top, spin while hovering, making a sound like bees buzzing. Only data in files was from East African Standard newspaper. (Berliner)

Dec. 5, 1950 - FBI Memo - Detection of UFOs Over Oak Ridge

Dec. 6, 1950; Westover AFB, Massachusetts (BB)
8:16 a.m. EST. A civilian at Westover AFB, observed an object half moon in shape, with a silvery outline traveling south at a speed greater than known aircraft. The object appeared to be at an altitude from 10,000 to 20,000 feet. The object was first sighted at an estimated 60 degree angle above the horizon. The object disappeared suddenly without apparent reason. The Westover Approach Control Radar was inoperative at time of reported sighting. The observer is a member of the Air National Guard and is an aircraft mechanic. (Dan Wilson, Bruce Maccabee)

Dec. 6, 1950; Radar-inspired national alert
10:30 a.m. For an hour the United States military was under a condition of national emergency during the morning of December 6, 1950. Two days later the FBI was informed that the Army's Counter Intelligence Corps had been placed on Immediate High Alert for any information related to flying saucers. (Ridge/Maccabee)

Dec. 6, 1950; Ft. Myers, Florida (BBU 848)
5 p.m. Former aircraft purchasing agent Harry Lamp and 4 boys, using 10x binoculars saw a 75 ft object, 3-4 ft thick, bubble on top, silver with a red rim having two white and two orange jets along it and a center that revolved when the object hovered. Object flew away at very high speed. (Berliner)

Dec. 8, 1950 - URGENT FBI Memo - Put on Immediate High Alert

Dec. 11 [18?], 1950; 10 miles NW of Gulkana, Alaska. (BBU 849)
10:13 p.m. Crew of Northwest Air Lines flight 802 [and military ?] saw 2 white flashes, followed by a dark cloud which rose and split in 2. (Berliner)

Dec. 14, 1950; Knoxville, Tennessee
4:05 p.m. A group of targets blanketed the radar scopes in the area directly over the government Atomic Energy Commission projects at Oak Ridge. These objects could not be identified from the radar image and a perfect fighter interception met with negative results. (Fran Ridge)

Dec. 18, 1950; Oak Ridge, Tennessee (BBU)
Between 0820 and 0830 hours seven officials of the NEPA Division while traveling in two cars observed an unidentified flying object. At 0839 hours to 0845 hours a small "paint" appeared on the scopes of the 663rd AC&W Squadron AF radar station, Knoxville Airport, near the southeast corner of the Oak Ridge Controlled Area. The target was on a magnetic bearing of 190 degrees at a speed of 60 mph at an estimated altitude of 2500 feet. Fighter interception was attempted with negative results.
Calkins. (Blue Book files, McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Dec. 20, 1950; Oak Ridge, Tenn. (BBU)
AN&C radar tracks UFO. Log of the 663rd AN &C Squadron, F-82 intercept.

Dec. 18, 1950; Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dec. 27, 1950; Lakehurst, New Jersey (BBU)
Folean. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

December 27, 1950; Bradford, Ill.
Trans-World Airways pilot watched light source perform violent and erratic maneuvers. [V]

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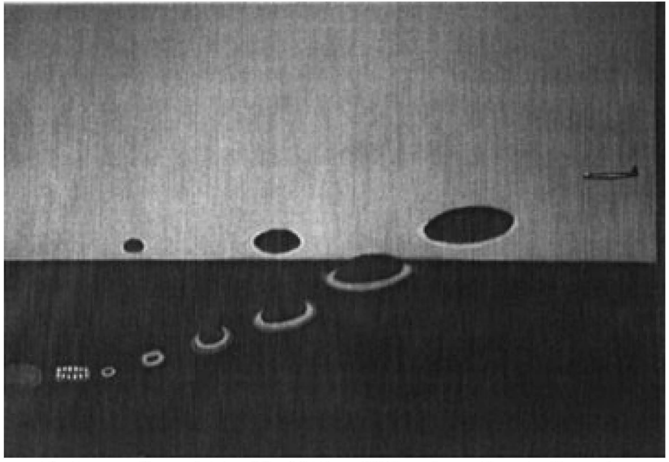

**Bethune Case, Feb. 10, 1951, off Newfoundland, Canada**

Map of sightings for 1951, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database

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This chronology is currently a 20-page report. I want to thank all the members of the A-Team who made this possible. Finally, but certainly not least, I want to thank Loren Gross for thoughtfully and diligently collecting data many years ago for his UFO Histories and supplemental notes, in particular here the year 1951. A big thanks to CUFOS and Mary Castnor for housing them on the CUFOS site at.

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Blue Book listings by month (pdf)

1951; Iron Triangle Chorwon, Korea
Craft hit soldier with light beam.

Jan. 8, 1951; S of Ft. Worth, Texas (BBU 864)
10:45 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boggus, plus unidentified drivers and passengers in other cars stopped to watch 2 stationary groups of red and green lights in triangular formations which then moved. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 12, 1951; Fort Benning, Georgia (BBU 868)
10 (11:01?) p.m. U.S. Army 2nd Lt. A. C. Hale saw a light with a fan-shaped wake remain motionless like a star then speed away. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 14, 1951; Jolon [S of King City or near Salinas?], Calif. (BBU)
11:40 a.m. Private pilot Rosenburg of Navion 4582K saw 3 rectangular objects with flat tops. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 14, 1951; Big Bear Lake, Calif. (BBU)

12:38 p.m. Private pilot Hillman flying with 3 passengers saw 150 ft circular object at 30,000 ft. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 16, 1951; Nr. Artesia, N. Mexico

General Mills personnel tracking a Skyhook balloon saw two disc-shaped objects approach rapidly, tip on edge, circle the balloon, and speed off over the NW horizon. [I]

Jan. 20, 1951; Sioux City, Iowa (BBU)

9:20-9:26 p.m. (CST). Capt. Lawrence W. Vinther, copilot James F. Bachmeier, passengers AF Colonel and aide, and CAA tower controller John M. Williams. At 9:20 the 2 CAA tower controllers sighted light in the W [NW?]. After Vinther's Mid-Continent Airlines DC-3 took off, he was asked by the tower to look for light, then while still in a climbing 360° turn at about 1,000 ft they spotted object to the NNW at about 8,000 ft and 4 miles away that looked like a B-29 fuselage with wings but no engines, which blinked some lights like running lights. Object came at the DC-3, flew across the nose within 200 ft, they had to turn their heads to follow it then suddenly found it instantly appeared on the other side again, paralleled them for 2-3 secs, then flew under them and disappeared in 2-3 secs to the NW. (Battelle Unknown No. 3; cf. NARCAP)

Jan. 21, 1951; Oak Ridge, Tenn. (BBU)

4:20 p.m. An unidentified object was sighted on a radar scope of an F-82 fighter plane over the controlled area at Oak Ridge. The radar operator intercepted an indication of an airborne target at 18m (18,000 yards?). The GCI gave the go ahead to intercept the target. The radar set on the F-82 was "locked on" and the run began. The interception was unsuccessful and the fighter returned to base. In all, three passes were made at targets all with radar indications, but they could not be completed since the target was over the restricted area of Oak Ridge including the X-10 plant. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 22, 1951; 50 miles SE [ESE?] of Holloman AFB, New Mexico (BBU)

10 a.m. (EST [sic; PST?] 11 ? a.m.). Pilots Capt. Ernest W. Spradley of Aerial Photo Lab and Capt. James E. Cocker of All-Weather Flying Division both AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, a General Mills Aeronautical lab project engineer Mr. McAleese [sp?] and an airman, were flying in a C-47 heading E [ESE?] at about 10,000-12,000 ft and tracking a Project GOPHER plastic balloon at about 50,000-70,000 ft when they saw a bright star-like object seemingly next to the pear-shaped balloon or above and to the side. As they approached and flew under the balloon they noticed the object descend to the balloon's level and grow larger in apparent size until about 1/4 to 1/2 the 70 ft balloon, when it appeared to be round and flat like a dime, milky white or silvery in color with a clear outline. Cocker and McAleese left the cockpit went to the astrodome to observe the object. After 3 mins they saw the object separate from the balloon and head W at high speed, after about 1 min it emitted a series of 3 bright flashes like photoflashes at 1 sec intervals and disappeared from sight. (Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 24, 1951; Westover AFB, Mass. (BBU)

At 10:45 a.m. local time, the Westover Approach Control radar picked up three unidentified returns. The returns were the same or larger than a B-36. The course of the objects varied.The length of the observation was approximately 15-20 minutes. The Project 10073 Record Card does list the type of observation as Air-Intercept Radar, as well as saying in a brief summary of the sighting that Approach Control picked up unidentified returns. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index, Sparks, Wilson)

Jan. 24, 1951; Westover AFB, Mass. (BBU)
10:45 a.m. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 26, 1951; Sea of Japan off coast of South Korea (BBU)

2:05 p.m. During an ASP coverage flight a target echo was observed on the aircraft's radar (APS-15). During a 15 minute period between 2:05 p.m. and 2:20 p.m. local time, the object was observed to make what appeared to be a run over the tanker being escorted (the USS Passumpsic) and seven runs over the observing aircraft at speeds computed at 3,000 knots. (Dan Wilson)

## February 1951

Look magazine article: Dr. Urner Liddel, Office of Naval Research, stated "There is not a single reliable report of an observation which is not attributable to the cosmic balloons (plastic "Skyhook" research balloons)."

Feb. 1 [2?], 1951; Johnson AFB, Japan (BBU 886)

5:10 p.m. [?] Pilot and radar operator of F-82 night fighter saw an amber light make 3-4 360° turns to the right, reverse towards the F-82 then climb out of sight. (Berliner)

Feb. 9 (not 10th), 1951; off Newfoundland, Canada
On the night of the UFO encounter, a four engine Navy R5D transport was flying west over the Atlantic. On this trip the 30-year-old pilot was bringing two flight crews home from special duty in Europe. Including his own crew there were over twenty-five pilots, navigators and flight engineers aboard the transport. The National Archives turned up a number of supporting documents on this case, including Air Intelligence Information Reports by five of the crew members. Although it isn't documented, reports indicate the object was tracked by ground radar. (NICAP, BB, Dan Wilson)

Feb. 14, 1951; Alamogordo, N. Mexico
Time not given. Two Wright-Patterson AFB officers, Captain J. E. Cocker of the all-weather flying division, and Capt. E. W. Spradley of the aerial photography laboratory, were tracking a large weather balloon in a C-47 aircraft when Capt. Spradley spotted a flat, milky white object that looked like a dime hovering next to the balloon. Cocker left the seat and watched the object from the C-47's astrodome for about 5 minutes. The object and balloon were at an estimated 50,000 to 60,000 feet altitude. The object, now a perfectly clear silver color separated from the balloon and three bright flashes like photo flashes were seen before it disappeared. Dan Wilson, UFO Evidence, Section III)

Feb. 15, 1951; Sea of Japan, off coast of South Korea
In the early afternoon five radar contacts with high-speed objects were made by a Navy patrol plane using a AN/APS-15B radar. Objects were tracked at estimated speeds from 12,600 mph to 14,400 mph. The radar equipment appeared to be working normally.(Jan Aldrich, Dan Wilson)

Feb. 19, 1951; Near Mt. Kilimanjaro, Kenya (BBU)
7:20 a.m. East African Airways Lodestar crew and several passengers saw stationary silvery elongated object. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 19, 1951; Rodeo, New Mexico (BBU)
USAF? C-54 pilot saw a green flare [fireball?] pass his plane. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 20, 1951 - Air Intelligence Training Bulletin

> Recognition of Flying Saucers. Document which states, "A flying machine in so featureless a form as a saucer would probably be one of the most difficult things to recognize as such, even in ideal observing conditions."

Feb. 21 [26?], 1951; Durban, South Africa (BBU 896)
4:55 a.m. 3 men in a truck and several other persons, none named, saw a dark red, torpedo-shaped object with darker center, fly straight and level. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 21, 1951; Bt. Newfoundland and Iceland (BB)
3:00 AM. The Incident #26 report describes the event in more detail. Lt. George Williams was piloting a Navy Fleet Logistics airplane cruising at 10,000 feet. At first he thought the object was a ship and then called the copilot forward. Nine witnesses saw the object approach at terrific closing rate. It veered to their port side and hovered momentarily, then rose at extremely rapid rate and disappeared off their port quarter. Size was estimated at 200 feet in diameter, flat elliptical or cigar shaped by side view and seemed to be producing a ring of red-orange exhaust all along the edge. (Jan Aldrich, Project Interloper report).

Feb. 26 [25?], 1951; Ladd AFB, Alaska (BBU 897)
7:10 a.m. USAF Sgt. J. B. Sells saw a dull grey, metallic object, about 120 ft long 10-12 ft thick, hover, puff smoke and speed away. (Berliner)

Feb. 26, 1951; "Scientist Fears Flying Saucers Portend a 'Worse Pearl Harbor' "

March 1951 (exact date unknown), off Cape May, NJ
11:30 PM. It was during the Korean War and a naval destroyer was on the alert for bombers coming in from the northeast, east and southeast. It was plotting all aircraft going north and south along the coast and in as far as the Appalachian Mountains. Source reporting said they tracked an object coming in from due east at a speed of 85 to 90 knots and an altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 feet. It got within about 30 miles of the destroyer and just stopped and hovered. Source informed the bridge, which informed the captain, and he instructed them to head out toward the object. About half an hour later, when the ship was within 15 miles of the object, the object suddenly took off on a northerly course very rapidly. Its speed

was estimated at about 5,000 kms an hour. The object got to within 35 to 40 miles south of Nantucket Island and suddenly went straight up into the atmosphere. Altitude-determining radar tracked the object up to 100 miles above the earth and still going straight up. A report was made to the Pentagon..

March 9, 1951; About 20 miles SE of Tsushima Island, Japan (BBU)
2:25 p.m. This description was extracted from the Air Intelligence Information Report IR-29-52, Page 16 of 27. A high-speed air target was tracked by a Mariner SA4 aircraft. The target was initially observed bearing 320 degrees true for approximately 60 seconds. During this time the target tracked 55 miles. The calculated speed was approximately 3,350 mph. (Dan Wilson, Jan Aldrich)

March 10, 1951; Chinnampo, Korea (BBU)
9:51 a.m. Crew of USAF B-29 bomber, including scanners and tail gunner, saw a large red-yellow glow burst and become blue-white. No further information in files. (Berliner)

March 13, 1951; McClellan AFB, Sacramento, Calif. (BBU 907)
3:20 p.m. USAF 1st Lt. B. J. Hastie and Mrs. Rafferty saw a cylinder with twin tails, 200 ft long and 90 ft wide, turn N at incredible speed. (Berliner)

March 15, 1951; New Delhi, India (BBU 908)
10:20 (9:50?) a.m. 25 members of a flying club, including the chief aerial engineer (Floats?) and his two assistants saw a metallic cigar-shaped object with white exhaust which turned black when it accelerated to about 1,000 mph and made a large loop. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

March 24, 1951; Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico (BBU)
5:55-6:00 a.m. (MST). Project TWINKLE personnel photographed with a Leica 3c 50 mm camera an unidentified elliptical object with major axis 8.31 arcmins minor axis 6.343 arcmins (0.1385° and 0.1057°). (Sparks)

March 31, 1951
Project TWINKLE's extended contract ends. (Brad Sparks)

April 6, 1951; "The Thing......" is Released
It's interesting to compare the August 29, 1950 version of the script for "The Thing From Another World" with the dialog in the film as actually released on April 6, 1951. Sometime between August 1950 and the time the film was completed, a pretty interesting detail was added -- the concept of "radiation-triggered cameras" to track UFOs. (See report by Joel Carpenter).

April, 1951; Atlanta, Georgia
Morning. Pilot was flying a Loan L-4 that had taken off from Atlanta Municipal Airport. He climbed to 3000 feet on a 180° heading. The wind was from the west, 270° at 12-15 mph and there was some low ground fog and scud. Overhead, it was very clear, no overcast or cloud. Pilot was in the rear seat, as the aircraft was placarded for solo flights the pilot was to fly from the rear. He was about 20 minutes out of Atlanta when he saw a perfectly round disc slightly SW at about the two o'clock position. See full report. (NARCAP Case 12, Source : Capt. Robert H. Pasley written report sent to Major Donald Keyhoe, NICAP in March 1965).

April 14, 1951; Yellow Sea (BBU)
1:22 p.m. Radar tracking of unidentified target at 3,755 mph. (Jan Aldrich)

May 21/22, 1951
AF Intelligence (AFOIN) finally captures the AMC Intelligence Dept from AF R&D and names the new unit that is formed, the Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), also known as the 1125th Field Activity Group of AFOIN. The first Chief of ATIC is Col. Frank L. Dunn who displaces Col. Harold W. Watson, the last Chief of AMC Intelligence Dept, who is left in limbo later to be transferred out to USAF-Europe, effectively having been fired by Gen. Cabell, the AF Director of Intelligence. (Brad Sparks)

May 22, 1951; Nr. Dodge City, Kansas
American Airlines pilot observed maneuvering star-like object. [V]

June 1 [May 31?], 1951; Niagara Falls, New York (BBU 925)

>4:20 a.m. [GMT?] M/Sgt H. E. Sweeney and 2 enlisted men saw a glowing yellow-orange, saucer shaped object with arc-shaped wings, fly straight up. (Berliner)

June 1951

> In the first of a number of visits, LIFE magazine reporter Robert E. Ginna visits the Pentagon and ATIC to obtain information for what will turn out to be a landmark UFO article (published in the April 7, 1952, issue). Ruppelt later recalled that when news of Ginna's imminent arrival was received at ATIC that "pandemonium" broke out because the anti-UFO biased personnel left over from Col. Watson's tenure (such as James J. Rodgers and Capt. Roy L. James) were unprepared to be challenged or exposed to public scrutiny. (Brad Sparks)

June 1, 1951; Dayton, Ohio
Wright-Patterson AFB official watched disc make sharp turn. [III]

June 7, 1951. Los Alamos area?, New Mexico (BBU)
11:10 a.m. Los Alamos Lab employee sighted pointed cylinder with clothlike construction in vertical orientation fall into a canyon. Search party unable to find traces. (Sparks; BB NARA Microfilm Roll 85, p. 505; Maxwell Roll 1, p. 905)

July 1, 1951; Seoul, South Korea (BBU)
10:50 [10:20?] p.m. USMC pilots flying 4 F4U5N fighters with 1st Marine Air Wing saw several bright green spheres [fireballs?]. Ground radar confirmation [?]. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

July 9, 1951; Near Dearing (25 mi W of Augusta), Georgia (BBU)
1:40-1:50 p.m. (EST). 1st Lt. George H. Kinmon, Jr., 160th [117th?] Tactical Recon Wing, Lawson AFB, Columbus, Ga., flying F-51 fighter at 250-270 mph at 8,000-8,500 ft on heading 247° saw high speed white oval disc about twice size of his plane [or about 75 ft] [or 10 15 ft?] in head on collision from the direction of the sun [sun at about 237° azimuth 72° elevation]] suddenly dive underneath narrowly missing his plane. He turned to pursue but couldn't find object, then 15 secs later the object made another head on dive at him, repeated it several times, on last pass climbed upward out of sight. [Conflicting account to AFOSI states after first dive object continued to barrel-roll around the plane for 10 mins, then disappeared under the plane. Pilot states object was 300 to 400 feet from plane and appeared to be 10 - 15 ft diameter.] Object flat on top and bottom, white not aluminum. Front view with rounded edges slightly beveled, and small crater-like spots. Top view as it dived, object appeared round and spinning clockwise. From front view as object dived observer noted.. No vapor trails or exhaust or visible system of propulsion. Described as traveling tremendous speed. He compares its speed to that of a jet plane. Pilot turbulent wake "bump" when object passed under plane. Object left the plane a few miles S of Milledgeville, and 15-20 miles from Macon. (Weinstein; NICAP; BB files??)

July 9, 1951; Corona, New Mexico (BBU)
10:30 p.m. USAF Sgt. Meadows, security guard at Corona Experimental Radar Site, saw red glowing ball about size of full moon to the W descending into the tree line for 30 secs and afterglow seen another 10 secs. [Crescent moon was setting in the W about 268°272° azimuth about 10-10:30 p.m. depending on height of mountains and tree line to the W.] (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

July 14, 1951; Holloman AFB, New Mexico (BBU)
A UFO which sped near a B-29 was tracked on radar, observed visually and photographed. [VIII] (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

July 23, 1951 (wrong date in UFOE. See Sept 23rd); March Field, Calif.
Radar-visual sighting of silvery object circling high above aircraft. [VIII]

July 24, 1951; Portsmouth, New Hampshire (BBU 943)
7:10 p.m.? Hanscom AFB Operations Officer Capt. Cobb and Cpl. Fein saw a greyish 100-200 ft tubular object with many black spots, 5:1 length/width ratio, with fins at one end, fly 800-1,000 mph at 1,000-2,000 ft altitude, leaving a faint trail. (Berliner, Wilson)

July 30, 1951; Selfridge AFB, Mich. (BBU)
At 7:14 a.m. EDT, an unidentified object was observed on the scopes of an AN/CPS-6B radar at the 752nd AC&W Squadron at Empire, Michigan. The speed of the blip varied from 3,000 mph to 28,000 mph. The length of the observation was 18 minutes. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

August 1951

> Popular Science. Editors surveyed witnesses to choose most plausible explanations for UFOs; 70% believed they were intelligently controlled devices, either man-made or extraterrestrial.

August 1951; Central, N. Mex.
Mining engineer sighted two discs with "portholes." [VI]

August 2, 1951; Lubbock, Texas (BB)
At 0857 hours to 0903 hours five civilian men observed a metallic looking spherical shaped object hanging in the air. The only apparent movement was a quivering motion. The object after about six minutes moved straight east until it disappeared into a cloud bank. One witness, Mr. Gibbs, was very familiar with weather balloons and he was positive that the object was not a balloon of any type. Reese AFB was located just west of Lubbock, Texas. (Fran Ridge, Dan Wilson, Bill Schroeder, BB files MAXW-PBB14-90-97)

August 3, 1951; Nr. Pinckney, Mich.
NICAP Adviser saw a glowing, yellowish UFO which moved on an undulating course. [VI]

Aug. 8, 1951; NE of Port Clinton, Ohio (BBU)
2:10 p.m. USAF pilot Skelops (?) in flight and ground witnesses saw a 20 ft dark cigar-shaped object flying at high speed. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

August 11, 1951; Portland, Ore.
Former Air Force fighter pilot observed formation of three discs. [V]

Aug. 21, 1951; Northern Sea of Japan (BBU)
At 12:05 a.m. local time a USN P2V-3W patrol plane at the position of 41 degrees 55' N - 133degrees 52' E, a target appeared of the plane's radar, an AN/FPS-20. The squadron electronic officer viewed the scope and identified the target as authentic and distinct from sea return. The target caused a strong presentation on the scope throughout the 45 minute contact. (Dan Wilson)
12:05 p.m. Radar tracking of unidentified target. (Jan Aldrich, Dan Wilson)

Aug. 25, 1951; Lubbock, Texas
Famous Lubbock Lights/Carl Hart photo case. This case may be questionable, but the next one isn't.

Aug, 25, 1951; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 955)
9:58 p.m. Sandia Base Security guard Hugh Young and wife saw a flying wing-shaped craft pass overhead at about 800-1,000 ft altitude and 300-400 mph with no sound. Size estimated at 1.5x wingspan of B-36 bomber, or 350 ft. Dark, clockwise stripes on underside, and 6-8 pairs of soft, glowing lights on trailing edge of wing. (Berliner, Wilson, Schroeder)

> Capt. Edward Ruppelt:
> I almost overlooked the report from the radar station (Larson, see next report) because it was fairly short. It said that early on the morning of August 26, only a few hours after the Lubbock sighting (Albuquerque), two different radars had shown a target traveling 900 miles per hour at 13,000 feet on a northwesterly heading. The target had been observed for six minutes and an F-86 jet interceptor had been scrambled but by the time the F-86 had climbed into the air the target was gone. The last paragraph in the report was rather curt and to the point. It was apparently in anticipation of the comments the report would draw. It said that the target was not caused by weather. The officer in charge of the radar station and several members of his crew had been operating radar for seven years and they could recognize a weather target. This target was real. I quickly took out a map of the United States and drew in a course line between Lubbock and the radar station. A UFO flying between these two points would be on a northwesterly heading and the times it was seen at the two places gave it a speed of roughly 900 miles per hour. This was by far the best combination of UFO reports I'd ever read and I'd read every one in the Air Force's files.

Aug. 26, 1951; Larson AFB, Washington (BBU)
At 8:28 a.m. PST, an object was picked up on an AN/CPS-1 radar set and an AN/CPS-4 radar set. The object was tracked continuously for a period of six minutes at an estimated altitude of 13,000 feet and a speed of 950 mph. Initial pickup was at 0828U (Uniform Time Zone or PST) and the last plot was at 0836U. An F-86 was scrambled but radar contact was lost before the aircraft was airborne. An electronic signal was received from this object that appeared to be a mode one response from an AN/APX-6 transponder. This response was received twice at approx.115 miles and at 80 miles from the radar station. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index; cf. Ruppelt pp. 96-98, 108-109)

Aug. 27, 1951; Vandalia, Illinois (BBU)
8 p.m. Private pilot Raymond Williams was on the runway about to take off when he saw a large blinding orange light to the SW, radioed the CAA tower but light went out. After takeoff he saw the object again, noticing it was not an airplane, the light was at one end of the object and had a small red light on top, and it came directly at him, circled his plane twice, then headed to W to Greenville. Williams followed, saw object circle Greenville twice then return E towards Vandalia. Commercial pilot at 20,000 ft radioed he also saw the object. (NARCAP; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 31, 1951; Matador, Texas (BBU 962)
12:45 p.m. Mrs. Tom Tilson and 1-2 other women driving N on Hwy U.S. 70, all apparently of excellent reputations, saw to the W a pear-shaped object the length of a B-29 fuselage (100 ft), aluminum or silver-yellow with a port or some type of aperture on the side, move with smaller end forward, drifting slowly at about 150 ft altitude, then shot up in a circular fashion and out of sight after a few secs. (Berliner; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich)

Fall, 1951: Pacific Ocean, off Korea
Night. UFO circles a U.S. task force of fourteen ships. Navy interceptors were scrambled. After hours of circling and out-maneuvering the jets, the UFO speeded up, leaving an interceptor behind. In less than ten minutes, the radarscopes showed it was two hundred miles away. (The NICAP source gives the time period as the fall of 1951; others only give the year, UFO Evidence, VIII)

September 9, 1951: JANAP 146/CIRVIS Reports

> Civilian Instructions For Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings from Aircraft, another of the Intelligence regulations governing reporting in accordance with Joint Army-Navy-Air Force Publication 146 (JANAP 146). Several versions are known to have existed from 9-Sept-1951 to 13-May-1955. Presented here is a text copy of the 10 March 1954 version.

Sept. 6, 1951; Claremont, Calif. (E of Hwy 66?) (BBU 964)
7:20 p.m. (GMT?). S/Sgt W. T. Smith and M/Sgt L. L. Deuel (?) saw 6 orange lights in an irregular formation, fly straight and level into a coastal fog bank. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 9, 1951; Off Nort Korean coast (BBU)
1850 hours local time. A high speed target was observed on radar on the USS Cony DDE 508, operating with Task Force 77. The object was tracked on a course of 225 degrees true, with a speed of about 900 knots for approximately one minute. The operator's interpretation was "Many Bogies" on a line of bearing perpendicular to the course of the target. The AN/SPS-6B air search radar was in use and was functioning normally before and after the incident. (Jan Aldrich)

Sept. 9, 1951; About 50 miles off coast of North Korea (BBU)
6:50 p.m. Radar tracking of multiple unidentified targets at 900 mph. (Jan Aldrich)

Sept. 10, 1951; Fort Monmouth, New Jersey
11:10 a.m. .Several unidentified objects were sighted by radar at Fort Monmouth, N.J. The objects varied in speed from 0 to 700 mph and were sighted at varying altitudes. The objects were observed on an AN/MPG-1 radar set and on an SCR-584 radar set. (Ridge/Wilson)

Sept. 10, 1951; 3 miles NE of Asbury (Sandy Hook), New Jersey (BBU)
11:35-11:37 a.m. (EDT) USAF pilots Lt. Wilbert S. Rogers and Major Ezra S. Ballard flying in a T-33 at 20,000 ft from Dover AFB, Delaware, to Mitchel AFB, New York, on a NNE course at 450 mph saw a silvery metallic discus-shaped 30-50 ft object to their 11 o'clock position below their altitude viewed against the Sandy Point area and silhouetted against the ground. Rogers immediately turned left and descended to intercept the object which then banked, revealing its flat round profile, no appendages, no trail, and curved in more tightly on the turn than the T-33, covering an estimated 30-50 n. mi. in 2 minutes (about 1,000-1,500 mph), and seen projected against the ground near Red Bank and Freehold, New Jersey, as the T-33 descended to 17,000 ft, accelerated to 550 mph and covering about 120° of its 360° turn during the sighting. The object passed within about 8,000 ft distance of the T-33, descending from about 12,000 to 5,000 ft and headed at high speed out to sea near Pt. Pleasant at about 120° heading until disappearance. (Sparks)

Sept. 13, 1951; Goose Bay, Labrador (BBU 969)
9:30 [10?] p.m. AST (+-0100Z). Two GCA operators observed what appeared to be three targets on the PPI (Plan Position Indicator) scope. Warner B. Maupin and Cpl John W. Green, both assigned to 1932nd AACS Squadron, Goose AB, were on duty at the local GCA trailer at the request of the pilot of a C-54, No. 5527, inbound from Westover AFB, Massachusetts.

They arrived at the GCA trailer and turned the equipment on and were awaiting further instructions from the pilot of C-54 or the tower when the following sequence of events took place. (See report and reference to an attached photo on NARA-PBB89-1203). (Berliner; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich)

Sept. 17 [16?], 1951; 3 miles NE of Marion, Ohio (BBU)
12:17 p.m. Cessna pilot Grover saw a black swept-wing object at 2,800 ft in near collision with his aircraft. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 17, 1951; Atlantic (Hudson Strait to Baffin Island, Canada (BBU)
10:20-11:55 p.m. (EST). USAF B-36 radar operator Major Paul E. Gerhart and navigator Major Charles J. Cheever on a flight from Goose Bay, Labrador, to Resolute, North West Territories, heading NW at 208 knots (239 mph) over Hudson Strait, picked up radar interference which came from an unidentified aircraft at relative bearing 130° (E) at 28 n. mi. (32 miles) heading away. Anti-jamming device on the APQ-24 radar was turned on at 11:20 p.m. but did not affect the jamming on the radar scope. At 11:35 jamming covered 120° of the right side of the radar scope and then an unidentified aircraft was seen visually on the right side of the B-36, which was then at 18,000 ft at 65°40' N, 71°40' W (over SW Baffin Island). Object had "unconventional running lights" all white instead of red-green, with twin white flashing tail lights, traveling about 30 knots faster than the B-36, crossed the front from right to left heading 334° true towards the NNW, and was in view about 20 mins [to a distance of about 12 miles]. While the object was still visible, at 11:50 p.m. the B-36 autopilot and APQ-24 radar set went out, the latter returning after a few mins about when the object disappeared. ECM operators S/Sgt. Donald E. Jenkins and S/Sgt. Doty T. Larimore on 2 B-36 flights from Goose to Resolute while still over Labrador the next day detected carrier wave signals at several frequencies and some radar like pulses at other frequencies, all below 1,000 MHz. (Jan Aldrich; cf. Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-11)

Sept. 18, 1951; Empire AFS, Mich.; Elkhorn AFS, Wisc.; Finland,AFS, Minn. (BBU)
4:35-5:31, 7:10 a.m. Air Defense Command sites P-34 & P-31, P-69, respectively. USAF CPS-6B and CPS 5 radar tracks of 6,000 mph (intermittent?) targets. (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; Grudge Rpt 1; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 23, 1951; Nr. Long Beach Airport to Camp Pendleton, and March AFB, Calif. (BBU)
9:25 a.m. (PDT). 2 F-86 jet interceptors were scrambled from George AFB, near Victorville, Calif., then vectored by air defense GCI radar to [a target?] at 33°50' N, 118°40' W (off the coast about 30 miles W of Long Beach Airport), where the jets circled and headed E toward Long Beach when an object was seen at 12 o'clock high position at 7:55 a.m. in a left orbit at about 50,000 ft above the F-86's, appearing to be a bright silvery aircraft with highly swept back 45° wings; [the F-86's tried to climb to intercept the object but it climbed away in response]. Another 2 F-86's were scrambled from George AFB at about 8:00 as the first 2 were running low on fuel and were released to return at 8:10-15 when the 2nd flight arrived. The 2nd pair of F-86's was vectored by GCI radar to 33°20' N, 117°30' W (Camp Pendleton), arrived there at 8:10 at 43,000 ft [and circled?], spotted the object at 1 o'clock high back to the N toward Muroc/Edwards AFB appearing at about 50,000-55,000 ft in a controlled orbit right and left, appearing as a swept wing aircraft [that sped up when the F-86's tried to close] and the object was found near March AFB, Riverside, to the NNW but they broke off intercept because of low fuel at about 8:20-25, landing at 8:45. 3rd flight of 2 F-86's scrambled [at about 8:45??] from George AFB [?] saw the object shortly after takeoff seeming to be heading S as F-86's made climbing turns up to 43,500 ft under the round silvery object [at 55,000? ft over the San Bernardino Mtns. ?] until breaking off intercept at about 9:25 a.m. [A 7th F-86 was scrambled to the S toward Long Beach but the UFO was gone.] (GRUDGE Rpts. 1 and 2; Ruppelt pp. 94-5)

Oct. 2, 1951

> In a dramatic 10 a.m. conference in the office of the AF Director Intelligence, Maj. Gen. Charles P. Cabell, the ATIC officers who investigated the Ft. Monmouth UFO sightings and radar tracking, Lt. Col. Nathan R. Rosengarten (Chief, Aircraft & Propulsion Branch, Technical Analysis Division, ATIC) and Lt. Jerry Cummings, gave a briefing to Cabell and his top staff, plus representatives of Republic Aircraft, including a Mr. Brewster. Cabell at the end is very upset at the dismissive reassurances he had been hearing from some of his nay-saying anti-UFO senior officers and explodes in anger, "I've been lied to, lied to, lied to! I want it to stop! I want answers, good answers." Cabell orders an overhaul of the UFO program at ATIC. (Brad Sparks)

Oct. 2, 1951; Columbus, Ohio (BBU 980)
6 p.m. Battelle Memorial Institute physicist Howard Cross saw a bright oval with a clipped tail fly straight and level, fading into the distance. (Berliner)

Oct. 3, 1951; Kadena AFB, Okinawa (BBU 984)

10:27 (8:27?) p.m. Radar operators Sgt. M. W. Watson, Pvt. Gonzales and another Sgt. saw a large, sausage-shaped blip [arc shape due to radar display?] tracked at about 4,800 mph. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 7, 1951; Nr. coast, Honshu, Japan (BBU)
At 7:37 p.m. local time Site 6, 621st AC&W Squadron at Nigata Air Base, Japan, established radar contact with an unidentified object at 37 degrees 37' N - 137 degrees 15' E. The heading of the object was 260 degrees. This object was detected by CPS-5 modified by an AN/GPA-7. There were no friendly aircraft in the area at the time of the initial sighting. (Dan Wilson, Jan Aldrich)

Oct. 9, 1951; 5 miles E. of Terre Haute, Indiana (BBU)
1:42 [1:43?] p.m. (CST). CAA Chief Aircraft Communicator Roy Messmore at Holman Municipal Airport saw a flash on the distant SE horizon then a growing pinpoint of a rapidly approaching object appearing as a silvery "flattened tennis ball" when directly overhead disappearing to the NW [or SE??] after traveling from horizon to horizon in 15 secs, no sound or trail. (Berliner; cf. Ruppelt pp. 112-3; GRUDGE Rpt 1)

Oct. 9, 1951; east of Paris, Illinois
1:45 p.m. (CST). Sighting by pilot Charles Warren at 5,000 ft flying W from Greencastle, Ind., to Paris, Ill., located E of Paris (about 15 miles NW of Terre Haute) of silvery "flattened orange" appearing stationary at first to the left rear (SE? or E? towards Holman Airport?) for a few secs (or longer?) then Warren banked in a tight left turn to pursue the object when it suddenly picked up speed and headed off NE towards the S of Newport, Ind. (Berliner; cf. Ruppelt pp. 112-3; GRUDGE Rpt 1)

Oct. 10, 1951; 10 miles E of St. Croix Falls, Wisc. (BBU)
10:10 a.m. Private pilot (Kaliszewski? General Mills Aero Labs?) saw a cigar shaped object cross the sky, dive slightly, level off, then accelerate. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 11, 1951; Minneapolis, Minn. (BBU 989)
6:30 a.m. General Mills Aeronautical Labs balloon researchers, including aeronautical engineer J. J. Kaliszewski, aerologist C. B. Moore, pilot Dick Reilly in the air, and Doug Smith on the ground (also Dorian and Zuckert). Flight crew saw the first object, brightly glowing with a dark underside and halo around it. Object arrived high and fast, then slowed and made slow climbing circles for about 2 mins, and finally sped away to the E. Soon they saw another one (at 8:30 a.m.?), confirmed by ground observers using a theodolite, which sped across the sky. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 16, 1951; W of Whidbey Island NAS [S of Port Angeles?], Wash. (BBU)
11:01 a.m. USAF pilots flying 3 F-94 fighters and USN ground personnel saw a round medium-grey object at high speed and high altitude, no sound. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 18, 1951; 140 miles from Tsingtao, China over Yellow Sea (BBU)
At 3:33 a.m. local time a waist gunner aboard a PBY Mariner, RD-5, US Navy patrol plane sighted an unidentified light on the port side of aircraft and notified Ensign George Gregory, the Patrol Plane Commander. The radar man confirmed the contact reporting the distance at 12 miles. The craft was at an estimated 4000 feet altitude. The hull was very large estimated to be 60 feet long. The wings were swept back and down with a dihedral at the tips. The PBY made a turn to place the object between the moon and the PBY. The craft turned also and pulled ahead to twelve miles. The PBY applied power and closed to about 3 to 4 miles. During this time the craft was observed with binoculars. All hands on board observed the hull shape. The craft accelerated slowly to 16 miles where it again was confirmed by radar. It then rapidly pulled away to 22 miles and all contact was lost. The total length of observation was approximately 22 minutes. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 21, 1951; 20 miles E of Battle Creek, Mich. (BBU)
12:50 p.m. [10:25 a.m. CST?] Private pilot N. Manteris flying Navion aircraft (s/n N21424) at 4,000 ft saw a silver oval domed disc shaped highly polished object closing at high speed on collision course at about 3,000 ft, pass underneath his plane, he turned 180° to pursue but it was gone. No trail or vents, upper surface had an indentation for a crown or dome. (Project 1947; McDonald list; GRUDGE Rpt 1; NARCAP)

Oct. 21, 1951; North Truro, Mass. (BBU)
11:18 to 11:22 PM local time (22-0418Z to 22-0422Z) An unidentified target was picked up on the Plan Position Indicator CPS-6B radar set. The returns were "sausage shaped" and the target was moving on a ESE course at a speed of approximately 1800 knots at an unknown altitude. AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT, IR-47-51E states, the possibility remains that the object may have been an unconventional flying object. (Dan Wilson, McDonald files; Jan

Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 22, 1951; North Truro, Mass. (BBU)
At 7:30 a.m. to 7:32 a.m. local time (1230Z to 1232Z, 22 October 1951), radar operators detected an object on a course west and then to the south. The speed of the object was 2400 knots.The length of the observation was 2 minutes. A message from the 32nd Air Division stated, the individual echo returns and the appearance of the track substantiated the probability of these radar pickups being of a flying object rather that some kind of radar interference or malfunction. (Dan Wilson, McDonald files, Jan Aldrich, FUFOR Index).

Oct. 26, 1951; Australia
4:00 a.m. The engineer of a transcontinental train on the east-west line was surprised to see the track brilliantly illuminated by an object that came close to the train, seemed to examine it closely and even gave the impression it was going to land in the desert, but took off and disappeared. (UFOs A History 1951, pg. 84; 239 [Valle, Jacques. Anatomy of a Phenomenon, p. 195]}

October 22, 1951

> Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, new chief of revised Project GRUDGE, the Air Force UFO investigation.

Nov. 1, 1951 - AFM 50-12, Ground Observer's Guide

Nov. 2, 1951. E of Abilene, Texas (BBU)
7:15 a.m. Crew of American Airlines DC-4 flying Los Angeles to Dallas, at 4,500 ft, saw a bright green projectile-shaped object, about same size as DC-4, streak past at about same altitude and same E heading. Object left trail then exploded, shooting red balls of fire in all directions. Green fireball sighted in Ariz., NM, Texas, Okla. Radiant about 3.5 hrs RA, 0 Dec (Taurid fireball? 3.5-4 hrs RA, +13° to +22° Dec.). (Sparks; LIFE Incident 10?; Saunders/ FUFOR Index?; Keyhoe 1955, pp. 92-93)

Nov. 2 (7?), 1951; Arizona [New Mexico, Texas, Okla.] (BBU)
Green fireball. (LIFE Incident 10; [FUFOR Index?])

Nov. 2, 1951; 30 (35?) miles N of Mojave, Calif. (BBU)
11 p.m. Bromley and another forest observer in a canyon saw a 30 ft disk shaped flying object in the SW, 10 ft thick, blue-green, well-defined, surrounded with a glow of same color. Stopping their jeep, they signaled to the object, which approached within 10 [?] ft, flew away, seemed to play with them, vanished "like a magician's trick." (Vallée Magonia 85; FUFOR Index)

November 7, 1951; Lake Superior
Steamship Captain and crew watched elongated orange object with six glowing "portholes" speed towards Ontario. [XII]

November 9, 1951

> After 7 sightings of green fireballs in 11 days Dr. Lincoln Lapaz, Institute of Meteorics, said: "There has never been a rate of meteorite fall in history that has been one -fifth as high as the present fall. If that rate should continue, I would suspect the phenomenon is not natural. . . (they) don't behave like ordinary meteorites at all." (Associated Press)

Nov. 10, 1951; Albuquerque, N.M.
The eighth fireball in 13 days was seen here and as far away as Wyoming. (United Press)

Nov. 18, 1951; Washington, D.C. (BBU)
3:20 a.m. Crew of Capital Airlines Flight 610 and Andrews AFB senior air traffic controller Tom Selby saw an object with several lights, follow the DC-4 for about 20 miles then turn back, with ground radar tracking [?]. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 25, 1951; 20 miles E. of Bimini, Key West, Florida
10:42 a.m. EST. Five objects were seen moving south, trailing smoke. This interesting CIRVIS report, although not detailed by any means, came from the Sixth Naval District, Charleston, South Carolina, and went to the Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as well as several other agencies. (UFOs A History 1951, 243 [Project GRUDGE Status Report 1, pg. 3])

Nov. 24, 1951; Mankato, Minn. (BBU)

3:53 p.m. One of 2 USAF pilots flying P-51 fighters flying W at 25,000 ft, 210 knots IAS, Capt. William Fairbrother, saw a white 8 ft flying-wingshaped object hovering then pass 100 ft over and 100 ft to the left of his fighter, he immediately turned 180° to follow but could not find object. (Project 1947; NARCAP; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 24, 1951; Lower Michigan (BBU)
Six observers at five different points in the lower Michigan area report, the sighting of an unusual flying object between 24/2320Z and 24/2325Z. The object in all cases was observed in the Southeast quadrant travelling at speeds as fast or faster than a jet aircraft in flight parallel to the earth in a southwesterly, west south westerly or westerly course. Altitude estimates of the object are not conclusive in any case but indicate object was below 2,000 feet in opinion of most observers. The object was described variously as round, football shaped, egg shaped and bullet shaped. (Dan Wilson)

Nov. 24, 1951; Coopersville, Mich (BBU)
5:34 (5:25?) p.m. (CST). Capital Airlines Flight 94 pilot and ground observer(s) saw a large round object flying at 500-1,000 ft height at about 1,000 mph. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 24, 1951; Selfridge AFB, MI
6:20 p.m. (DST???). UFO and Radar Outage. 2320Z to 2325Z. Two men at Selfridge AFB, Michigan sighted a large oblong and brilliantly lighted object moving at a rapid rate of speed with no apparent audible sound. Object was reported as having a red exhaust. At 2320Z, for an unexplained reason, Selfridge AFB radar ceased operation. Pilot (see Coopersville above) had also heard that the tower had intercepted a message saying that a radar, whose location was classified, had picked up an unidentified return 20 miles east of the station and he assumed that this was what they were asking him about over the phone. (Dan Wilson)

Nov. 26, 1951; 25 miles E of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (BB)
4:25 a.m. CST. Larry Schroeder, Capital Airlines pilot, flying a DC-3 at 5,000 feet on top of an overcast on a heading of 260 degrees at a point 25 miles due east of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, observed a ball of fire, orange in color, with a tail behind it of blue exhaust-like light 200 feet long. There was a space between the object and the tail. The object made no sound and flew on a level course from west to east. The object passed the aircraft on the right at an estimated distance of about one mile and slightly higher than the DC-3. The co-pilot, Stowell also saw the object which was observed for approximately 10 seconds. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 26, 1951; 15 miles E of Chicago (BB)
4:23 a.m. CST. Mr. William Verplank, pilot of Capital Airlines trip #14, states that at approximately 26/1023Z, when 15 miles north east of Chicago, he noticed a bright blue exhaust-like light directly to the north of him. He estimated its altitude at 25,000 to 30,000 feet, and its course due east. Mr. Verplank estimated the object's speed at 2,000 mph, but states it wasn't traveling as fast as a meteor or a comet. He describes it as long with a tapered tail "like an ice cream cone on its side". He could make no estimate of its size and heard no sound. Mr. Verplank did not observe any orange ball or other object ahead of the exhaust like tail. He states that there was an undercast below him at 2300 feet, but visibility was unlimited at and above his altitude and he was able to observe the object for possibly 3 seconds. It disappeared in the eastern sky or over the horizon. Mr. Verplank"s co-pilot, a Mr. Leonard Padano also observed the object, but was not available for interrogation at the time this report. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index, Dan wilson)

Nov. 27, 1951; Project Twinkle Final Report.pdf

Dec.1951; NW of Peru, Nebraska (BBU)
3 a.m. Mr. Barry from Lincoln driving to Indiana saw a blue light in the NW, vanish to the SE. He missed a turn, went back toward Auburn, when NW of Peru he saw an orange glow in the sky from a cauldron-shaped object on the ground, about 40 ft from the road. He stopped to examine the 30 ft diameter cast-iron object, with a row of 10-inch round windows 1 ft from the top, glowing orange; on the other side a blue flame like glow. No noise, no sign of life or activity, no antenna or protrusion. Witness drove away. (Vallée Magonia 86; FUFOR Index)

Dec. 1951; Red Springs, North Carolina
9:00 p.m. At dusk, Sam Coley's 12-year old son called his father and 17-year old sister out to see a strange object coming out of the sky. It was shaped like two saucers put together, with a cabin like bulge in the center. It was almost silent; a slight "purr" could be heard. It stopped about 6 ft above the ground, about 300 yards from the house. "It gave off no light except from windows in the cabin. Coley said he saw a man inside." After hovering for 10 minutes, it took off, almost silently, "like a bolt of lighting." The police chief apparently lost his skepticism after the interview. (Barry Greenwood, Albert Rosales).

Dec. 7, 1951; Oak Ridge, Tenn. (BBU 1021)
8:15 a.m. AESS guard J. H. Collins saw a 20 ft square object, white-grey but not shiny fly above ridge to the clouds and back again twice, taking 30 - 40 seconds each time. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Dec. 7, 1951; Sunbury, Ohio (BBU 1023)
4:30 p.m. Amateur astronomer Carl Loar saw a silvery sphere through telescope; 2 specks sighted at sides, object seemed to explode was then replaced by a dark cloud and many specks. (Berliner)

Dec. 19, 1951 (approx.)
Ruppelt gives his first briefing to the new AF Director of Intelligence, Maj. Gen. John A. Samford (who replaced Gen. Cabell Nov. 1), and his top staff, including his right-hand man the new Assistant for (Intelligence) Production, Brig. Gen. William Garland. Ruppelt reveals that his preliminary analysis of UFO sighting patterns has uncovered a disturbing correlation of unexplained sightings around nuclear weapons labs and highly-classified nuclear stockpile sites and some SAC strategic air bases. Gen. Samford orders ATIC to conduct an exhaustive statistical study to verify Ruppelt's findings, using the newly established ATIC Project WHITE STORK contract with the research think-tank Battelle Memorial Institute (which eventually spent $100,000 on the study, Subproject PPS-100, which does confirm Ruppelt's pattern). (Brad Sparks)

Dec. 19, 1951; Air Force Directive for Reporting Incidents Cited in March 52 Grudge Report
The 1951 directive which outlined reporting procedures to be used in Project Blue Book (1952) was AFOIN-C/CC-2, subject: "Reporting Information on Unidentified Flying Objects." (Pg. 59 of Project Grudge Report No. 3, 31 Jan 1952) Not believed to be adequate to cover all phases of the project, it was to be revised. (Francis Ridge)

Dec. 12, 1951; Hastings, MN
1:50 [3:50?] p.m. (CST). USAF 133rd FI Wing pilot Donald K. "Deke" Slayton [future NASA astronaut] flying P-51 fighter at 10,000 ft at 280-300 mph heading back to Holman Field saw a 3 ft white (or gray) object at 1 o'clock level position looking like a kite at first, then like a weather balloon then 2 revolving discs [?], he overflew it within about 1,000 ft, turned left 180° to pursue and found it flying away from him, then it made a sudden 45° climbing left turn, accelerated and disappeared. In 1980 Slayton estimated angular size as grapefruit at arm's length or about 11° but size/distance data indicate about 0.2°. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index; Richard Hall)

Dec. 18, 1951. Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C. (BBU 1011)
Civilian pilot. [Nov. 18, 1951, case??] (Sparks; NARA)

Dec. 22, 1951; 5 miles east of Columbus, Ohio (BB)
10:30 a.m. EST. Captain Walter J. Koby, piloting an F-84C aircraft flying west at approximately 15,000 feet observed a silver looking object that looked like an airplane without a tail section. The object was traveling in the opposite direction at an altitude of at least 20,000 feet and appeared to be tumbling or rolling until it was lost in the sun. The speed of the object was estimated to be more than 300 mph. The length of the observation was approximately 1 to 1 1/2 minutes. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

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# The 1952 Sighting Wave

## Radar-Visual Sightings Establish UFOs As A Serious Mystery

By Richard Hall

(Revised version adapted from the Journal of UFO History for the NICAP web site.)

Map of sightings, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database

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**Fran Ridge:**
This is a very comprehensive and qualitative effort. Without the help of Rebecca Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, Jean Waskiewicz, Bill Schroeder and others, this could not have been done. (Items on the Chop clearance list are coded "CCL"). But none of this would be complete without the story behind the wave of 1952, as told by none other than Richard Hall.

On March 2, 1950, a Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) meeting focused on establishing goals for a minimum air defense by 1952. The following month at a USAF Commanders Conference at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, planners familiarized commanders with the thinking behind the plan of minimum defense as well as with its contents. Referred to as the Blue Book Plan, it stipulated that a minimum air defense could be in place by mid-1952. It was estimated that July 1, 1952, as the critical date when the Soviets would pose a dangerous threat. General Charles Cabell expected the Soviets to have between 45 and 90 atom bombs and 70 to 135 Tu-4 bombers (copied B-29s) by that time. Was there a nuclear connection between this threat and the massive UFO sighting wave of 1952 and the events over Washington in July?

**Richard Hall:**
The summer 1952 UFO sighting wave was one of the largest of all time, and arguably the most significant of all time in terms of the credible reports and hardcore scientific data obtained. Electromagnetic (EM) effects and physical trace evidence were more prominent in other waves, but 1952 (and 1953) featured recurring radar detection of UFOs, often from both ground and airborne radar, visual sightings by jet interceptor

pilots sent up to pursue the mysterious objects, and cat-and-mouse chases in which the UFOs seemed to toy with the interceptors. Further, Air Force investigators who plotted the sightings noticed that they were concentrated around strategic military bases, and this clearly posed a threat to national security since their origin was unknown. Senior generals in the Air Force concluded that UFOs were interplanetary in origin, and broadly hinted this belief in LIFE magazine for April 1952.

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JANUARY

NARA-PBB1-45 - January Sightings

1952; London, Ont., Canada
Astronomer observed elliptical UFO with 2 bright body lights. [UFOE, VI]

Early 1952; Goose Bay, Labrador
10:42 pm. A fiery, spherical object made a right-angle turn during an observation by a C-54 crew flying from Westover to Goose Bay. It was also seen from the ground by the control tower and by two men who plunged to the earth when the object made a low pass at them. It went away at 10:47 pm. (Quincy)

1952, Date unknown; Washington, DC area
Night. LCDR E. E. Kligington, John Ford, Michael Krause, pilots at Naval proving Ground Dahlgren, VA, flying F4U5 and F7F. Flying fighter aircraft, one at NPG one over Washington area and one over Fredericksburg at about 10-15,000 feet. When Krause saw a light close in front of him, he dived to avoid it, and made a sweeping climb to inspect it. Realized it was a large object between Frederickburg and Quantico. Krause also saw the object and headed for it and finally the other pilot did also. They were approaching from N, S and E.at about 5 miles it put on burst of speed and disappearing to the W. Radar at Washington National and MCAS Quantico supposedly watched the action. (George Fawcett's UFO report form filled out by E. E. Kligington).

1952, Date Unknown; Jacksonville NAS, Florida
11:00 p.m. Four sailors standing watch observed a black spearhead shaped object suddenly appear approaching from Jacksonville traveling N to S. The reporting witness was the first to see it, then the other three. It stopped over NAS, with no slowing down, and then hovered for 15 seconds. While it hovered it looked like a dark spearhead in front of a dim yellow light. Two aircraft took off at the same time, however, the witness did not know if it was related to the object. Suddenly the object left at a high rate of speed to the S. Sighting was reported to the control tower that replied it was probably a

weather balloon. (Reported in 2003)

Jan. 1952; Weston, Wyoming (BBU)
10:30 p.m. 38-yearold rancher saw a "shooting star" suddenly stop in mid-air between him and a mountain, spinning clockwise, with one red window periodically facing the observer, went down toward the Little Powder River, come up again. He turned his car to send light signals, object seemed to respond by stopping its red window to face witness. Spinning resumed, object rose and came down. Similar object arrived, then both went into the deep valley out of sight. (Vallée Magonia 88)

January 3,1952, SECRET Memo

> Brig. Gen. William M. Garland, Assistant for the Production of Intelligence, wrote a memorandum for General Samford with the title (SECRET) "Contemplated Action to Determine the Nature and Origin of the Phenomena Connected with the Reports of Unusual Flying Objects." (Courtesy, Joel Carpenter)

Jan. 9, 1952; Kerrville, Texas
Cat 3. Odd "roaring" interference on radio as UFO circled town.

Jan. 16, 1952; Artesia, New Mexico (BBU 1037)
This case was incorrectly dated for years. A motionless dull-white, round object 5/3 larger than balloon. This incident occurred in 1951, not 1952. (See 1952 UFO Chronology for the reports and other details).

Jan. 20, 1952; Fairchild AFB, Wash. (BBU)
7:20 p.m. Three Air Force personnel, M/Sgt. Aluridus C. Holm, S/Sgt Robert T. Barnes, and T/Sgt Harry A. Gavagnaro (two of which were in Wing Intelligence) saw a large bluish-white spherical object with a long blue tail in the E about 2 miles away traveling N through the sky much faster than a jet aircraft. The object was.on a horizontal path estimated at 500 feet, was below and seen against solid overcast cloud cover at 4,700 ft, speed later estimated at 1,400 mph, no sound, disappearing in the W. (Sparks; Wilson, Ruppelt pp. 12-3; Saunders/FUFOR Index) 15 secs

Jan. 21, 1952; Mitchel AFB, N.Y. (BBU)
9:50 a.m. (EST). USN pilot Lt. James R. Zeitvogel, USN Special Devices Center, Long Island, flew USN TBM-3W bomber heading 45° (NE) at 160 knots (200 mph) at 6,000 ft shortly after takeoff from Mitchel AFB, sighted a 20-30 ft white circular domed or parachute-shaped, with parachute-like segmentation and dark underside, about 1/3 ratio thickness to diameter, which appeared to be about 1-1/2 miles to the WNW or half way between TBM and end of runway 30 at Mitchel AFB, silhouetted against the ground at a depression angle of about 45° at a very low altitude of 200-300 ft (consistent with ground range of 1-1/2 miles from TBM at 6,000 ft height). Pilot then chased object which was at first traveling about 300 knots (350 mph), by turning left in the TBM in a sharp 2-3 g turn, having to bank at almost 90° to see the low altitude object about 1- 1/2 mins into sighting when TBM about completed 360° turn, object cutting on inside of TBM's turn apparently accelerating. Object at about 2 mins into sighting started climbing in altitude while still accelerating, disappearing suddenly not due to distance about 7 miles to the SW at 500+ knots (600+ mph) and about 10° above TBM's horizontal level. (Sparks; GRUDGE Rpts. No. 3, p. 8, No. 4, pp. 9-11ff.; Project 1947; NICAP)

Jan. 22, 1952; Nenana, Alaska (BBU)
12:20 am.(AHST) Ground radar outpost and three airborne radar sets on F-94

interceptors tracked a distinct unexplainable target. USAF Lt. A. L. B. a CPS-6B radar operator at ADC radar site F-2, Murphy Dome AFS (about 19 miles WNW of Fairbanks), Alaska, tracked an inbound or outbound target at 210° azimuth at about 1,500 to 2,400 mph, and after 10-12 radar sweeps 12 secs each, urgently called twice (at 12:25 and 12:26 a.m.) for interception, and 2 USAF F-94 jets were scrambled [possibly multiple reversals of UFO direction in this time interval]. At 12:52-53 a.m., unidentified target was tracked inbound at 210° azimuth heading N at 45 miles range for about 1 min, first F-94 at 30,000 ft was vectored on 180° heading to attempt intercept at 20 miles projected range of target to radar site, but target reversed course over an 8-mile radius of turn (roughly 5 gs) and headed outbound at 1,500+ mph heading S and away from radar site and F-94. Pilot Lt. C. E. G. and radar observer Capt. V. D. R. on first F-94 tracked two targets, one strong one faint on. F-94 circled for an hour before getting another target at 12 o'clock low, dropped to 25,000 ft with 100-knot closure rate, no visual contact, had to pull up at 200 yards distance to avoid collision, F-94 released to return to base at 2:13 a.m. Pilot Capt. R. time also obtained radar lock on to a target at 12 o'clock high at 17,000 yards range for 2-3 mins. (BB Status Rpt 7; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index; cf. Ruppelt)

### Jan. 29th, 1952 Briefing mentioned in Grudge Status Report No.3

Brig. Gen. William M. Garland, Assistant for (Intelligence) Production, and his staff at the Directorate of Intelligence, HQ USAF, were briefed on the status of the Project Grudge UFO Study. At this meeting Gen. Garland introduced a revolutionary new intelligence policy and methodology which emphasized the use of instrumentation for intelligence collection, including to detect and track UFO's (which would eventually be the basis for terminating Project BLUE BOOK as an intelligence function, converting it to a PR psych war propaganda function beginning in July 1952 over a 6-month transition period). As an interim last-chance measure to prove whether anecdotal sightings had any value, Gen. Garland approves of Ruppelt's publicity plan to draw in UFO reports from the public so that triangulations might be obtained, and this leads to Garland secretly backing the LIFE magazine article (plan backfires and is blamed for July 1952 flap).

On the same date, Jan. 29, Gen. Garland gave the welcoming address to the SECRET compartmented MIT Project BEACON HILL in Cambridge, Mass., where he gave the marching orders to the assembled scientists to study ways AF intelligence methodology can be revolutionized through use of technology. (Later Gen. Garland sent Ruppelt and Col. Sanford H. Kirkland of ATIC, and Lt. Col. William A. Adams of AFOIN, to brief BEACON HILL on UFO's on March 26 and in April 1952, respectively). (Credit Joel Carpenter for BEACON HILL.) (Brad Sparks)

### Ruppelt Discovers AF Intelligence Has More UFO files

On this trip to the Pentagon to brief Gen. Garland, Ruppelt visits the offices of AF Intelligence (AFOIN) having collections of UFO files and discovers they have more complete files than does ATIC in Dayton, and he arranges to have copies made of the various missing files made for him at Project Grudge at ATIC (though multiple visits were required to obtain the copies and Ruppelt probably did not succeed in getting everything). These AFOIN offices with UFO files include the Technical Capabilities Branch (TCB) of the Evaluation Division (AFOIN-TCB or AFOIV-TC) and the Collection Control Branch of the Collection Division (AFOIN-CC or AFOIC-CC).

(Brad Sparks)

Jan. 29, 1952; Wonsan, Korea (BBU)
11:00 pm.  30 miles SW of Wonsan, USAF crew of B-29 flying at above 20,000 ft and 148 knots (170 mph) ground speed saw an orange luminous rotating and pulsating 3 ft sphere [or disc?], with blue flame halo, follow the B29 at a distance of about 600 ft at the 8 o'clock position advancing forward to 9 o'clock then falling back to 8 o'clock [at one point almost withdrawing from view then returning?]. (LIFE Incident 9; Project 1947; Loren Gross)

Jan. 29-30, 1952; Sunchon, South Korea (BBU)
11:24 p.m. USAF crew of B-29 at 20,000 ft and 125 knots (144 mph) ground speed saw an orange sphere follow the B-29 at their level or slightly below [sunlike in brightness and 600 ft away?]. (LIFE Incident 9; Project 1947; Loren Gross)

NARA-PBB85-612
Jan 31, 1952; "AFOIN-C/CC-2 To Be Revised"
The 1951 directive, "Reporting Information on Unidentified Flying Objects", which outlined reporting procedures for Project Grudge, was inadequate and was to be revised for Project Blue Book  (Pg. 59 of Project Grudge Report No. 3, 31 Jan 1952). The new one requested that all reports be made by wire to ATIC, ADC, and V/TC, and that this wire report be followed up by an AF Form 112 direct to ATIC and V/TC. (V/TC = AFOIN or AF Intelligence, Evaluation Division, Technical Capabilities Branch, which had been tasked by Gen. Cabell in 1950 to conduct field investigations of UFO cases independent of AMC/ATIC Project GRUDGE, and which TC Branch now had Capt. Dewey Fournet assigned) (Francis Ridge)

FEBRUARY

NARA-PBB1-46 - February Sightings

Ruppelt Briefs ADC

> In early February Capt. Edward Ruppelt briefed General Benjamin W. Chidlaw, then the Commanding General of the Air Defense Command, and his staff, telling them about our plan. They agreed with it in principle and suggested that I work out the details with the Director of Intelligence for the ADC, Brigadier W. M. Burgess. General Burgess designated Major Verne Sadowski of his staff to be the ADC liaison officer with New Grudge."

Feb. 1, 1952; 10 miles W of Terre Haute, Indiana (BBU)
9:30 p.m. Military aircraft pilot saw a close group of moving lights changing color from blue to green to yellow. (Project 1947; BB files??)

Feb. 2, 1952; E. of Pusan, South Korea (BBU)
10:30 am. Radar track of  767 mph unidentified target. 2nd track from position 35°30' N, 129°40' E, at 10:40 of 1,257 mph unidentified target. (Jan Aldrich)

Feb. 2, 1952; E of South Korea (BBU)
7:35 p.m. USS Philippine Sea heading S 180° at 13 knots (15 mph) tracked approaching radar target from the N 0° azimuth at 25 miles, veered off in a wide left turn to the E radius about 12 miles (when visual observers spotted exhaust trails), reversing course on radar away from the aircraft carrier accelerating from 600 mph to 1800 mph at 52,000 ft altitude, split into 2 targets 5-12 miles apart on a slightly zigzag wavy course headed due N 0° to disappearance at about 110 miles. Visual observers sighted 3 exhaust flames at 30° azimuth [?]. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 126-8)

Feb. 11, 1952; Pittsburgh, Penna. (BBU 1052)
3 a.m. USAF Capt. G. P. Arns and Maj. R. J. Gedson flying a Beech AT-11 trainer saw a yelloworange comet-shaped object pulsing flame for 1-2 secs in straight and level flight. (Berliner)

Feb. 12, 1952; Bet. Friendship Airfield and Baltimore, Maryland (BBU)
9:30 p.m. USAF MATS C-47 pilot and copilot saw a bright white object move slowly then speed away. Then at 10 p.m. they saw 10 miles S of Baltimore a similar object. (GRUDGE/BB Rpt; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 13, 1952; Granite City, Illinois (BBU)
10:30 p.m. The 3903rd Radar Bomb Scoring Group observed an unusual radar return while attempting to score a bomb run. It was assumed at the time that the "target" was an aircraft pacing the bomber on its attack run, but the unusual target reached a speed of 1090 MPH. (McDonald list; BB Rpt 6) adar. (McDonald list; BB Rpt 6)

February 1952, Fournet Becomes AF Intelligence "Project Monitor"
Maj. Dewey J. J. Fournet in the AF Intelligence (AFOIN) Evaluation Division's Technical Capabilities Branch (TCB) replaces Lt Col Milton D. Willis as UFO investigation officer for AFOIN (in the June 1952 reorganization many assets in the Evaluation Division are transferred to the new Topical Intelligence Division, headed by Col. William A. Adams, including Fournet who is assigned to the Division's Current Intelligence Branch, headed by Col. Weldon H. Smith). Fournet also assigned as "Project Monitor" for ATIC Project Grudge in the wake of widespread publicity on the Korean UFO sightings. (Brad Sparks)

Feb. 16, 1952; About 60 miles E. of Pusan, Korea (BBU)
2:40 and 3:50 p.m. USMC GCI Sq 3 at Yongil (36° N, 129° E) CPS-5 radar tracking of unidentified target traveling at 4,320 knots (5,000 mph). 2nd track at 3:50 at position 36°30' N, 129°30' E (a few miles off the coast of South Korea) of large target equivalent of 6-8 jet aircraft, traveling 1,380 knots (1,600 mph) target heading 170°, faded momentarily, then continued on 120° heading until lost. Visual sighting of contrail in direction of radar track. (Jan Aldrich; McDonald files; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Feb. 17, 1952; 25 miles SE of Roswell, New Mexico (BBU)
1:45 a.m. (MST). USAF crew of B-29 bomber saw 3 ft [?] greenish-blue ball of fire flying straight at 15,000 ft. (Project 1947)

February 19, 1952; Letter to Col.John G. Ericksen
Col. Ericksen, , Chief of the Technical Capabilities Branch, received this letter from: Albert E. Lombard, Jr. Chief, Research Division, Directorate of Research and Development. Re: Declassification of Project TWINKLE denied because Green Fireballs considered man-made.

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Feb. 20, 1952; Greenfield, Mass.
A pastor of a German Congregational church boarded a trainand took a seat near a window. Like most travelers he gazed at the scenery to alleviate the boredom of the trip. Flashes in the cobalt blue excited his eyes as a brilliantly reflective trio of saucer-shapes approached in V-format ion. The formation quickly slowed, the object in the lead braking faster than its companions so to form a line of three abreast when all of the objects finally came to a complete stop. After a ten second wait, the objects shot off to one side so fast they were out of sight in about six seconds. It was an astonishing performance.(NICAP UFO Evidence, VII)

Feb. 20, 1952; Mt. Diablo, Calif. (BBU)
11:30 p.m. USAF pilot Montgomery and copilot of B-25 bomber saw bright yellow light on collision course climb and accelerate. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 21, 1952; Sen. Russell letter to SAF
Washington, D.C. Sen. Richard B. Russell, Armed Services Committee, letter to Secretary of Air Force requesting an official report on recent UFO sightings by combat airmen in the Far East.

Feb. 24, 1952; Antung, North Korea (BBU 1061)
10:15 [11:15?] p.m. USAF 345th Bomber Sq Captain/B-29 navigator saw a bluish cylinder, 3x long as wide, with a tail and rapid pulsations, come in high and fast, make several turns and level out under B-29 which was evading mild antiaircraft fire. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 26, 1952; New Albany, New York (BB)
11:10 local. CIRVIS report says that in the vicinity NNW of Albany, New York, at an altitude estimated at over 50,000 feet, an unidentified object of unknown size and shape was apparently observing the reporting Air Force aircraft at 20,000 feet on a 90 degree intersecting course for approximately 20 minutes. Two jets pilots (Barnes [Sylvia 51] & Olshefski [Sylvia 41]) verified visibility, good sky clear, 80 knot wind at 230 degrees. Another CIRVIS report amplifying details describes the same object, sighted observing the aircraft (pilot Hensley) and traveling an estimated 1,000 mph and observed from distance of approximately 60 miles. Object of indiscernible color left pencil-thin whitish gray vapor trail approximately straight 10 miles long under non-concurrent observation for 3 to 5 minutes. Object was theorized to be a possible meteor!!!!

Feb. 27, 1952; Ft. Stockton, Texas (BBU)
B-29 and radar. (McDonald list; BB Rpt 5) [See March 26. BB records show a date change on MAXW-PBB9-1126]

MARCH

NARA-PBB1-47 - March Sightings

March 3, 1952- Dr. Walther Riedel Convinced
Formerly a German rocket scientist at Peenemunde, said: "I'm convinced saucers have an out-of-world basis." (Life Magazine, Apr. 7, 1952 issue)

March 4, 1952; 15 miles W of Ashiya AFB, Japan (BBU)
10:35 a.m. The pilot, 1st Lt. E.J. Weed, and crew, co-pilot 2nd Lt. T.G. Camidge and engineer S/Sgt. T. Dendy, of a USAF C-54 aircraft, 53rd Troop Carrier Squadron,

observed a bright orange oval-shaped object. The object, approximately 50 to 100 feet in length and 50 foot thick, was flying at a terrific speed at an estimated altitude of 10,000 feet and was observed for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Lt. Weed further stated that the object was definitely not a jet aircraft. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

March 7, 1952; Bet. Claremore and Tulsa, Okla.(BBU)
1 a.m. USAF copilot of C-54 transport saw a bright light pass from right to left, lose altitude and blink out 3 times. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

March 10, 1952; Oakland, Calif.
An engineering metals inspector watched two dark wing (or hemisphere) shaped objects pass overhead, swaying back and forth like a pendulum. (NICAP report.)

March 13, 1952; Keflavik, Iceland
7:12 a.m. Eight separate unidentified radar sightings were made by a GCA team while working a C-47 aircraft on practice runs at Keflavik, Iceland. The first of the eight objects appeared at 0712Z (7:12 a.m. local time). The last object was observed at 8:09 a.m. The estimated airspeed of the objects was 250 knots and at estimated altitude of above 8000 feet. One report stated that one object crossed the scope at a speed much faster than an F-86. (Dan Wilson)

March 14, 1952; near Hawaii
Evening. Navy Secretary Dan Kimball was flying to Hawaii when two disc-shaped craft streaked in toward his Navy executive plane. "Their speed was amazing," he told Keyhoe later, in Washington. "My pilots estimated it between fifteen hundred and two thousand miles an hour. The objects circled us twice and then took off, heading east." Note that Adm Arthur Radford was a witness in a second plane. (See details at link).

March 15, 1952; Sandia Mtns. [Kirtland AFB?], New Mexico (BBU)
4:30 PM MST,  A dull aluminum object, shaped like a flattened oval and as large as a B-29 fuselage was observed by an Air Force officer. Estimated to be stationary at 10,000 feet over the Sandia Mountain range and later moving at 150-200 mph. Time in view: 15 mins.. (McDonald list; BB Rpt 7)

March 17, 1952; Ionia, Michigan
A wobbly, tipping object that resembled two saucers placed edge to edge, crossed the sky, flashing a silver light. (Gross, UFOs A History 1952, 99,. [Ionia, Michigan] Ionia Daily Sentinel Standard, 18 March 52.Vitello)

Mid-March 1952, AF Initiates TOP SECRET UFO Project
AF Intelligence (AFOIN) Assistant for (Intelligence) Production Brig. Gen. William M. Garland initiates a TOP SECRET compartmented project (to be designed and built by AF R&D) to establish a global instrumented UFO detection and tracking system that would obviate the need for non-technical anecdotal UFO sighting reports, eventually resulting in approval of an official AF policy to deemphasize or reject anecdotal UFO reports (July 28, 1952).  (Brad Sparks)

March 19, 1952; Ruppelt Briefs ADC
Ruppelt: "I briefed General Benjamin W. Chidlaw, then the Commanding General of the Air Defense Command, and his staff, telling them about our plan. They agreed with it in principle and suggested that I work out the details with the Director of Intelligence for the ADC, Brigadier W. M.

> Burgess. General Burgess designated Major Verne Sadowski of his staff to be the ADC liaison officer with New Grudge."

March 20, 1952; Centreville, Maryland. (BBU 1074)
10:42 p.m. WW1/WW2 veteran A. D. Hutchinson and son saw a dull orange-yellow saucer-shaped light fly straight and level very fast. (Berliner) (This link/version may or may not be the right case, but appears to be).

March 22, 1952; 20 miles S of Yakima, Wash. (BBU 1076)
6:05 p.m. USAF pilot and radar operator of F-94 jet interceptor made 2 sightings of a stationary red fireball that increased in brightness then faded over 45 secs. Note: Project Blue Book Status Report #7 (May 31, 1952) says target was also tracked by ground radar at 78 knots (90 mph) at 22,500 ft and 25,000 ft altitude. (Berliner)

March 24, 1952; 60 miles W of Pt. Conception, Calif. (BBU 1077)
8:45 a.m. [p.m.?] B-29 navigator and radar operator tracked unidentified target on airborne radar at about 3,000 mph. (Berliner; Shough)

> March 25, 1952. Project BLUE BOOK Named
> Grudge was upgraded to a separate organization, the Aerial Phenomena Group, and the name was changed to Project Blue Book. According to Ruppelt this change was made because of the steadily increasing number of reports we [the Air Force] were receiving. (Ruppelt, p. 131.)

March 26 [?], 1952; Ft. Stockton, Texas (BBU 1079)
2:10 am. SW of Pecos, NW of Stockton, Texas and Arizona [8:30 and 10:13 p.m. ?] USAF pilots of 4 B-50D's [McClelland and 3 others] saw red and green running lights moving at high speed. 2nd sighting over Arizona at 10:13? Airborne radar scope photo. (Berliner; cf. Weinstein; FUFOR Index) (Fran Ridge: No longer an unknown)

March 26, 1952; Long Beach, California
Cat 3. Two yellowish discs passed by slowly, "as they passed the radio was agitated twice".

> March 26, 1952, Ruppelt and Col. Kirkland Brief BEACON HILL
> Gen. Garland sends ATIC Technical Analysis Division Chief, Col. Sanford H. Kirkland, and Project Blue Book Chief, Lt. Edward J. Ruppelt, to brief MIT's Project BEACON HILL on UFO's. (Brad Sparks)

March 29, 1952; 20 miles N of Misawa AFB, Japan (BBU 1082)
11:20 a.m. Lt. David C. Brigham, pilot of AT-6 trainer, saw a small, very thin, shiny metallic disc fly alongside the AT-6, then make a pass at an F-84 jet fighter, flip on edge, flutter 20 ft from the F-84's fuselage and flip in the slipstream. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

March 29, 1952; Butler, Missouri
Chairman of Industrial Commission of Missouri saw cylinder-shaped, silver UFO, [UFOE, VII]

March 29, 1952; Elizabethville, Belgian Congo. (BBU)
Two fiery discs were seen over uranium mines gliding in curves, changing orientation many times thus appearing as plates, ovals and lines. Discs suddenly hovered then took off in a zigzag to the NE. Commander Pierre of Elizabethville airfield took off in a

fighter aircraft in pursuit and came within 120 meters (400 ft) of one disc. (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich)

March 29 [April 24?], 1952; Glen Burnie, Maryland. (BBU)
10:45 p.m. Donald F. Stewart [Steward?] and George Tyler III saw 50 ft flat silver disc with cupola/dome to one side, a porthole and hatch on the dome, neon-like lighting around the edges [strangely pulsating?], approaching car from ahead to the NE about 60° elevation, then hovered and "wavered slightly" for 3 [2?] mins several hundred feet off the ground, whirring sound like a vacuum cleaner, car engine died while object hovered. Witness got out of car with Thompson submachine gun considering whether to shoot the disc, companion urged him not to. Object suddenly turned up on edge seeming to "roll across the sky" faster than a jet to the SW disappearing about 3-1/2 miles away. Witness claimed car wires "magnetized" and paint cracked. Secy. AF Finletter interest, AFOSI investigation. Hoax? (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 196-8; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index; Loren Gross Jan-May 52 pg. 25)

March 30, 1952, Editorial Page of Boston Traveler Magazine
"Have You Heard", by Bill Schofield. This was a bargain day in the flying saucer department, and you get two stories for the price of one -- the first from a resident of western Massachusetts and the second from Navy Sec. Dan Kimball.

APRIL

NARA-PBB1-48-50, April Sightings

ADC in near frenzied state
By the spring of 1952, Air Defense Command was in a near-frenzied state over the potential of a Soviet sneak attack. Its eyes and ears, the Lashup radar network and the GOC, had proven discouragingly unreliable, and, lacking credible intelligence on Soviet capabilities and intentions, it had no real basis for assessing the nature of the threat. (see report linked above). Little more than two weeks later, the worst possibility seemed to have come true. (See April 17)

April 2, 1952, Lake Mead, Nevada (BB)
9:00 am MST. While on a fishing trip to Lake Meade with his wife and a friend, Master Sergeant Sheldon Smith observed a UFO. It was silver in color, very large and at a tremendous altitude. It was described as a B-36 without wings. Observed right after a flight of F-86's overflew the area at about 15,000'. His friend was also a M/Sgt Lester Gossett. After watching the hovering object for about an hour, which was much higher than the vapor trails from the F-86's, it suddenly disappeared. Smith filed his report with an intelligence officer in accordance with AF requests to report such observations. (Fran Ridge, AIR, BB files).

April 2, 1952, Ruppelt & Col. Kirkland Brief CSI-Los Angeles
On the eve of the release of the bombshell LIFE magazine article, Ruppelt and his boss, ATIC Technical Analysis Division Chief Col. Sanford H. Kirkland, give an extraordinary briefing, technically unclassified but in fact quasi-classified, to a group of aerospace engineers organized as Civilian Saucer Investigations, in Los Angeles, along with LIFE magazine reporters

who give them advance copies of the article in exchange. (See extremely rare and revealing Transcript obtained by Project 1947.) (Brad Sparks)

April 3, 1952; Marana, Arizona. (BBU)
8:23 a.m. MST Pilot of a T-6 aircraft and six other pilots on the ground, saw a bright silver circular object 5 or 6 times the size of a B-29 at an estimated 55,000 ft. C. M Jasper, Squadron Commander & Flight Instructor, Marana AFB, sitting in a landed T-6 aircraft at the Benson Airport, took a fix on the object in relation to the top of the canopy at 0823. Paul Wilkerson, Flight instructor, Chauncey (Chick) P. Logan, Flight Instructor, Marana AFB, Cadet Plucinsky, Chuck (Skeet) Taylor, Airport Manager were some of the other witnesses. Jasper kept continous fixes on the object and it did not move the slightest fraction until 0914 when the object disappeared. Cadet Plucinsky flying above Benson airport, said when he spotted the object; "It looks like a flying saucer." Object hovered for over 51 minutes then suddenly disappeared. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index, BB files, Dan Wilson)

April 4, 1952, Ruppelt Briefs Rand Corp. Satellite Project
Gen. Garland arranges for the AF-Rand Corp. Satellite Project to receive a UFO briefing from Ruppelt on a visit to ATIC. Ruppelt meets and befriends Rand satellite engineer Jim Thompson. (Brad Sparks)

April 4, 1952; Duncanville, Texas (BBU 1095)
8:30 p.m. (CST) USAF Cpl. Billy D. Greer and PFC John W. Harrington of the Radar Maintenance Section, 147th AC&W Squadron, tracked unidentified target by FPS-10 radar first to the NW at 310°-315° azimuth at about 70 nautical miles (80 miles) moving at high speed of about 2,160 knots (2,500 mph) until it disappeared off the scope at maximum range of 260 n.mi. (300 miles). Height-finder reading not taken, estimated at 42,000+ ft due to radar beam coverage at max range. (Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

April 5-6, 1952; Kadena AFB, Okinawa (BBU 1144)
2400 hrs [just past 11:59 p.m. = April 5, 12:00 a.m. April 6]. Crew of B-29 bomber, on ground saw erratic maneuvers at estimated speed 1,000 kts. (Sparks; NICAP website/Dan Wilson; BB files – BB Record Card / File wrongly conflates 2 cases April 5 & 22 as one; Berliner; Randle)

April 5, 1952; Phoenix, Arizona (BBU 1096)
10:40 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ryan, R. L.. Stokes, and D. Schook saw a large, dull grey circular object, followed by 2 more, fly straight and level at high speed. (BB files, Berliner, docs only..no dir)

April 5, 1952; Miami, Florida (BBU 1097)
9:15 p.m. L. E. VanDercar and 9 year old son saw 4 dark circular objects with mostly fuzzy edges, cross the face of the Moon [in the S at 175° azimuth 77° elevation, 83% illuminated or almost full], each 1/2 the angular size of Moon. (Berliner)

April 6, 1952; Temple, Texas [Miller-Graughan AFB?]. (BBU 1099)
2:59 p.m. Herman L. Russell saw 50-75 greyish-white metallic disc-like shapes to the NNW about 30° 40° elevation in random arrangement within a circular formation covering area of only 1 Full Moon [hence each object probably <3 arcmins would have been too small to resolve disc-like details]. Objects would flash in unison every 12-15 secs for a period of 2 secs as if tilting on horizontal axis. After 2 mins cluster became less dense in the center and more dense at the outer rim. Formation estimated at distance of 15-25 miles [hence height about 50,000 ft] moved upwards in elevation by about 5° and laterally by 10° to 15° (direction not specified) until disappearing by fading into

distance. [Possible shattered plastic fragments of Skyhook balloon fluttering in the sunlight.] (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 9, pp. 1303-4; Berliner)

> April 7, 1952: Life Magazine article, "Have We Visitors From Space?
> When newsmen began asking him whether the article was Air Force inspired, Ruppelt replied that they had furnished Life with some raw data. My answer was purposely weasel worded, he said, because I knew that the Air Force had unofficially inspired the Life article... [and also knew that the strongly implied answer that UFOs were interplanetary] was the personal opinion of several very high-ranking officers in the Pentagon - so high that their personal opinion was almost policy. (Ruppelt, p. 132.)

April 8, 1952; Nr. Big Pines, Calif.
Disc-like UFO observed by TV network engineer. [UFOE, VI]

April 9, 1952; Bet. Shreveport and Barksdale AFB, Louisiana (BBU)
2:30 p.m. (CST). USAF C-46 crew [pilot and copilot] flying E at 90° heading at 9,000 ft saw a 30-40 ft cream color disc-shaped object ahead of the plane at about 4,000 ft, object reversed course heading E [but was overtaken by C-46 and passed under it ??], C-46 and object both [?] made 360° turns, object climbing into clouds at 12,000 ft at 200400 mph. Similar sighting at 2:45 p.m. by another C-46 5-6 miles N of Barksdale AFB of an object disappearing on a N heading at 11,000 ft. (BB Status Rpt 6; cf. NARCAP)

April 9, 1952; 6 miles W of Pecos [near Lackland AFB?],Texas(BBU)
10:40 p.m. (CST). S/Sgt Victor H. Berthene, USAF, while watching a C-97 take off from Kelly AFB, observed a white sphere-shaped object with a short white trail traveling at a high rate of speed from SE to NW. The observer was in Barracks building 2162 at Lackland AFB, Texas, during the time of the sighting.(Hynek UFO Rpt p. 43; FUFOR Index)

April 12, 1952; North Bay CFS, Ontario, Canada (BBU 1108)
9:30 p.m. At 2230 local time, Warrant Officer E. H. Rossell and Flight Sergeant Reg McRae, observed a bright amber disc in the sky. The disc came in from the southwest and moved across the RCAF Station airfield at North Bay, stopped and moved off again in the reverse direction. It then climbed at an angle of 30 degrees at terrific speed and disappeared. (Berliner)

April 13 [12?], 1952; Moriarty AFS, New Mexico (BBU)
4:45 p.m. (MST). 4 USAF airmen saw silver disc-shaped object to the E traveling very erratically at high speed, then dove. [CPS-5 radar tracking?] (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; BB Rpt 6; FUFOR Index)

April 14, 1952; LaCrosse, Wisconsin CIRVIS Report (BBU)
12:35 p.m. Unidentified CAL (Central Air Lines) pilot saw several light colored objects fly in V-formation. (Berliner) Objects sighted from ground, tremendous speed.

April 14, 1952; Memphis, Tennessee (BBU 1112)
6:34 p.m. U.S. Navy pilots Lt. jg. Blacky, Lt. jg. O'Neil flying on 18° (about NNE) heading at 2,000 ft over NAS Range Station saw to their left an inverted bowl glowing bright red, 3 ft long and 1 ft high, with vertical slots, approaching at high speed on 300° heading, straight and level at 2,000 ft, passing 300 ft from their aircraft and below overcast at 4,200 ft. [Red glowing trail?] (Berliner; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; cf. NARCAP)

April 15, 1952; Santa Cruz, California (BBU 1115)
7:40 p.m. Mr. Hayes, brother of Master Sgt., saw 2 faint objects flying fast along the horizon through 20x spotting telescope. (Berliner)

April 16, 1952; Madison, Wisconsin (BB)
8:15 p.m. CST. A witness by the name of Mr. Dino Laurenzi observed 5-6 yellowish-white glowing semi-circular shaped objects in a semi-circular formation almost straight up. The objects were heading to the east at high speed. After a few seconds the objects made a sharp turn left to a NW heading and gained altitude rapidly. As the objects disappeared they seemed to fuse or come together. No sound was heard from the objects. F-80 and F-86 aircraft were sent to the area to investigate. A Mr. Arthur Prchlik also sighted the objects. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

April 16, 1952; Shreveport, Louisiana (BBU)
9:28 p.m. (CST). Senior USAF pilot Capt. Eugene R. Mathis, USAF, SAC Aircraft Commander, and Jack Touchstone, observed a brilliant circular object ten times the size of the brightest star flying overhead at an unbelieveable speed on a heading of 100 degrees. The object suddenly made a 180 degree turn. The object appeared to be flat, made no sound and and had no exhaust. The object was in sight for approximately 70 seconds. While the object was in sight it passed over the entire city of Shreveport. (Dan Wilson, BB files, Willy Smith pp. 25-29; FUFOR Index)

April 17, 1952; Nellis AFB, Nevada
Large group of circular UFOs. [UFOE, III]

April 17, 1952; 3 mi S [SW] of Yuma Test Station, Arizona (BBU 1127)
3:05-3:10 p.m. (MST). Large group of 9575th Test Station Unit, Yuma Test Station, 6th Army, consisting of Army and ex-USAF meteorological observers, including several graduate engineers, while on a hiking trip on the E bank of the Colorado River, saw a flat-white, non-shiny, circular object fly from nearly overhead about 80-90° elevation heading 60° (about ENE), with an erratic non-perfectly-linear trajectory emitting an intermittent non-persistent thin contrail or vapor trail about 1-2 object diameters in length. No sound. Weather CAVU. 2nd Lt. Bernard J. Gudenkauf with 11 year's experience in military meteorology, development of weather equipment, and upper air observation and balloon launches of different types and sizes, led the group on the hike. Cpl. Weiss spotted object overhead and called attention of the group (including Lt Gudenkauf), all of whom immediately spotted the object without difficulty, including former USAF flight engineer MSgt Lowell, graduate engineer with propeller design experience Cpl. McDowell, and graduate engineer PFC Slater, plus Sgt Linden, Cpl Bailey, Cpl Cannon, Cpl Wuerderman, Cpl Jones, Cpl Ueberroth, PFC Alfonso, and PFC Davis. Disappeared at or beyond horizon at about 6°-8° elevation (canal bank terrain obstacle). Moved too fast and erratically to use theodolite tracking had one been available on the hike. See next sighting by 2 of the same group. (Sparks; BB files; BB Rpt 6 wrongly conflates 2 cases April 17 & 18 as one; Berliner) 7 secs 13 witnesses 1 Full Moon

> On April 17, Air Force Intelligence warned Col Burgess, at ADC Headquarters, Ent AFB, that a classified source (possibly an electronic intercept) had provided an "indication" of ominous Soviet military activity.

April 17, 1952; Alaska / Atlantic

7:00 PM. Nationwide Air Defense alert triggered by vapor trails and radar detections indicated a possible Soviet attack. (Jan Aldrich)

April 17 , 1952; Longmeadow, Mass. (BBU 1124)
8:30 p.m. S. B. Brooks and chemical engineer J. A. Eaton saw a round, deep orange object fly fast and erratic, occasionally emitting a shaft of light to the rear. (Berliner)

April 18, 1952; Bethesda, Maryland (BBU 1128)
11:30 [1:30?] a.m. (EST). R. Poerstal [Parstel?], Mrage, Watkins and another man [Young?] saw 7-9 circular, orange-yellow lights in a 40° V-formation fly overhead silently from S to N. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 18, 1952. Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada
Described as round or elliptical objects, yellow-gold in color, at estimated altitude of 2,000 ft, speed about 500 mph heading NE. (Sparks; NEAC History; NICAP, Jan Aldrich; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command

April 18, 1952; Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU 1129)
4 [3:30?] a.m. Janitor C. Hamilton saw a yellow-gold object make a sharp turn, leaving a short, dark trail. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 18, 1952; Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU 1131)
10:10 [9:40?] p.m. Reporter Chic Shave saw a round, yellow-gold object fly S then return. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 18, 1952; 50 miles NW of Kyushu, Japan (BBU 1130) [CCL Item # 29]
12:07 p.m. [9:07 p.m.?] A radar operator tracked unidentified target at 2,700 [2,100?] mph. (Berliner; UFOR Index) (Chop clearance list shows this as April 19. A T-6 pilot, Lt. D.C. Brigham, reported to ATIC the sighting of a small disc shaped object closing in on a fighter, maneuvering around it.)

April 18, 1952; Yuma Test Station, Arizona (BBU 1127)
(at airfield ?). Daytime. Cpl. McDowell, graduate engineer with propeller design experience, and graduate engineer PFC Slater, Army meteorological observers at 9575th Test Station Unit, Yuma Test Station, 6th Army (from among group in preceding Yuma sighting) saw a similar dull-white, circular object fly an irregular trajectory heading E, but with no contrail. Attempted to track with theodolite but object moved too fast and erratically. See previous sighting. (Sparks; BB files; BB Rpt 6 wrongly conflates 2 cases April 17 & 18 as one; Berliner) 5-10 secs 2 witnesses 1 Full Moon?

April 19, 1952; U.S. Planes Alerted

April 20, 1952; Flint, Michigan (BBU)
9:15-9:40 p.m. (EST?) Naval aviation student and wife and several others at a drive-in movie saw about 20 groups of 2-9 aircraft-shaped objects fly over enveloped in a red glow, mostly on straight-line course, except for occasional standard aircraft-like turns. (Battelle Unknown No. 2; FUFOR Index)

April 20, 1952; Toronto, Canada
At around 11:00 p.m. local time, the Air Traffic Control at Cleveland Hopkins Airport received calls that objects were sighted west of Toronto heading west and leaving vapor trails. Toronto ATC requested Cleveland to call Niagara AC&W for indentification. At

11:18 p.m., calls came in from 3 RCAF aircrew members who saw four objects traveling east to west. At 11:21 p.m., Buffalo Tower saw vapor trails NW of tower headed SE. At 11:28 p.m., London, Ontario, Tower saw trails north of London and Centralia Tower operator estimated they crossed from horizon to horizon in 3 seconds at between 30,000 and 35,000 feet. At this same time there were approximately 15 RCAF F-51 and T-3 aircraft airborne and most pilots reported seeing these objects. Trans-Canada Airlines pilots also saw these objects. One pilot reported he was able to track 11 objects on his radar equipment. He said they flew from horizon to horizon in 3 seconds. (Canadian Dept. of National Defence documents; Dan Wilson)

April 22, 1952; Condon, Oregon (BBU)
12:15 p.m. AC&W installation received a phone call from a Condon housewife who saw 3 fast-moving saucer-shaped objects moving E, to the N of Condon, in formation with the largest in the lead and "revolving" (rotating). Gray-brown on the underside and shiny metallic on all other sides. 2 mins (Sparks; Loren Gross UFO History; BB files; NICAP website/Rich Vitello & Robert Powell)

April 22, 1952; Naha AFB, Okinawa. (BBU 1144)
Bt. 9 p.m. & 10 p.m. A B-29 Combat Crew on the ground observed an elliptical-shaped object at an altitude of 1000 to 1500 feet flying east to west. One minute later two more objects were observed flying on that same course. Five minutes later two more objects were observed flying in the same direction. All five objects observed were elliptical in shaped and approximately 2-3 feet in length.The objects had a brilliant white light that blinked at 1-2 second intervals as they performed erratic maneuvers.. The estimated speed of the objects was 1000 knots (Dan Wilson, BB docs, Don Berliner)

April 24, 1952; Bellevue Hill, Vermont (BBU 1147)
5:00 a.m. Crew of USAF C-124 transport plane saw 3 circular, bluish objects in loose fingertip formation, 2 flying parallel to the plane. [See more details in dir] (Rich Vitello, Berliner; Project 1947)

April 24, 1952; Great Blue Hill near Milton, Mass. (BBU 1148)
2:30 p.m. (EST) AF Cambridge Research Center, Radar Systems Lsb, Electronics Research Div, electronics engineers, Alfred P. Furnish and Herbert J. Brun, and MIT electrical engineering senior Joseph Page, were in an observation tower on top of Great Blue Hill saw to the NW 2 very thin flat, dull reddish orange squarish objects with no corners or ovals pulled in at the waist about 10-15 ft wide, with a lip around outer edges, fly wobbly in consistently undulating "swooping" motion in horizontal flight at about 2,000 ft altitude. Objects then climbed about 15° elevation at an estimated 240 mph, then flew away and disappeared due to distance. No trail or exhaust, no sound, visibility 70+ miles. [Unclear whether observers used 6x aircraft tracking telescope.] (Berliner; FUFOR Index; Loren Gross Jan-May 1952)

April 24, 1952; Clovis, New Mexico (BBU 1151)
8:10 p.m. USAF Flight Surgeon Maj. E. L. Ellis saw many orange-amber lights, sometimes separate, sometimes fused, behave erratically, varying speed from motionless to very fast. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 24, 1952; Colorado Springs, Colorado
10:15 pm. MST. Civilian report in BB files but not a BBU. Project 10073 Record Card: "Dark (object) with luminous glow, swept wing, no fuselage. Straight and level maneuvers. Possibly conventional a/c except for the absence of sound. If object was large and report indicates it was, an a/c could be heard...Disappeared behind roof line. Viewed through bare tree branches - no sound. 10 times larger than jet a/c."

April 25, 1952. Thule Air Base, Greenland (BBU)
1 a.m. (AST). USAF Lt. Kenneth R. Boyle, Thule Air Base Operations, and a civilian USAF Arctic Rescue expert, Jorgen Busch, sighted vapor trail estimated at 30,000 ft above the base, emitted by an unseen object which could not be resolved in binoculars by Busch. Arctic daylight CAVU conditions. No known aircraft in area capable of generating vapor trail. (Sparks; BB files)

April 25, 1952; Darmstadt, West Germany (BBU)
9:15 pm. (2115 MT) Air Force instructor pilot and his co-pilot in a C-47 observed a brilliant white circular object at a point 2,000 over Darmstadt, West Germany. The pilot, Capt. Wienieski, took evasive action when the light appeared to be on a collision course with their aircraft. He contacted the main Rhein Tower and they in turn contacted Frankfort Airways and they reported that no other aircraft were in the area. The object was last seen climbing at a high rate of speed.in a northwest direction. (Weinstein; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index).

April 25, 1952; San Jose, California
Cat 2. Scientists close encounter with small daylight disc. (NICAP, Richard Hall)

April 27, 1952; Waskish, Minnesota
7:20 p.m. (CST). Ground Observer Corps Area Coordinator Roy Auney sighted cigar-shaped object with no wings, no sound, reflecting sunlight like polished aluminum. Object traveled about 30 miles due N at estimated altitude of 10,000 ft [apparently below the 25,000 ft scattered cloud layer] during 1-minute period of sighting [= ~1,800 mph]. (Sparks; NICAP / Rich Vitello & Robert Powell; BB files; Loren Gross History Jan-May 1952) 1 min 1 witness

April 27, 1952. 1952; Roseville, Mich. (BBU 1160)
4:15 p.m. H. A. Freytag [Freitag?] and 3 male relatives, including a minister, saw an silver oval roll, descend and stop. 2 silver cigar-shaped objects appeared, one departing to the E, one to the W; 3rd silver cigar flew by at high speed. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 27, 1952, Pontiac, Michigan
10:45-11:15 [10:06?] p.m. Family of 4 of Mr. [John ?] Hoffman in a car saw a brilliant white round-flat object with 2 tiers of windows descend from the NE, hover with rocking motion at about 15° elevation, stop and start at 100 mph drifting to NW. Witnesses pursued in car, lights went off and on 4 times changed color to whiteorange, got 4 other witnesses, called police, Detroit Times newspaper and Selfridge AFB. Object disappeared over treetops to NW. [Same witness(es) as in May 25, June 18, 1952, cases??] (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 70-73; FUFOR Index)

April 27, 1952; Yuma, Ariz. (BBU 1163)
8:30 p.m. Off-duty control tower operator M/Sgt. G. S. Porter and wife saw a bright red or flame-colored discs, appearing as large as fighter planes; 7 sightings of one disc, one of 2 in formation. All seen below 11,000 ft overcast. (Berliner)

April 28, 1952; Homewood, Illinois
5:00 pm. Two civilian witnesses reported to the Air Force that an object in the SE that resembled a white parachute was apparently circling a large airplane for about three minutes. Not listed in BB unknowns or Sparks CCPBBU.

April 29, 1952, AFL-200-5

Ruppelt:

> The number of reports did take a sharp rise a few days later, however. The cause was the distribution of an order that completed the transformation of the UFO from a bastard son to the family heir. The piece of paper that made Project Blue Book legitimate was Air Force Letter 200-5, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects. The letter, which was duly signed and sealed by the Secretary of the Air Force, in essence stated that UFO's were not a joke, that the Air Force was making a serious study of the problem, and that Project Blue Book was responsible for the study. The letter stated that the commander of every Air Force installation was responsible for forwarding all UFO reports to ATIC by wire, with a copy to the Pentagon. Then a more detailed report would be sent by airmail. Most important of all, it gave Project Blue Book the authority to directly contact any Air Force unit in the United States without going through any chain of command. This was almost unheard of in the Air Force and gave our project a lot of prestige.

April 29, 1952; Marshall, Texas (BBU 1167)
3:30 p.m. (CST). Private pilot R. R. Weidman [Weedsman?] saw a round, white object fly straight, with a side-to-side oscillation. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 29 [28?], 1952; N of Goodland, Kansas (BBU 1168)
10 p.m. (CST). B-29 bombardier Lt. R. H. Bauer saw a white fan-shaped light pulsing 3-4 times per second. (Berliner; Project 1947)

> Bruce Maccabee:
> Ruppelt's claim that at least some high level officers actually believed saucers were interplanetary is confirmed in an indirect way in a memorandum written on April 29, 1952. This document was written to justify a trip to Europe by Dr. Stephen Possony and Lt. Col. Sterling, both members of a special study group that had been organized to study "advanced delivery systems,"

April 30, 1952; Moriarty AFS, New Mexico (BBU)
7:40 and 7:46 a.m. (MST). CPS-5 radar tracking of 4,000 mph first target at 230° azimuth (about SW) at 149 miles range moving 11 miles per 10-sec sweep for 4 sweeps heading into the radar site. 2nd track at 7:46 a.m. of 4,000 mph target at 280° azimuth (about W) at 140 miles moving 11 miles per 10-sec sweep for 6 sweeps [toward the radar] until disappearing at about 70 miles range. (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

MAY

NARA-PBB1-51-52 May Sightings

> Ruppelt:
> In May 1952, Project Blue Book received 79 UFO reports compared to 99 in April. It looked as if we'd passed the peak and were now on the downhill side. The 178 reports of the past two months...had piled up a sizable backlog....During June we planned to clear out the backlog, and then we could relax. But never underestimate the power of a UFO. In June the big flap hit....- Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, (Ruppelt, pp. 138-39.)

Early May, 1952; Willow Grove, PA

Time not given. The Naval Air Station Ground Control Approach radar picked up a target in bad weather conditions near the center of the scope. By the next sweep (32 rpm) the target had moved almost five miles, indicating the object was moving approximately 3,600 mph. It was seen to move as the trace swept past it. (A similar evnt occurred at Washington National in July where the target "blossomed" on the scope.) By the fourth sweep the target had moved off to the ten mile limit of the GCA scope. Target was visible on two radar scopes, operating on two different fequencies, so this was no malfunction. Object was tracked the next day under similar weather conditions. (Project Interloper, Jan Aldrich)

May 1, 1952; Moses Lake, Washington (BBU 1174)

0532 PST, Civilian AEC employees observed a slow moving wingless silver object at 5,000 feet altitude in the Hanford area. Sighting lasted 1 1/2 minutes.

May 1, 1952; Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz. (BBU)

9:10 am. Two shiny discs overtook a B-36 bomber as it passed over Davis-Monthan AFB in the morning, slowed and positioned themselves near the plane. One moved close alongside and was observed from the waist blister by the crew members. Witnesses on the ground also saw the objects, which were about 20-25 feet in diameter. After several minutes the objects departed at extremely high speed in a southerly direction. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 109-112; FUFOR Index)

May 1, 1952; George AFB and Apple Valley, California (BBU 1176)

10:50 a.m. (PDT?). 3 men on the arms range, plus Lt. Col. Lyle Albert Silvernail 4 miles away in Apple Valley saw 5 flat-white discs about the diameter of a C-47's wingspan [95 ft] or length of P-51 [32 ft] fly fast about 1,000 mph at about 4,000 ft height, make a 90° turn in a formation of 3 in front and 2 behind, and dart around. Silvernail reported the sighting and was told radar was tracking the object(s) and fighters were being scrambled. Note: Recent informations suggests Silvernail confirmed a radar track. See link above. (Berliner; NICAP) 15-30 secs 5+ witnesses 2 Full Moons ? RV?

May 3, 1952; Sydney, Australia (METEOR).

Morning. Two airline pilots and a Royal Australian Air Force officer watched a spectacular object that sped through the skies on a course between Parks and Sydney. Another version was related by a Mr. William Anderson who asserted he viewed the UFO from a location on the outskirts of Sydney with two companions. He described an "airship or flying submarine carrying winking colored lights" that exceeded an airliner in size by three to four times. (UP dispatch, Loren Gross, UFOs A History, pgs. 69 & 70/ ref 247 Holledge, Stephen, Flying Saucers Over Australia, Melbourne, Horwitz, 1965, pp. 31-32.

May 5, 1952; Tenafly, New Jersey (BBU 1183)

10:45 p.m. Mrs. M. M. Judson saw 6-7 translucent, cream-yellow objects, one moved in an ellipse, others moved in and out. (Berliner) The objects were observed for approximately 4 to 5 minutes.

May 7, Keesler AFB, Mississippi (BBU 1185)

12:15 p.m. (CST). Capt. Morris, a Master Sergeant, a Staff Sergeant, and an Airman First Class saw an aluminum or silver cylindrical object dart in and out of the clouds 10 times. (Berliner)

May 7, Barra da Tijuca, Brazil

Questionable UFO photos.

May 8, 1952; Atlantic, 600 miles E of Jacksonville, Florida (BBU)
2:27 a.m. (EST?) Pilot Capt. Cent and copilot 1st Ofcr Gallagher of Pan Am Flight 203 flying DC-4 airliner at 8,000 ft on 180° heading from NYC to San Juan, Puerto Rico, saw brilliant white approaching from the left below the solid overcast at 10,000 ft. and streak by the left [?] wing at 1/8 to 1/4 mile, followed by 2 smaller orange balls of fire. (NARCAP; McDonald list; Project 1947; Ruppelt pp. 133-4)

> Ruppelt:
> May 8, Washington, D.C. Secretary of the Air Force Thomas K. Finletter was briefed for an hour about the Project Blue Book UFO study. He listened intently and asked several questions about specific sightings when the briefing was finished. (Ruppelt, p. 138.)

May 9, 1952; George AFB, Calif. (BBU 1194)
10:30 a.m. 2 USAF F-86 pilots (Crown and another) in the air and a witness on the ground saw a round silver object. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

May 10, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
3:00 p.m. MST. USAF Lt. Col. Maurice G. Bechtel and his wife in the yard of their home saw two silvery disc-shaped objects flying straight and level one after the other moving SW to NE at above 20,000 ft. The first object seemed to waver on axis or "flop over," second object followed similar path but at higher altitude. First object was described as being the size of a B-36 at high altitude. Officer alerted radar station but unable to track object(s). 5-10 mins (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

May 10, 1952; Paphos, SW Cyprus (BBU)
8:30 p.m. British scientist and others saw a luminous circular object rise from sea level, waver back and forth for an interval before fading from sight directly overhead. (Jan Aldrich)

May 10, 1952; Ellenton, S.C. (BBU 1198)
10:45 pm. Employees of DuPont Corporation at the Savannah River Plant, Atomic Energy Commission, saw four disc-shaped objects approach, then two other discs pass high overhead from different directions. They were luminous yellow-gold color, traveling at a high rate of speed. One disc approached at such a low altitude that it had to rise up to pass over some tall tanks at the facility. One witness reported that the objects were weaving from left to right while continuing on a steady course. (FBI report.)

> May 11, 1952; Investigation Requested With Top Priority
> The investigation of the Glen Burnie, Maryland, sighting was requested by Col. Cook for General Ackerman and was to be given top priority. (See March 29)

May 11, 1952; George AFB, Calif. (BBU)
Grendilund. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

May 12, 1952; Roswell, New Mexico
8:45 PM (MST). Restricted document shows an unidentified flying object was sighted by Walker AFB Tech Sgt Raymond Bare in a car in downtown Roswell. The object was blue-green in color and its estimated altitude above the terrain was 20,000 to 30,000 feet,

estimated distance of 40-50 miles over some (low) mountains E. of Ruidosa at about 270 due W.. The object traveled three times over approximately the same S-N, E-W swaying triangular course. Rate of speed could not be precisely estimated but was faster than that of jet aircraft. Intensity of color brightness varied with the objects altitude. (AF Form 112, Fran Ridge)

May 13, 1952; El Centro Naval Air Station, California (BB)
At 3:15 a.m. PST, an F9F pilot taking off from El Centro NAS saw what appeared to be a shooting star diving at an angle of 60 degrees. At around the same time there was a report from the El Centro Sheriff's Office of five "Flying Saucers" as large as B-36's with a light underneath. They disappeared to the southwest at terrific speed. All told there were four separate reports of unidentified aerial object in the El Centro area on this date. (Blue Book docs, Dan Wilson)

May 13, 1952; George AFB, California (BB)
At 2:25 p.m. PDST, a pilot and an observer in an T-6G aircraft flying at 10,500 feet altitude observed a white or silver round object at an estimated altitude of 45,000 feet. The passenger stated that he was looking at the object almost directly overhead when it disappeared very fast, almost like a light being turned off. The object was observed for approximately 30 minutes. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

May 13, 1952; National City, California
8:55 p.m. PDT. A meteor-like object was seen descending over the San Diego Bay area flying in a curving path to the northwest. Later the same or similar object was seen flying nearly the opposite course over the Bay Area.

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May 13, 1952; Greenville, So. Carolina (BBU) Chop Clearance List Item # 15.
10:33 p.m. (EST). Richardson and 3 other amateur astronomers set up telescopes at dark area of Furman University when they saw a diamond formation of 4 oval reddish-yellow or reddish-brown luminous objects nearly overhead and disappeared after 3 secs motion through 12° arc [or at 12° elevation?]. Apparent size of half dollar at arms length, 1/4 turned and wobbling in flight. (BB Status Rpt; FUFOR Index) (Incorrectly listed on Chop Clearance as May 18, 1952).

May 14, 1952; George AFB, Calif. (BBU)
1:05 p.m. (PST). [Same as May 13?] (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

May 14, 1952; Mayaquez, Puerto Rico (BBU 1213)
7 p.m. Attorney and ex-USAF pilot Mr. Stipes and Sr. GarciaMendez saw 2 shining orange spheres: one was stationary, while the other darted away and back for 30 mins. (Berliner)

May 15, 1952; S of Changsong-ni and N of Nangnim Mountain, North Korea (BBU)
11 a.m. USAF Lt. McCarthy and another pilot flying two F-86E jets, 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing, 25th FI Sq, at 30,000 ft, airspeed 500 knots, on 280° heading. Sighted a silvery ovalshaped object larger than a MiG jet airplane at 9 o'clock position below, to the S, at estimated altitude of 8,000-10,000 ft, about 1,200-1,500 mph, and about 20 miles away. Object on S to N straight flight path in a "rolling maneuver," disappeared at about 3 o'clock position to N. (Jan Aldrich)

May 15, 1952; S of Changsong-ni and N of Nangnim Mountain, North Korea (BBU)
6:35 p.m. USAF F-51 fighter pilot of 18th Fighter Bomber Group flying F-51 at 9,000 ft

on 180° heading at 240 mph sighted 50 ft diameter silver object at 1 o'clock position moving to 3 o'clock at 1,000 mph at about the same altitude, which then started a steep climb, but at the top of the loop the object resumed a horizontal course (heading 360° or N) wavered momentarily, descended and disappeared into the haze which reached an altitude of about 7,000-8,000 feet. (Jan Aldrich)

May 15, 1952; Georgetown, Washington, D.C (BBU)
10:25 p.m. (EST) [9:35? 9:50? p.m. EDT?] USN Lt. H. W. Taylor and Lt. P. G. R. and two girls saw soft golden glowing oval object on straight level path heading S moved through 70° arc. (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

May 18, 1952; Greenville, S.C.; Chop [CCL Item # 15].
Four amateur astronomers observed a diamond-shaped formation, oval shaped objects, wobbled in flight.

May 19, 1952; 30 miles SW of San Angelo, TX (BBU)
7:48 p.m. (CST). USAF 31st Strategic Recon Sq pilot and crew of RB36 flying at 18,000 ft on a 301° heading at 214 mph TAS, Capt. Gerard A. Sharrock, Capt. Jack L. Bailey, Capt. Bernice O. Bowers, 1st Lt. Constantine G. Kollinzas, 2nd Lt. Norman V. Stewart, S/Sgt. John J. Fisher, S/Sgt. William O. Warr, A/1c Robert Schick, saw 7 bright white circular or doughnut shaped white contrails, like lenticular clouds, stacked vertically about 10°-20° elevation estimated distance 50-75 miles height ranging from 25,000 to 60,000 ft about 1 mile wide. Sighted through 6x binoculars and photographed in 6 frames with 35 mm camera by Bailey, also seen by radar station ground observer alerted by radio. Contrails persisted for at least 1520 mins possibly 1 hr. Last seen when RB-36 was at 30°53' N, 101°20' W. (Jan Aldrich)

May 20, 1952; George AFB, Calif. (BBU)
1:25 p.m. (PST). (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

May 20, 1952; Houston, Texas. (BBU 1219)
10:10 p.m. Sighted from the ground. USAF pilots Capt. J. Spurgin and Capt. B. Stephan [Steven?] saw a bright or white oval object move from side-to-side while making a gradual turn. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

May 22, 1952; Falls Church [or Alexandria], Virginia (BBU)
Bet. 1 and 2 a.m. Top CIA official and several dinner guests, including a retired general, noticed noiseless red light approach from W at about 5,000 ft then suddenly climb almost vertically in the SE, stop, level out for a few secs, go into near vertical dive, level off, disappear to the E. (Ruppelt pp. 135-6; BB Status Rpt 7; Jan Aldrich).

May 23, 1953; Union of S. Africa
South African headquarters announced radar had tracked an unidentified object near the Cape at over 1000 mph. [Prescott Evening Courier, May 22; UFOE, VIII]. "Radar operators picked up an unknown object which passed over the Cape six times at a speed definitely exceeding 1,250 miles an hour. Each time it passed it was within radar range, for sixteen seconds at distances varying from 35,000 to 50,000 feet, and altitudes between 5,000 and 17,000 feet." (Michel/McDonald)

May 23, 1952; Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
4:00-4:45 p.m. (MST). USAF CO of 135th AC&W Sq ADC radar site, Lt. Col. Orlando W. Stephenson Jr., and other staff of radar site, Senior Director Lt. William J. Hopkins, Capt. Clarence R. Holloway, Lt. Edwin G. Kenyon, Philco radar tech rep John B. Cooper, and at least one other witness (door guard), saw a silvery or aluminum color flat

on the bottom, slightly rounded on top, the highest part off center to the left, in the W at 268° azimuth 2° elevation at an estimated height of about 1,000-3,000 ft at 10-20 miles distance, seen through transit telescope, 7x 50mm binoculars and possibly theodolite [?]. Object reflected sunlight at varying irregular intervals of brightness for 3 secs to 2-3 mins and then dark or invisible for similar periods, headed to the right descending below the horizon at 271° azimuth about 0° elevation. Radar and 93rd FI Sq F-86D fighter interception unsuccessful. (Jan Aldrich)

May 24, 1952; Zuni, New Mexico (BBU)
1:27 a.m. Pilot of TWA airliner Brass saw 2 reddish torpedo-shaped objects appear in front of the aircraft. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

May 25, 1952; Tierra Amarilla AFS, New Mexico
9:58 a.m. An unknown object was detected on radar traveling 1800 mph, at Tierra Amarillo AFS, New Mexico. The object passed directly across the Los Alamos area. [See report below] (Dan Wilson)

May 25, 1952; Randolph AFB, Texas. (BBU)
9:27 p.m. (CST). USAF navigator in charge of navigation section of Combat Crew Training School, Capt. J. S. J., his wife, and pilot Lt. P. H., saw a group of about 12 orange-white tear-drop shaped lights, points forward, in 3 groups of 4 objects moving from W to E at high speed 2,000 mph at 10,000 ft at 70° elevation. Heard deep soft intermittent noise. (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; cf. Ruppelt p. 140; FUFOR Index)

May 25, 1952; Walnut Lake, Mich (BBU 1227)
9:15 p.m. John Hoffman, his wife and 3 children, and friends Mr. and Mrs. William Mienk, saw a large white to yellow moon-shaped object having dark sections on its rim, fly straight and level slowly to the west, appearing red when behind a cloud. The object was estimated to be 200 feet in diameter and 20 foot thick. The party followed the object in a car for 1/2 mile when the object changed direction and headed north.The object was viewed for approximately 30 minutes when the object was lost and could not be found. [Same witness(es) as in April 27, June 18, 1952, cases??] (Berliner, Wilson)

May 25, 1952; Los Alamos, New Mexico
11:30 p.m. Radiation was detected. Earlier, at 09:58 hours, an unknown object was detected on radar traveling 1800 mph, at Tierra Amarillo AFS, New Mexico. The object passed directly across the Los Alamos area.

May 26, 1952; North Korea (BBU)
3:20 a.m. local. USAF pilot and radar observer flying in an F-94C jet fighter saw and radar tracked a bright white object that accelerated to high speed, and tracked by ground radar. (Weinstein; FUFOR Index)

May 28, 1952; Saigon, French Indo-China (BBU 1232)
10:30 a.m. Many in crowd watching a ceremony saw a white-silver disc-shaped object fly straight and fast. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

May 28, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 1233)
1:45-2:40 p.m. (PST). City fire department employees Romero and Atterbury saw 2 circular objects, one shiny silver and the other orange or light brown, 3 times performing fast maneuvers. (Berliner)

May 28, 1952; E of Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 1233b)

8:10 p.m. MST. During a night refueling mission USAF crews of five B-29 bombers reported seeing green spherical objects. The primary sighting took place near Albuquerque and involved three B-29s flying at 15,000'. Another sighting was made at around 11:30 p.m. local time, at an area 10 miles southwest of Tulsa, Oklahoma. That crew was flying at 25,000'. Three hours later the final sighting took place near Enid, California, also with a B-29 at 25,000'. The aircrews making these reports expressed the opinion that the objects were not meteorites. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

May 29, 1952; Near the Florida Keys

At approximately 1700 hours two elliptical in shape objects larger than a fighter type aircraft were observed from the USN aircraft carrier Oriskany CV-34. One observer watched the objects through a telescope. The Radar Officer viewed the objects on the radar scope. The objects appeared to have a bubble on the top. Each object was leaving a white vapor trail. The objects' course paralleled that of the carrier. (Blue Book Microfilm)

May 29, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 1236)

7 p.m. USAF pilot Maj. D. W. Feuerstein [Weinstein?], on ground, saw a bright tubular object tilt from horizontal to vertical for 8 mins, then slowly return to horizontal, again tilt vertically, accelerate, appear to lengthen and turn red. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

May 30, 1952; Japan Sea, S of Oshima island, Japan (BBU)

7 p.m. 3 USAF crew members of C-54 transport plane saw a round black object first motionless then moving rapidly to the W. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

May 31, 1952; S of Chorwon, South Korea (BBU)

3:45-55 a.m. Bright object to NE fell from about 3,500-3,600 ft to 2,000-2,600 ft height then ascended to 3,000-4,000 ft, headed E about 1/2 mile with jerky motion, stopped, reversed coursed to NE again at a speed of about 100-150 mph, reversed again heading E, climbed at 25° angle increasing to 45° angle away in 3-4 secs accelerating with jerky motion to disappearance. Second guard at different location Post 6 saw same but also heard "pulsating sound" and saw disc shape. Duration 2 mins. At about 3:50 a.m. 319th FI Sq F-94 interception of white-bluish round object on airborne radar for 9 mins at 500 mph at 6,000 ft height heading 90° initially, maneuvering down to 1,000 ft then up to 28,000 ft. disappearing on 45° heading. (Hynek UFO Report)

> Richard Hall:
> Through the first 5 months of 1952, the Air Force Project Blue Book investigators had noticed a build-up of UFO sightings. Then, according to project chief Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, In June the big flap hit....The objects displayed intelligent control by circling, maneuvering, reacting to pursuit, and otherwise demonstrating extraordinary capabilities unlike any known technology or natural phenomenon, such as sharp turns, rapid vertical motions, and sudden reversals of direction. Radar repeatedly confirmed the presence of unidentified solid objects.
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> Ruppelt:
> ......the Air Force was taking UFOs seriously because a lot of good reports were coming in from Korea. Pilots were seeing silvery discs and spheres, and radar in Japan, Korea, and Okinawa all had tracked unidentified targets. (Ruppelt, p. 192.)

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NARA-PBB1-53-55, June Sightings

Summer, 1952; Itenhaem, Brazil
3:00 am. A woman was awakened by a thunderclap and a strong bluish light. As she got out, she saw a large number of hovering disk-shaped machines resembling "inverted soup plates" 200 m away at an altitude of about 1 m. She observed them for 30 min, saw two figures standing on one of the craft and looking at the sky. They went back inside, and shortly thereafter the "fleet" took off, one object at a time. (FSR 68,1)

Summer, 1952; Martin County, Texas
Mrs. Rogers saw an object descend slowly and pass across a pasture at 7 m altitude. She stopped her car and observed it was "wobbling" in mid-air, was shaped like a turtle, and showed three oarlike protrusions that moved slowly. Estimated dimensions: 5 by 4 m, 1 m thick. It was greenish-gray in color, emitted a blue flame, but showed no other light. (Barker 78)

Summer of 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico
F-86 Shooting incident. (Ruppelt, see Sept. 1952)

Summer 1952; MacDill AFB, Florida
USAF Colonel, B-29 pilot investigated radar target, saw glowing ellipse which reversed direction and sped away. [UFOE, III]

June, 1952; Tombstone, Arizona
Cat 11. Williams case (M)

> June 1952  CIA Prepares Secret UFO Report
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> In the wake of mass public and governmental interest in UFO's kindled by the provocative LIFE magazine article, CIA intelligence experts Sidney N. Graybeal (Chief, Guided Missiles Branch, Weapons & Equipment Division, Office of Scientific Intelligence OSI) and Irl D'Arcy Brent (Chief, Ground Branch, W&E Division, OSI) prepare a summary of the UFO subject for the CIA/OSI hierarchy based on the past several years of OSI intelligence (and OSI predecessor documents going back to ghost rockets of 1946) and mentioning sightings go back to the Bible.  Possibility of swamp gas in Michigan as an explanation for UFO's is suggested by Brent (foreshadowing the Hynek swamp-gas fiasco in Michigan in 1966).  (Report has never been acknowledged or released by the CIA despite FOIA litigation.  Report's existence and contents was revealed in Sparks interviews with Brent and Graybeal and other OSI officials in 1975-6.)  (Brad Sparks)

June 1, 1952; Los Angeles, California
At Hughes Aircraft Company, a crew of test section radar technicians were tracking what they thought was an airliner, when it suddenly climbed rapidly to 55,000 feet, leveled  off and sped away. (Ruppelt)

June 1, 1952; Walla Walla, Washington (BBU 1245)
1 p.m. Ex-military pilot Reserve Maj. W. C. Vollendorf saw an oval object with a "definite airfoil" perform a fast climb. (Berliner)

June 1, 1952; Soap Lake, Washington (BBU 1246)
3 p.m. [+-?] Ray Lottman saw 3 glimmering objects fly straight and level. (Berliner)

June 1, 1952; Rapid City, South Dakota (BBU 1243)
6:00 p.m. local time. A/1C William Beatty saw two civilians looking and pointing at something in the sky. Beatty then also looked to the sky and saw five or more objects that he did not recognize as airplanes. They were long and slender silver colored objects flying in a box-like formation with a leader in front. The objects were traveling to the south at a high rate of speed with no sound or exhaust visible. Beatty watched the object for 15-20 seconds before they disappeared. Beatty was steadfast in stating that the objects were not conventional aircraft. (Berliner)

June 2, 1952; Bayview, Washington (BBU 1249)
5:02 p.m. Larry McWade saw a purple object for unknown length of time. No further information in files. (Berliner)

June 2, 1952. Fulda, West Germany (BBU 1250)
Time unknown. 1st Lt. John Hendry, photo-navigator on an RB-26C recon bomber, saw a porcelain-white object fly very fast for an unknown length of time. (Berliner)

June 3, 1952; Chicago, Illinois (BB)
9:27 a.m. CST. Six to 10 targets were detected on AN/CPS 6B radar of the 755th AC&W Squadron. These targets were at the GEO. REF. position of DM 3012, on a heading of 310 degrees at an altitude of 25,000 feet at an estimated speed of 450 mph. The controller on duty checked with C.A.A. and M.F.S. for flight plans, but they had no flight plans. These radar targets were then declared unknowns, and an F-86 aircraft was scrambled out of O'Hare Field. The F-86 flying at 29,000 feet was radar directed toward the unknowns and merged with the unknown track. The F-86 was unable to sight any aircraft at the position occupied by the unknown track. At 9: 46 a.m., the unknown track turned to a heading of 140 degrees and followed the lake shore to position CM 5542. The unknowns then turned to a heading of 90 degrees and maintained this until position DM 3545. Now the unknown turned to a heading of 120 degrees and faded out at 10:16 p.m. The target indication was very strong on the PPI scope. During this incident a total of eight (8) aircraft were scrambled from three (3) different bases but no interception was accomplished. (Dan Wilson)

June 4, 1952; Centre, Chartiers, France
6:45 pm. Witnesses at church, large disc with 2 smaller ones, left vertically. (Loren Gross)

June 4, 1952; Stuttgart, West Germany (BBU)
7:30 p.m. USAF pilot and copilot of C-47 transport saw a circular object with white lights on the leading edge. One witness was a Lt. Colonel Whitman who was shortly thereafter assigned to the Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Air Force. The object/light crossed in front of the C-47 aircraft at about 7,000 feet, about 2,000 feet higher than the C-47. The object was on a heading of approximately 270 degrees at a speed as great or greater than a jet fighter at cruise. The object was estimated to be 1 to 2 miles west of the C-47 and at this time the object made a fairly tight turn of approximately 145 degrees. The pilot, Capt. Gerald M. Jones turned the aircraft to try and intercept the object. The object approached rapidly. At this time Capt. Jones was able to observer the silhouette of the object. It appeared to be circular with white lights on the leading edge. At this point the object made a sharp turn to the left on a heading of 270 degrees and disappeared under the nose of the aircraft. The estimated total time the object was observed was not more than 3 minutes. (Weinstein, BB files, Dan Wilson)

June 5, 1952; Lubbock, Texas (BBU 1255)
11 p.m. Dan Benson and Mr. Bacon saw a total of 8 yellow circular objects, like large stars, the first 2 in a trail formation, the others seen singly. (Berliner)

> June 5, 1952 AF Intelligence Initiates Staff Studies on UFO's
> AF Intelligence initiates a series of internal Staff Studies on UFO's, inspired by Gen. Garland's new policy emphasizing instrumentation, which are circulated within AFOIN and its field element ATIC. Staff Studies lead to policy and project plan approved by Director of Intelligence, Gen. Samford, on July 28. (Brad Sparks)

June 5, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 1256)
6:45 p.m. S/Sgt T. H. Shorey, a member of the elite 4925 Test Group (atomic) at Kirtland AFB, saw a shiny round object fly 5-6 times as fast as an F-86 jet fighter. (Berliner)

June 5, 1952; Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska (BBU 1257)
11 p.m. 2nd Lt. W. R. Soper, a Strategic Air Command TOP SECRET Control Officer, former AFOSI agent; and 2 others saw a bright red stationary object for 4.5 mins before speeding away with a short tail. (Berliner)

> Early July 1952 Mysterious Dr. "X" Predicts UFO Flap
> A mysterious government scientist visits Ruppelt at Project BLUE BOOK and predicts the UFO flap, as hitting New York City or Washington, D.C. I have identified this Dr. "X" as Dr. Stefan T. Possony, Acting Chief of the AFOIN Special Study Group and top scientific adviser to AFOIN Director Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, who was also a leading military strategist and psychological warfare expert. Possony evidently studied the plans for the continental joint SAC-ADC operation Exercise SIGN POST planned for late July and deduced that the planned simulated SAC "attack" on either NY or Washington to test ADC air defenses would trigger false UFO sightings (and in fact SAC did "attack" Washington, but the simulated air raid was on July 23 not on the July 19-20 or 26-27 dates of Washington National UFO incidents). (Brad Sparks)

June 6, 1952: Kimpo AB, Korea (BBU)
8:42 a.m. (Missing BBU docs found) Flight Sergeant saw cylinder-section flat disc-shaped object, width/diameter ratio 1:7, doing a series of erratic spinning and tumbling motions, level flight, hovering, shooting straight up, level flight, tumbling, changing course, disappearing into the sun in the E, reappearing back and forth across the sun. At one point an F-86 fighter passed in front of object. (Battelle Unknown No. 7)

June 7, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 1260)
11:18 a.m. Crew of B-25 bomber #8840 at 11,500 ft saw a rectangular aluminum object, about 6 ft x 4 ft, fly 250-300 ft below them. (Berliner)

June 8, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico. (BBU 1263)
10:50 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Markland saw 4 shiny objects fly straight and level in a diamond formation. (Berliner)

> June 9, 1952 - Time Article
> by Dr. Donald H. Menzel, "Those Flying Saucers," "Light reflections "given as explanation/

June 9, 1952; Minneapolis, Minnesota (BBU missing)

(Case missing) (Berliner)

June 12, 1952; Ft. Smith, Arkansas (BBU 1269)
7:30 p.m. U.S. Army Major and Lt. Colonel using binoculars saw an orange ball with a tail fly with a low angular velocity. (Berliner)

June 12, 1952; Marrakech, Morocco (BBU 1270)
11:26 a.m. T/Sgt. H. D. Adams, using an SCR-584 radar set, tracked an unidentified target at 650 knots (750 mph) at 60,000+ ft altitude. (Berliner)

June 13, 1952, Fox Hill, Virginia, OSI UFO Report
10:30 a.m. An aluminum awning salesman observed an object described as similar to a discussed in athletics, about 25 to 30 feet in diameter hovering approximately 200 feet over a group of pine trees at Fox Hill, Virginia. The object made a slight whistling sound. After approximately 10 seconds the object tilted slightly, flew upward at an angle of 45 degrees and away from him at a tremendous speed.

June 13, 1952; Le Bourget; France (airport).
Control tower operators and pilot watched brilliant light source cross sky SW of field after hovering for about an hour. [UFOE, X]

June 13, 1952; Middletown, Pennsylvania (BBU 1273)
8:45 p.m. (EST). R. S. Thomas, Olmstead AFB employee and former control tower operator, saw a round orange object travel S, stop for 1 sec, turn E, stop 1 sec, and drop down. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

June. 15, 1952; Magneville, France
Men at work in the forest saw large, circular objects similar to parachutes coming down. Half a dozen witnesses. (France-Soir Jun. 18, 52)

June 15, 1952; Louisville [Boundsville], Kentucky (BBU 1285)
11:50 pm. Edward Duke, a former Navy radar technician saw an unidentified cigar-shaped object in the vicinity of Standiford Field. It had a light on either side of the fuselage and a reddish hue on the trailing end. The object appeared to be moving at about 400-500 m.p.h., and maneuvered around in several directions for 15 minutes, then descended and flew away to the northeast. (Dan Wilson, PBB files; Berliner; FUFOR Index)

June 16, 1952; Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico (BBU 1295)
8:30 p.m. USAF maintenance specialist S/Sgt. Sparks saw 5-6 grayish discs, in a half-moon formation, fly at 500-600 mph. (Berliner)

June 17, 1952; Cape Cod, Mass (BBU 1299)
1:28 a.m. USAF pilot of F-94 jet interceptor saw a light like a bright star cross the nose of the jet. No further information in the files. (Berliner)

June 17, 1952; McChord AFB, Wash. (BBU 1298)
Between 7:30 and 10:20 p.m. Many witnesses saw 1-5 large silver yellow objects flying erratically, stop and start. (Berliner)

June 18, 1952; Columbus, Wisconsin (BBU 1302)
9 a.m. R. Mr. A. Finger observed from the ground a cresent-shaped object in the sky resembling a new moon in size and shape. The object was motionless for a few seconds and then moved N and vanished almost instantaneously. Two jets were in the area at the

time of the sighting on a camera gunnery mission, and were seen by Mr. Finger to the SSW. The object was at a lower altitude than the two jet aircraft. (Dan Wilson, Berliner)

June 18, 1952; Walnut Lake [Pontiac], Mich. (BBU 1305)
10 p.m. Marron [Marion ?] Hoffman and 4 relatives, using 4x binoculars, saw an orange light zigzag then hover for an unspecified length of time. [Same witness(es) as in April 27, May 25, 1952, cases??] (Berliner)

June 18, 1952; 100 miles E of March AFB, Calif. (BBU)
A UFO paced a B-25 bomber for 30 minutes. No explanation could be found for the object and it was classified as an unknown.(Ruppelt p. 146; etc.)

June 19, 1952; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU 1308)
2:37 a.m. 2nd Lt. A'Gostino and unidentified radar operator saw a red light turn white while wobbling. Radar tracked a stationary target that suddenly enlarged then returned to previous size possibly a disc rotating to present wider reflective surface. (Berliner; cf. Ruppelt p. 146)

June 19, 1952; Yuma, Arizona (BBU 1310)
2:30 p.m. MST (2130hrs UTC). USAF pilot John Lane, who was in a swimming pool, sighted an object in the sky, using his naked eye. When he looked up, he saw one, white, round object [based on a comparison to the Moon – estimated angular size was 0.1 degree] travelling in a straight line from west to east. He estimated it was initially seen at 45-degree elevation; it then passed across the face of the Sun and was then visible on the other side, and lost to sight at an estimated 30-degree elevation. Total duration was 10 seconds. Sky was clear blue; with little or no wind. A telex says the object's true heading was about 70 degrees. (Greenwood, Basterfield, Fold3; Sparks PBB unknowns; Berliner. ) [Note by Keith Basterfield. At UTC 1952-06-19 21:30 the Sun was at an elevation of 64 degrees, at azimuth 255 degrees. Sources: Your Sky Fourmilab; Heavens Above.]

June 20, 1952; Central Korea (BBU 1313)
3:03 p.m. A flight of 4 USMC Capts. and pilots of F4U-4B Corsair fighters with 7302nd Sq five Marine Corps on a mission spotted a silvery-white object passing below them, banking into a left turn. As the object circled around, the Marine flight leader dove toward the object, which appeared to be 10-20 feet in diameter and it flew away at an estimated speed of 1,000 m.p.h. and disappeared toward friendly lines. (BB files)

June 20, 1952; Near Paulette, Mississippi (BBU)
8:26 p.m. USAF pilot Lt. Milo Roberts and bombardier Lt. Julius Prottengeier with 308th Bomb Sq, 310th Bomb Wing, Forbes AFB, Kansas, flying a B-29 bomber (s/n 44-62204) at 190 mph at 17,000 ft saw a cone-shaped object approach on collision course from the 2 o'clock position, before evasive action object made sharp left left and disappeared, followed by a 2nd object [?]. Object's length/width ratio 3:1, about 8-10 ft long at 1,2001,500 ft away or 100 ft if at 15 miles away. (NARCAP; BB files??)

June 20, 1952; Oak Ridge [Maryville], Tenn. (BBU)
10:58-11:15 p.m. (EST). Oak Ridge GOC post spotted target, confirmed by ADC 663rd AC&W radar [?], followed by F-47 fighter on combat airpatrol protecting Oak Ridge AEC base (USAF Lt James W. Wilson) of a 6-8-inch [?] white blinking light which made ramming attacks on the F-47 at 10,000 or 15,000 ft (?) to 22,000 ft by dropping down 4,000-5,000 ft, F-47 indicated air speed ~290 mph. Final attack run from UFO came from estimated 28,000 ft down to F-47 at 22,000 ft. Attempted BB explanation of lighted weather balloon "dog-fight" failed as the lighted 100-gram pilot balloon was

launched from McGee-Tyson Airport near Maryville at 10:00 p.m. and was tracked by weather observers until light failed at 10:15 p.m. at 16,000 ft (43 mins before the UFO sighting) who saw no F-47 or UFO or "dog-fight." (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 10, pp. 1481-1497; Ruppelt pp. 43-44; Menzel 1963) [Click on link for update and docs]

June 21, 1952; Kelly AFB, Texas (BBU 1319)
12:30 p.m. T/Sgt. Howard Davis, flight engineer of B-29 bomber at 8,000 ft altitude, saw a flat object with a sharply pointed front and rounded rear, white with a dark blue center and red rim, trailing sparks as it dove past the B-29 at a distance of 500 ft, in 1 sec. (Berliner)

June 22, 1952; Pyungthek, South Korea (BBU 1323)
10:45 p.m. 2 U.S. Marine Sgts. saw a 4 ft diameter orange object dive at a runway from the N dropping from 800 ft to 100 ft altitude over W end of runway, shooting 2-5 ft red flames, then head W at about 300-450 mph for 2-3 secs, hover briefly over a hill, turn 180° in 45-60 secs, flash, head E 1/2 mile, flash again and blink out. No sound. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 82-83)

June 23, 1952; Oak Ridge, Tenn. (BBU 1334)
3:30 a.m. Secretary Martha Milligan saw a bullet-shaped object with burnt-orange exhaust fly straight and level. (Berliner)

June 23, 1952; Location unknown, but information came via Japan Hq CV 4359 (BBU)
6:08 a.m. USAF pilot Wermack of the 18th Fighter-Bomber Group saw a black coin-shaped object, 15-20 ft in diameter, at 6,000 ft approach to within 1,500 ft, then make an irregular descent. (Berliner; Project 1947)

June 23, 1952; Near Owensboro, Kentucky (BBU 1335)
10 a.m. National Guard Lt. Col. O. L. Depp saw 2 objects looking like giant soap bubbles reflecting yellow and lavender colors, fly in trail. (Berliner)

June 23, 1952; Spokane, Wash (BBU 1331)
4:05 p.m. Airport weather observer Rex Thompson saw a round disc with a metallic shine flash, and flutter like a flipped coin. (Berliner)

June 23, 1952; McChord AFB, Wash (BBU 1332)
9 p.m. 2nd Lt. K. Thompson saw a very large light fly straight and level. No further information. (Berliner)

June 23, 1952; Kirksville AFS, Missouri (BBU)
7:30 or 7:35 p.m. USAF ADC radar operators Lt. A. N. Robinson, Jr., and Airman Ray H. Foote, plus 5 other controllers, officers and maintenance technicians, tracked one (two?) unidentified target with a clear sharp return about the size of a B-29's (or B-50 or B36) suddenly appear 80-85 miles NNW of radar site moving at a constant speed of about 3,600 mph [to 4,300 mph] on a straight path of about 120-125 miles headed 357° or almost due N to disappearance off scope. (Hynek-CUFOS files)

June 25, 1952; Tokyo, Japan. (BBU 1340)
(Berliner)

June 25, 1952; Michigan (BBU)
(FUFOR Index)

June 25, 1952; Japan-Korea area. (BBU 1347)
Military witness(es). Case missing [?]. (NARA)

June 25, 1952; Chicago, Illinois (BBU 1344)
8:30 p.m. Mrs. Norbury and Mr. Matheis saw a bright yellow-white, egg-shaped object, sometimes with a red tail, make 7 circles. (Berliner)

June 26, 1952; Padloping Isle., Canada
Uninhabited island in the Qikiqtaaluk Region of Nunavut, Canada, located in DavisStrait's Merchants Bay off the eastern coast of Buffin Island. A weather station reported an unconventional flying object. First noticed when it entered a a weather observer's field of vision as he was tracking a pibal balloon with a theodolite. Object was silver and of peculiar shape. Alternately described as elliptical shaped, pear-shaped, and an oblong and flat object.Observed by three members of the weather station and viewed through theodolite for approximately 5 minutes. Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command

June 26, 1952; Terre Haute, Indiana (BBU 1348)
2:45 a.m. USAF 2nd Lt. C. W. Povelites saw an un-described object fly at 600 mph then stop. No further information in files. (Berliner)

June 26, 1952; Pottstown, Penna (BBU 1351)
11:50 p.m. Assistant manager of airport Mr. Wells made 3 sightings of flashing lights: (1) 2 lights separated by 2 miles, with the leader flashing steadily and the other irregularly; (2) 2 similarly flashing lights, but with 1 mile separation; (3) Finally a single light. Speed estimated at 150-250 mph. (Berliner)

June 27, 1952; Topeka, Kansas (BBU 1355)
6:50 p.m. Forbes AFB USAF pilot 2nd Lt. K. P. Kelly and wife saw a pulsating red object change shape from circular to a vertical oval as it pulsed, first stationary then moving. (Berliner)

June 28, 1952; Thule AFB
GCA picked up three blips, possible aircraft, which appeared to be in close formation 35 miles due south of Thule at an estimated 6,000 to 0,000 feet. Operator estimated the blips as the size of a C-54. Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command

June 28, 1952; Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
1:20 p.m. 2 observers with CARCO air service saw 2 silvery disc-like objects high in the sky moving slowly to the S, noiseless, suddenly climbed nearly vertically at high speed, one going SSE the other almost due E. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 6, case DD7)

June 28, 1952; Lake Koshkonong, Wisc. (BBU 1361)
6 p.m. G. Metcalfe saw a silver-white sphere become an ellipse as it turned and climbed away very fast. (Berliner)

June 28, 1952; Nagoya, Japan (BBU 1363)
4:10 p.m. Capt. T. W. Barger, USAF Electronics Counter Measures officer, saw a dark blue elliptical-shaped object with a pulsing border fly straight and level at 700-800 mph. (Berliner)

June 28, 1952; Pacific bet. Hawaii and Calif. (BBU)
10:50 p.m. USAF C-47 pilot saw a very bright light pass across the flight path from left to right. (Project 1947)

June 29, 1952; O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois. (BBU 1364)
5:45-6:30 p.m. (CDT). 3 USAF air policemen, 83rd Air Base Sq, Air Police Detachment, S/Sgt. Lopez, A/1c Weber, and A/3c Korkowski, saw a bright silver, smooth surfaced, flat oval 30 ft object at about 500 to 1,000 ft height about 2-3 miles away reflecting sunlight surrounded by a blue circle of haze for the first 20-25 mins, hovering, appeared between radio towers for stations WGN and WBBN 7 miles away to the WSW at about 2° elevation and to the left and S of the setting sun (which was at 284° azimuth 20° elevation at 6:30), then move very fast to the right and left, and up and down relative to the radio towers, moving almost instantaneously and much faster than any jet fighter. Object rocked on its longitudinal axis, appeared oval (major/minor axis ratio about 2.2) when oriented vertically, thin and difficult to see when horizontal. Object receded at high speed then disappeared like shutting off a light. No trail, no noise. Independently witnessed by Chicago firemen several miles away. (Jan Aldrich; unpublished Ruppelt manuscript).

June 30, 1952; Columbia, Missouri (BBU)
1:46-3:54 a.m. (CST). U.S. Weather Bureau observer tracked by theodolite an object at extreme distance irregularly changing color from red to green, seeming to move away, to the NNE making only "small" angular movement in the 14 recorded measurements of position in 2 hrs. (Jan Aldrich)

June 30 [July 1?], 1952; Phoenix, Ariz. (BBU)
Gaudet [and Wolf?]. (Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

June 30, 1952; Sea of Japan (BBU)
7 p.m. 3 USAF crew members of C-54 transport saw circular object
flattened on top and bottom. (Weinstein; BB files??)

## JULY

NARA-PBB1-56-71, July Sightings

> Dan Wilson:
> On March 2, 1950, a Joint Chiefs of Staff; (JCS) meeting focused on establishing goals for a minimum air defense by 1952. The following month at a USAF Commanders Conference at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, planners familiarized commanders with the thinking behind the plan of minimum defense as well as with its contents. Referred to as the Blue Book Plan, it stipulated that a minimum air defense could be in place by mid-1952. It was estimated that July 1, 1952, as the critical date when the Soviets would pose a dangerous threat. General Charles Cabell expected the Soviets to have between 45 and 90 atom bombs and 70 to 135 Tu-4 bombers (copied B-29s) by that time.
> See Air Defense in 1952
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> Joel Carpenter:
> On 1 July, nine wing B-36s (5-H and 4-F) departed Carswell to take part in a high altitude formation radar camera attack on New York City. Three aircraft were from the 9th, three from the 436th, and three from the 492nd Bomb Squadron. The nine B-36s flew to the orbit area at Cape St. Francis, Newfoundland, Canada, then flew the scheduled attack on New York City.

> From there the bombers flew to Montgomery, Alabama, and recovered at Carswell on 2 July. Following this, the wing presented the Meritorious Achievement Award Plaque to the Outstanding Tactical and Support Units in the wing. The 9th Bomb Squadron and 7th Maintenance and Supply Group received the awards on 5 July 1952.

July 1, 1952; Lynn & Bedford, Massachussetts (BBU)
7:25/7:30 a.m. (EDT). 2 F-94's scrambled (at 7:25?) to intercept UFO that a GOC spotter saw heading SW over Boston, no radar contact and F-94's searched area found nothing. Erwin W. Nelson and wife at Lynn (9 mi NE of Boston) at 7:31-7:34 noticed two vapor trails from the climbing jets, looked around, saw in the W a bright silver "cigar shaped object about six times as long as it was wide" heading SW over Boston at a very high altitude, speed a little faster than the two jets. An identical UFO was following the first some distance back. No vapor trails. Witnesses watched the F-94's search back and forth far below the UFO's. At 7:30 AF Capt. Robert E. Metcalf, Petroleum Officer, 6520th Supply Sq, 6520th Test Support Wing, and USAF air policemen MSgt James Stiner and MSgt Joseph R. Bosh, 6520th Air Police Sq., near Hangar B, Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass. (15 mi NW of Boston, W of Lynn) saw the two jets, looked for what they were intercepting and saw to the E [?] a 100 ft long silvery ellipse "fatter than a cigar" traveling SW but did not spot the 2nd UFO. At two points object seemed to hover for a few secs, then continued at about 40,000 ft. Object path intersected contrails of the two jets heading SE. Metcalf lost sight of object on his way to the Tower after a few (2-3?) mins then caught sight again at about 7:40, noting it had increased distance "considerably," but lost it at the Tower and unable to see it with unaided eye or 7x50mm binoculars. (Sparks; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 11, pp. 485ff.Ruppelt) 15+ mins 7+ witnesses

July 1, 1952; Lexington, Ma (BBU)
7:30 AM. Capt. Metcalf observed a milky white object shaped like an "elongated oval" but "fatter than a cigar", about 100 feet in length or slightly larger than a four-engine airliner, having indistinct outlines at the rear resembling either a very short exhaust or a blurred tail section, with a narrow ridge along the top side, but without wings or any other aerodynamic features. (BB Files, Sparks)

July 1, 1952; Fort Monmouth, New Jersey (BBU)
9:30 am. The objects moved south along the East coast and hovered near Fort Monmouth, N.J., for about 5 minutes at 50,000 feet. As radar at Fort Monmouth detected the objects, they put on a burst of speed and headed southwest toward Washington, D.C., confirmed visually. At about noon, a physics professor in Washington reported seeing a grayish UFO hovering and arcing back and forth across the sky. (Ruppelt, pp. 200-202, Dan Wilson)

> Ruppelt:
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> Without injecting any imagination or wild assumptions, it looked as if two "somethings" had come down across Boston on a southwesterly heading, crossed Long Island, hovered for a few minutes over the Army's secret laboratories at Fort Monmouth, then proceeded toward Washington.
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> Richard Hall continues:
> While driving through Utah in July, a Navy chief (later warrant officer) saw a formation of unidentified flat circular objects maneuvering in the sky, stopped and took color motion picture film of them. The objects defied

> conventional explanation when analyzed by the top Air Force and Navy photogrammetric laboratories.

July 1, 1952. Washington, DC. (BBU)
George Washington Univ. Physics Professor saw “dull, gray, smoky colored” object in the NNW sky hovering motionless about 30°-40° above horizon, whicxh occasionally moved through arc of about 15° right or left, and gradualy descended from the sky until hidden by buildings on skyline. Angular size ½ of a quarter (coin) at arm’s length [=1°]. He estimated at least 500 other witnesses in the streets, confirmed by brief newspaper reporting. (Sparks; Ruppelt)

July 2, 1952; Tremonton, Utah
Navy photographer Delbert C. Newhouse and his wife, while driving across the state, saw a group of 12-14 shiny silver objects milling around in the sky. Newhouse stopped and retrieved his 16 mm camera and filmed extensive footage of the objects. He and his wife both reported seeing some of the objects relatively close-up and they were shaped like one plate inverted atop another. When the film was returned to Newhouse following Navy and Air Force analysis, the frames showing the discs close-up had been deleted.

July 3, 1952. Selfridge AFB, Mich.(BBU 1380)
4:15 a.m. Witnesses not identified (civilians?) saw 2 big lights, about 20 ft diameter, fly straight and level at tremendous speed. (Berliner)

July 3, 1952; Chicago, Illinois (BBU 1382)
11:50 p.m. Mrs. J. D. Arbuckle saw 2 bright pastel green discs fly straight and level very fast. (Berliner)

July 5, 1952; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska (BBU)
(FUFOR Index)

July 5, 1952; Hanford Atomic Works, Richland, Wash (BBU)
6 a.m. Conner Airlines C-46 pilot Baldwin, another pilot and 2 copilots saw a perfect circular white disc above the Hanford site. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

July 5, 1952; SSE of Norman, Okla. (BBU 1390)
7:58 p.m. Oklahoma State Patrolman Hamilton in State Patrol airplane saw 3 dark discs [at 4,000 ft?] hover then fly away, silhouetted against a dark cloud. 15-secs. (Berliner)

> Early July 1952 Mysterious Dr. "X" Predicts UFO Flap
> A mysterious government scientist visits Ruppelt at Project BLUE BOOK and predicts the UFO flap, as hitting New York City or Washington, D.C. I have identified this Dr. "X" as Dr. Stefan T. Possony, Acting Chief of the AFOIN Special Studies Group and top scientific adviser to AFOIN Director Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, who was also a leading military strategist and psychological warfare expert. Possony evidently studied the plans for the continental joint SAC-ADC operation Exercise SIGN POST planned for late July and deduced that the planned simulated SAC "attack" on either NY or Washington to test ADC air defenses would trigger false UFO sightings (and in fact SAC did "attack" Washington, but the simulated air raid was on July 23 not on the July 19-20 or 26-27 dates of Washington National UFO incidents). (Brad Sparks)

July 6, 1952. Berkeley, Calif. (BBU)
9:30 a.m. (PDT). Dr. Henry Ehrenberg saw an elliptical object the size of the Full Moon

hovering in midair with no sound, about 40° elevation in the West
about 5,000 ft over Golden Gate Race Track about 5 miles away. Object faded away without apparent motion. (Sparks; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 11, pp. 567-570)

July 6-12, 1952; Governors Island, New York [Elizabeth, NJ?] (BBU 1397)
11:00 p.m. Charles Muhr [and Neff?] took 4 photos of some indistinct light admittedly not seen visually. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

July 9, 1952; 1 mi N of Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado (BBU)
12:45 p.m. (MST). USAF senior pilot Maj. Claude K. Griffin, Budget Office, Hq ADC, saw an object shaped like an airfoil less its trailing edge, luminous white, move slowly and erratically like a corkscrew, estimated 100 ft size at 15-20 miles away at 30,000 ft, at about 45° [20°] elevation heading NW. Griffin stopped car. USAF senior pilot, Major E. R. Hayden, ADC Personnel Services Office, and wife came out of their house and observed object in 4x rifle scope, described as rectangular, silver on one side black on the other. fluttering as it moved, heading slowly NNW above 20,000 ft at about 20 miles distance, then steadied while gaining altitude, gradually diminished to a black dot,then accelerated to high speed and disappeared. (Sparks; NICAP website; BB files; Berliner) 1/10 Full Moon [4/10 in 4x scope]

July 9, 1952; Rapid City, South Dakota (BBU)
3:35 p.m. MST. A sergeant and three airmen of the 717 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing reported that three milky white discs were between 30,000 and 40,000 feet. The airmen were lying on there backs off the edge of the East-West runway when they observed the objects moving faster than any jet aircraft they have seen. Direction of travel: Northerly. The objects were seen one at a time with approximately one minute between sightings. Each object was observed for approximately 5 seconds. (BB files, Dan Wilson, FUFOR Index)

July 9, 1952. Kutztown, Penna. (BBU)
6:30 p.m. Farmer John Mittl saw an aluminum, oval-shaped object change direction and attitude, finally tipping on end then departing. Case file includes three vague photographs. (Sparks; Berliner)

July 10, 1952; Near Quantico, Virginia. (BBU)
8:18 p.m. Pilot of National Airlines Flight 42, a C-60 aircraft, saw a very bright amber glow, stationary then climbing slowly till disappearance. (Project 1947)

July 10, 1952; Korea (near)
The crew of the Canadian destroyer Crusader saw two shiny discs and tracked them on radar.

July 11, 1952; Hasselbach, Germany
Oscar Linke, former Wehrmacht major, and his daughter Gabrielle, 11, had to leave their motorcycle when they had a flat tire. Inside the woods the girl noticed two men in silvery suits examining the ground in a clearing near a pink disk-shaped object, 8 m in diameter, showing a double row of openings around the rim and a black turret on top. One of the men had a flashing box. Both men went inside, and the disk vibrated, rose along the turretlike cylinder, then spun faster and rose out of sight. (Guieu 52)

July 10-17, 1952 Dr. Kaplan Visits ATIC Project Blue Book
UCLA Geophysics Prof. Joseph Kaplan, a member of the AF Scientific Advisory Board previously involved with a highly secret compartmented UFO tracking project in 1949 leading to Project TWINKLE, visits ATIC

> and Project BLUE BOOK, advising on plans for a top scientific panel to establish the importance and credibility of the UFO problem within the scientific community (a later distorted version of the plan is forced on the CIA by the AF as the Robertson Panel and intentionally designed by the AF to fail spectacularly). The Battelle Memorial Institute scientists are deemed not prominent enough to secure support within the scientific community, but will continue with statistical studies of BLUE BOOK's case files (ordered by Gen. Samford in Dec 1951 to specifically verify Ruppelt's sighting pattern analysis, showing UFO concentrations around atomic weapons bases, after his briefing disturbed Samford). Battelle also continues special lab analyses of alleged UFO physical evidence from time to time. (Brad Sparks)

July 12, 1952; Annapolis, Maryland (BBU 1431)
3:30 p.m. Insurance company president William Washburn saw 4 large, elliptical-shaped objects fly very fast, stop, turn 90° and fly away. 7-8 secs. (Berliner)

July 12, 1952; Northern Illinois
8:05 p.m. Report of unusual flying objects (Reference to July 12, 1952, Arlington, Illinois [BBU]) Air Intelligence Information Report from 755th AC&W Squadron, Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Mr. J. M. Stark, Chicago, reported that at 2005 CST he saw a greenish object traveling in horizontal flight. Object came to stand-still, then moved away at a very high rate of speed. Mr. L Matheis, Chicago, sighted object going east then turned westward, yellowish in color. Mr. L. Schrenk, Chicago, sighted object going north, weaving at low altitude, reddish in color. Mr. A. Cressy, Chicago, saw an object going north, turned west, not a jet type aircraft. Received call from 31st Division through ADCC, radars picked up strange objects heading west and north at 3000 mph and above.

July 12, 1952; Williams Bay, Wisconsin
8:30 p.m. Air Intelligence Information Report describes radar tracks by three different radars. 31st Division through ADCC reported that Mastiff (AN/FPS-3), Orgin (FPS-10), and Cousin (AN/6PS-6B) radars had picked up strange objects in several areas heading west and north at different altitudes, 3000 mph and above. (Dan Wilson)

July 12, 1952; Belleville, Illinois (BB)
8:30 p.m. Five radar observations of unidentified objects were made at the 798th AC&W Squadron beginning at 8:30 p.m CST. Object one: 8:30 p.m., 355 degrees at 200 NM, speed 1600 knots. Object two: 8:35 p.m., 30 degrees at 20 NM, speed 1700 knots. Object three: 8:47 p.m., 6 degrees at 190 NM. Object four: 8:49 p.m., 330 degrees at 180 NM. Object five: 9:20 p.m., 280 degrees at 175 NM. Visual Sighting at 2110Z At 2110Z three airmen of the 798th AC&W Squadron, Belleville, Illinois, observed one very large round object of intense reddish orange color flying a straight course horizontal to the earth surface. The speed of the object was faster than any known aircraft. The object was observed for 20 seconds. One aircraft scrambled for observation purpose. The time given in the teletype (2110Z) may be incorrect. At around 2100 hours CST (9:00 p.m.), a large fireball-type object was seen by many witnesses in the Belleville/ St. Louis area. The object traveled in a straight line parallel to the ground from SE to the NW. (Reference: Edwardsville Intelligencer, Illinois, July 14, 1952, page 1) (Dan Wilson)

July 12, 1952. Montrose Beach, Chicago, Illinois (BBU)
8:42 p.m. (CDT). O'Hare AFB weather observer AF Capt. W. J. Shea and a civilian Jane Morrison sighted 3 lights, main red light with smaller white lights on each side, traveling 500 mph at 40,000 to 50,000 ft from the WNW, accelerate and to the S make a 180° turn, heading NNW when disappeared. Sighted by 400+ people, with 14 others making

reports to 4706th Defense Wing. (Sparks; BB files)

July 12 (13?), 1952; Kirksville, MO (BBU 1436)
9:00 + 9:15 + 9:20 + 9:30 +11:04 + 11:07 p.m. (CST). Many FPS-10 radar controllers at 790th AC&W Sq tracked large radar blips at 1,500+ knots (>1,700 mph) to 4,800 knots (5,600 mph) [actual speeds about 5,000 to 6,000 mph in all 6 tracks] inbound and outbound on nearly identical straight-line azimuths in about the 124-293 mile range [suggestive of real objects below about 20,000 ft within the Vertical-Lower beam of FPS-10 but not caught within higher-aimed Vertical-Center or Vertical-Upper beams limited to >2° elevation angle]. 6 single targets each tracked at following azimuths (at times listed above) coming to/from 142°-134°, 001°-354°, 220°-202°, 321°-320°, 320°, and 004°, with none crossing to other side of scope, a classic interference pattern except none extended to center of scope or to outer edge but disappeared like a real object in and out of radar blind zones. Checks with regional radar stations found none with antennas "in opposition" (matching direction of Kirksville radar antenna at the same moment). No visual sighting, or other confirmation of targets by other radars [apparently not even by the other component radars within the FPS-10 operating on different frequencies, such as the Slant-Lower beam which would have given height data,none reported, which suggests interference or selective radar emissions or ECM]. Radar targets registered only every other sweep (every 30 secs of the 4 RPM sweep rate) suggesting interference by a 2 or 6 RPM sweep rate radar. Possible IFO non-real radar interference. (Sparks; Berliner; BB files)

July 12, 1952; Arlington, Illinois (BBU)
9:04 p.m. USAF pilot of F-86 fighter in a flight of 2 F-86s with 62nd FI Sq after coming out of a right turn saw [and radar tracked?] an oblong yellowish lighted object with a trail flying in a straight course heading 240° about 15 miles away at 22,000 ft traveling 700 knots. F-86 pursued at max speed but object pulled away. Both pilots heard a strange radio transmission on their restricted comm channel during the pursuit saying the name of the pursuit pilot, Casey, in eerie tone. 20 secs. (Project 1947)

July 12, 1952; Near Greenfield, Indiana (BBU)
9:05 p.m. American Airlines Convair pilot and copilot saw an object paralleling the plane then dropping down. (Project 1947)

July 12, 1952; Chicago, Ill.
Air Force weather officer, many others at Montrose Beach saw large red object with small white lights on side reverse course directly overhead. [UFOE, III]

July 12, 1952; Dayton, Ohio (BBU)
9:13 p.m. (EST). USAF pilots of 2 F-86's flying at 20,000 ft heading 180° at 250 knots, Capt. Clifford Winters and 1st Lt. A. W. Sanders, both with 97th FI Sq, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, saw 2 extremely brilliant round white lights hovering at 21,000 ft about 2 miles away to their 2 o'clock position which then disappeared like "somebody turned out a light." (Sparks; BB files; Project 1947) 20 secs 2 witnesses

July 13, 1952. 60 miles SW of Washington, D.C. (BBU)
4 a.m. (EDT). National Airline Flight 611 Capt. William Bruen piloting airliner heading N from Jacksonville, Fla., saw round ball of bluish-white light hovering to the W then ascend to airliner altitude of 11,000 ft, then parallel course off left wing at about 2 miles distance, took off upwards at 1,000 mph when Bruen turned on all aircraft lights. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 9091; NARCAP)

July 13, 1952; Osceola, WI

674th AC&W Squadron. Eleven unidentified flying objects tracked on radar at speeds of 12,000 to 20,000 knots. (Knot = 1.15 mph)

July 13, 1952; Fordland, Missouri
Time not given. At the 797th AC&W Squadron at Fordland, Missouri, one object was observed on radar, very large at times, varied in size up to 3 degrees in width and at an estimated speed of 180 mph to 600 mph The object appeared to stop maneuvering as long as two minutes. The unknown object was carried from west to east and back west towards Kansas City and faded.

July 14, 1952 Ruppelt-Maj. Herman Briefing of CSI
Ruppelt and ATIC Maj. Isidore H.. Herman present the second ATIC briefing on UFO's for the private CSI group in Los Angeles. (Brad Sparks)

July 14, 1952; 20-25 miles N of Norfolk, Va (BBU 1444) [CCL Item # 24]
9:12 p.m. (EDT). Pan American Airways FO William B. Nash, Second Officer William H. Fortenberry, in a DC-4 airliner at 8,000 ft heading 200° magnetic, sighted a total of 8 large, round, glowing red coinshaped objects, 100 ft diameter 15 ft thick, maneuvering in two groups of 3 then joined slightly after by another 2. Objects approached head on at high speed estimated at about 12,000 [27,000] mph at about 2,000 ft altitude [about 2° depression angle] silhouetted against the ground, to a position almost directly below their airliner, in a stack formation then suddenly making a 150° hairpin turn like balls bouncing off a wall, joined by 2 more identical but much brighter red objects which came from behind on the right under the aircraft at about the same 2,000 ft altitude as the first 6 objects joining formation by falling in behind, all silhouetted against the black background of bay water, with one moment when all 8 objects blacked out then reappeared. At about 10 miles S of Newport News objects ascended as a group in fixed formation in an arc to the right towards Newport News to about 10,000 ft altitude [about 0.4° above level or about 2° above horizon line] out to disappearance by blinking out randomly, after covering a total distance of roughly 90 miles from start to finish (35 miles on approach, 55 miles to departure). Possibly 7 ground observers. (Sparks; McDonald; Tom Tulien; Joel Carpenter)

July 14, 1952; near Okinawa
10:10 p.m. local time, at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, S/Sgt Eugene K. Chalmers and 2nd Lt. Phillip Galtieri, observed a spherical object to the north of the base. The object was moving straight down, but its course changed immediately as it moved to the northeast across the sky. When change of course occurred, the object appeared to slow down and almost stop in midair. The object then picked up considerable speed and vanished.

July 14, 1952; Holloman AFB, New Mexico (BB)
10:20 MST. Unidentified objects were observed over the missile test range at Holloman AFB, during a Hughes Aircraft project mission. Two hundred feet of 35mm. film was taken of two maneuvering objects at a high elevation angle to the NNE. Two other witnesses that were watching the B-29 on the mission through 6 power binoculars saw an object cross in front of the B-29 with about the same size and apparent speed as the project F-86 would have, but the object was not the F-86 which overtook the B-29 shortly thereafter. Mr. H. R. Morris and Mr. Floyd Fannon, on X-Band radar for the project observed something on their "A" scope which appeared like a jet going the opposite direction from the B-29. A bright object was observed passing through the field of vision by an optical tracker using a 20 power monocular scope near the radar site. The object was observed above the B-29 and going the same general direction, but much faster. The "Pip" on the radar "A" scope on X-band modified SCR-584 was about

the size and apparent speed as a jet fighter would give at 35,000 feet, and was observed for a few minutes. (Dan Wilson)

July 14, 1952; 20 miles S of McChord AFB, Wash (BBU)
11:50 p.m. (PDT). USAF pilots of 2 fighters from 318th FI Sq saw a strange object with red and green lights slowly rolling between the aircraft. (Project 1947)

July 15, 1952; Pendleton, Oregon
2055 zulu. Many civilians in 5 cars and an Oregon State Trooper observed a spherical-shaped object, 35-100 feet in diameter, silver in color, flying very fast at an estimated altitude of 4,000 feet. Object was moving eastbound and appeared to be dipping in flight. Object upon last visual contact at 2100Z, was heading due north. At 2155Z a strike force of six B-36 aircraft were over Pendleton, Oregon, heading north.

July 15, 1952; West Palm Beach, Florida (BBU 1451)
10:10 p.m. J. Antoneff and 2 others saw a discus-shaped object, grayish, except when hovering, when it appeared muddy. Hovered over Palm Beach International Airport, then followed an SA-16 twinengined amphibious aircraft and flew away. 40-60 secs. (Berliner, Dan Wilson, BB files)

July 16, 1952; Beverly, Mass (BBU 1501)
9:35 a.m. U.S. Coast Guard photographer Seaman Shell R. Alpert saw several bright lights through a window screen (no glass) from his position inside the air station photo lab while cleaning a camera, watched them for 5-6 secs, called out to another Coast Guardsman, Hospitalman 1st Class Thomas E. Flaherty from sick bay to see. Objects dimmed then brightened suddenly, Alpert grabbed a camera and filmed 4 roughly elliptical irregular blobs of light in formation through the screen, on Super XX cut film 4 x 5 inch format, lens set at infinity, aperture f/4.7, 1/30 sec exposure. (Berliner; etc.)

July 16, 1952; Hampton Roads, Virginia (BBU)
8 p.m. NACA aeronautical engineer Paul R. Hill saw 2 amber-colored objects approach fro the S, turn W, reach overhead, begin a maneuver to revolve around a common center, change to a vertical plane [?] after a few orbits, were joined by 2 more objects and flew off to the S. (McDonald list; Tom Tulien)

July 16, 1952: OSI Message McDill OSI Message McDill AFB

> A document with an impressive collection of CC recipients. But also a confirmation that the Nash and Fortenberry observation involved another aircrew who also saw objects

July 17, 1952; near Lockbourne AFB, Ohio
Bt. 1:00 and 4:00 a.m. William W. Stevenson and William O. Havens, observed a circular object with an orange and green glow at an estimated 5000 feet in altitude 10 miles north of Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. The object would move from side to side and remain stationary for long periods of time. Both Stevenson and Havens were recently discharged from the USAF.

July 17, 1952; Batesville, Mississippi
1:07 p.m. CST. State Highway Patrolmen observed two or three round blue fluorescent colored objects approximately 100 feet in diameter. One object was at approximately 11,000 feet in altitude, and the other object was at 3000 to 5000 feet in altitude. The objects seemed to stand still and then they made a gradual back and forth movement north to south. The objects were observed for approximately 30 minutes.

July 17, 1952; Rapid City, South Dakota (BBU 1479)
Military (USAF?) witness(es).

July 17, 1952; White Plains, New York (BBU 1502)
3:10 p.m. Mrs. Florence Daley saw 2 round objects, bluishwhite with brighter rims, fly in formation, making a sound like bombers, only softer (witness later said she heard many feminine voices coming from the objects). (Berliner)

July 17, 1952; Tsuiki Air Base, Kyushu, Japan
6:00 p.m. A/2C Lyle R. Drenth, USAF, launched a 100 gram White balloon for a scheduled Pibal run. For the first 30 minutes the balloon moved in an easterly direction and then came back over the field in a south and westerly direction. This was observed by a theodolite. Drenth then turned over the theodolite to his helper. After recording the weather Drenth looked at the balloon again through the theodolite and observed a formation of twelve circular luminous objects moving in the same direction as the balloon.

July 18 [17?], 1952; Lockbourne, Ohio (BBU 1476)
9:10 p.m. T/Sgt. Mahone and A/3c Jennings saw an amber-colored, elliptical-shaped object with a small flame at the rear, periodically increasing in brightness, move very fast giving off a resonant beat sound. 1.5 mins. (Berliner)

July 18 [17?], 1952; Lockbourne AFB, Ohio (BBU 1482)
11 a.m. Air National Guard employees saw a light like a big star that disappeared when an aircraft approached. Also seen the night[s?] of July 20, 22 and 23. 3-hours. (Berliner)

July 18, 1952; Miami, Florida (BBU 1483)
11 a.m. E. R. Raymer and daughter saw an opaque, silvery bubble fly very fast at a right-angle to the wind direction. 10 secs. (Berliner)

July 18, 1952; Patrick AFB, Florida (BBU 1485) [CCL Item #16])
9:45 [10:45 ?] p.m. (EST). 3 USAF officers and 4 enlisted men saw a series of hovering and maneuvering red-orange lights moving in a variety of directions. (Sparks; BB Status Report 8, Dec 1952, p. 26; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index)
1 hr

July 18, 1952; Denver, Colorado
American Airlines pilot watched unidentified lights speed back and forth. [UFOE, V]
Carpenter Case (AL)

July 18, 1952; Lac Chauvet, France
Cat 8. Fregnale Photos.

July 19, 1952; Aiken, Savannah River Plant, South Carolina
McDonald Case 13. Hundreds of employees from AEC witnessed UFO cavort. (McDonald, Ridge)

July 19, 1952; Porto Maldo, Peru
Photograph of oval UFO taken by customs official. [UFOE, VIII]

July 19, 1952; River Edge, N.J.
Associated Press reporter Saul Pett about midnight saw an intensely glowing, non-blinking orange ball of light moving steadily overhead from the northwest to the

southeast for 1-2 minutes. He said that it was moving too fast and too steadily for a balloon.

July 19, 1952; Washington, D.C.
Famous photo of lights over Capital. Exact date is not known and this appears to have been a non-event. (Fran Ridge)

July 19, 1952; location??? (Probably Centerville, VA. BBSR14 didn't give a location). (BBU)
12 midnight. Part-time farmer and hired hand saw 2 cigar-shaped objects, one hovering the other moving to the E then come back, both ascending vertically until disappearing. Both objects transparent (translucent?), lit from within, and emitted an exhaust from one end. Object shapes possibly more like elongated footballs. 3-4 mins. (Battelle Unknown No. 4)

July 19, 1952; Williston, North Dakota (BBU 1492)
2:55 a.m. Experienced civilian pilot saw an elliptical-shaped object with a light fringe, descend fast, make a 360° then a 180° turn. 5 mins. (Berliner)

July 19, 1952; Baltimore, Maryland
6:28 a.m. Mrs. Carolyn Smith, on duty as a volunteer ground observer aircraft spotter, observed two flying saucers heading northeast at 2000 feet altitude. The objects suddenly shot upward and went out of sight. Duration of the sighting was approximately 20 seconds. Saucers were large, round, bluish in color and emanated a blue jet exhaust.

July 19, 1952; Elkins Park, Penna. (BBU 1494)
11:35 p.m. USAF pilot Capt. C. J. Powley and wife saw 2 star-like lights maneuver, hover and speed. 5-7 mins. (BB files, Berliner)

July 19-20, 1952; Washington Nat'l Airport, Washington, D.C. (BBU) [CCL Item 23]
11:40 p.m.-6 a.m. (EDT). Numerous visual, radar and radar-visual sightings by ground observers and pilots in the air. 6 hours 20 min. (Sparks).

> Richard Hall:
> Shortly after midnight civilian radar operators at National Airport began tracking a group of 7-10 unidentified targets southwest of the city, moving about 100-130 m.p.h. An individual object would disappear from the scope at intervals, then another target would appear. This continued for about 6 hours, while airline pilots in the area reported sighting unidentified lights in the positions where radar detected unexplained targets. They were not any known aircraft.
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> Senior air route traffic controller Harry G. Barnes:
> "There is no other conclusion I can reach but that for six hours on the morning of the 20th of July there were at least 10 unidentifiable objects moving above Washington .... I can safely deduce that they performed gyrations which no known aircraft could perform. By this I mean that our scope showed that they could make right angle turns and complete reversals of flight."

July 20, 1952; Dai-el-Aouagri, Morocco
12:30 am. Approximate date. Man named Petijean saw a luminous object, 20 m diameter, on the ground. It gave off bluish flashes as it took off, leaving a smell of burning sulphur. (Quincy)

July 20, 1952; Andrews AFB, Maryland (BB)
After midnight. At around midnight various people in the Andrews Tower were talking about flying saucers. At this time T/Sgt John P. Izzo went up to the tower and heard Washington Center call the tower on the intercom advising that they had 5 unidentified targets over the Andrews range. Nothing appeared on the Andrews radar. A/1C William B. Brady gave the statement that Airman Goodman called the tower at around 12:05 a.m. and advised for him to look to the south immediately. When Brady looked he saw an object like an orange ball of fire trailing a tail at about two miles south and one half of a mile east of the Andrews range. The object made a circular movement and then took off at an unbelievable speed. Seconds later Brady saw another such object that made an arc like pattern and then disappeared. Later, Capt. Harold C. Way reported that Washington Center called and ask if Andrews radar had a target 3 miles north of Riverdale. Way checked the radar and there was a motionless target at the place Washington Center had indicated. It remained for about 25 to 30 seconds and then disappeared completely. (Dan Wilson)

July 20, 1952; Andrews AFB, Maryland (BBU)
At 4:15 a.m. Approach Control picked up one unidentified target on radar. The target was on the scope for thirty seconds before fading.

July 20, 1952; Herndon, Virginia (BB).
At 3:00 a.m. a Capital Airlines flight approaching Washington National Airport reported that an unidentified light was following it. Air Route Traffic Control radar tracked the UFO to within about 4 miles of the airport before it disappeared. (Dan Wilson)

July 20, 1952; Lavalette, New Jersey (BBU 1504) and Elk Park, Penna.(BBU 1494)
12:20-12:25 a.m. 3 independent groups of witnesses, including Seton Hall Univ. chemistry professor Dr. A. B. Spooner (on a yacht in the Delaware River near Philadelphia), saw 2 large orange-yellow lights with some dull red color fly in trail, turn and circle observers. First seen to the S at about 40° elevation, then E, N, W, and S again but at elevation 80°. Stellar magnitude about -3 to -5. AF pilot in Elk Park estimated 10°/min angular velocity accelerating up to 2°/sec. No sound. 5-6 mins. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 73-77)

July 20, 1952; Andrews AFB, Maryland.
In mid-evening Air Force radar tracked up to 10 UFOs for 15-20 minutes. The objects approached the runway, scattered, made sharp turns and reversals of direction. (Air Force weather observer report to NICAP.)

July 21, 1952; Dobbins AFB, Georgia (BBU)
10:40 EST. An unidentified blip made passes on a wind-finding target (balloon?) being tracked by a ground radar unit. The target was moving slowly at 52,000 feet when a second blip appeared on the radar and was seen moving towards the wind-finding target and passing through it. This happened three times as if the the new signal was playing with the wind target. Finally the unknown object stopped for a period of 3 to 5 minutes and then moved away. (Dan Wilson)

July 21, 1952; Baltimore, Maryland (BB)
1:03 pm. EDT. Ground observers, Jacque Ayd & John Neuman, reported an object the size of a four-engine aircraft estmated at 15,000 to 20,000 feet, cone-shaped, brilliant orange. Object dove to 2000 feet with terrific speed toward the SW. Time in sight: One minute Comments: No known aircraft in the area at the time of sighting. (BB files, Dan Wilson & Fran Ridge)

July 21, 1952; Randolph AFB - Converse, Texas (BBU 1522)
4:30 p.m. Wife of USAF Capt. J. B. Neal saw an elongated, fuselage-shaped object fly straight and level, make a right-angle turn, fly out of sight at 300+ mph.3-5 mins. (Berliner)

July 21, 1952; Wiesbaden, West Germany (BBU 1514)
6:30 p.m. USAF pilot Capt. E. E. Dougher and WAF Lt. J. J. Stong, separated by miles saw 4 bright yellowish lights, seen by Dougher to separate, with 2 climbing and 2 flying away level in the opposite direction. Stong saw 2 reddish lights fly in opposite directions. 10-15 mins. (Berliner)

July 21, 1952; Rockville, Indiana (BBU 1533)
8:10 p.m. Three men of the 782 ACW Squadron, observed an aluminum, triangular-shaped object the approximate size of a C-47 aircraft. The object had one triangular fin or rudder. The object flew at an altitude of  500 to 1000 feet at approximately 0-60 MPH on a straight level course, but stopped and hovered in on spot 1/2 mile from the NW corner of their radar station for 1/2 minute before disappearing in the haze to the N. Time observed approximately 3 minutes. (Berliner, Sparks) [UFO probably too slow to be picked up by their radar if running MTI (moving target indication) equipment.]

July 21, 1952; Beluga Lake, Alaska
2120Z. According to a brief statement included in the Project Blue Book files, Captain Henry S. Anthony, Jr., and First Lieutenant John T. Larkins were airborne in the Beluga Lake area when the first contact was made at 18,000 yards. Lock-on was accomplished at 12,000 yards and an intercept started. Target was level with the aircraft's speed greater than 100 knots to 6,000 yards. At this point the target disappeared and could not be re--established. Pilot did not make visual sighting. A little less than an hour later, they made another attempt to contact the target. They had remained in the area searching for the UFO (Kevin Randle)

July 21, 1952; San Marcos AFB, Texas (BBU 1516)
10:40 p.m. Lt., 2 Staff Sgts. and 3 Airmen saw a blue circle with a blue trail hover then accelerate to near-sonic speed (700+ mph) after 1 min. (Berliner, Wilson, Ridge)

July 21 [22?], 1952; Holyoke, Mass (BBU 1524)
After midnight. Mrs. A. Burgess saw a round, yellow, flashing light fly downward. No further information in files. (Berliner) Two other witnesses, Mrs O'Neil and Mrs. Kana, observed an object in the sky after 2400 hours on the same night. Both described the object substantially the same - an orange-yellow light that flashed downward to the northwest.

July 22, 1952; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU 1538)
10:50 a.m. Control tower operator Don Weins and 2 CARCO pilots saw 8 large, round, bright aluminum objects fly straight and level, then dart around erratically. 25 mins. (Berliner, Wilson & Ridge)

July 22 [?], 1952; Stafford, Virginia (BBU 1654)
12 p.m. USAF pilot of C-54 transport saw a bright ovoid object hover then move in stops and starts, first approaching the plane then paralleling it. (Berliner; Loren Gross)

July 22, 1952; Brookley AFB, Mobile, Alabama (BBU)
2 p.m. USAF Tech Sgt. and a civilian employee saw a barrel-shaped black object 3.5-4 ft diameter, emitting black smoke trail and a black puff of smoke flying about 5,000 ft

above ground 1 mile away heading E then flying "perpendicular" (vertical?). 2 mins. (Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files)

July 22, 1952; Uvalde, Texas (BBU 1536) [CCL Item # 30] (BB)
2:46 p.m. local. At 1446, Mr. Don Epperly, weather observer and station manager Trans-Texas Airlines, observed a large round silver object at an estimated altitude of 20,000 feet. The object was approximately 50 feet in diameter and had tremendous speed, esimated at being well over 1000 miles per hour.The object was observed for approximately 45 seconds before it disappeared. (Berliner)

July 22, 1952; New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
5:45 p.m. Cat 11. A private pilot, alerted by his wife, saw a hovering metallic-appearing disc at about 5:45 p.m. After about 10 seconds, the disc abruptly shot away climbing at a steep angle and disappeared. (NICAP report form.) (Based on a newspaper story it says, "A private pilot and his companion while flying along the coast...." - Dick )

July 22, 1952. 12 miles E of Peterson Field, Colo. (BBU)
6:45 p.m. USAF ADC personnel in Cessna 140 and the pilot saw a round silver object disappear into clouds. (Project 1947)

July 22, 1952; Near Braintree, bet. Boston and Provincetown, Mass.(BBU 1556)
10:20 and 10:47 p.m. (EST). USAF pilot and radar operator of F-94B jet interceptor saw a large round spinning object throwing off a blue light. At 10:47 p.m., same or different F-94B jet fighter chased bluegreen or green object circling at high speed, with airborne radar tracking and lock on. Another [?] F-94 intercepted 2 objects with flickering white light and swishing circling blue light which passed the jet, with airborne radar tracking and ground visual observation. [Confusion with Misawa case below??] (Berliner; cf. Weinstein)

July 22, 1952; Boston, Mass (BBU)
10:25 p.m.. F-89 crews attempted to intercept UFO observed visually. No radar contact. Afterburners used with no success. (BB files; FUFOR Index)

July 22, 1952. Quincy, Mass (BBU 1556)
From 10:45 to 10:48 p.m. (EST) Officer of the Day, Navy Lt Cdr W. J. Adams, with Marine Air Detachment S/Sgt Anthony Di Nallo, at Squantum Naval Air Station, Quincy (and Navy Seaman Rolf Hellum 1 mile to S and possibly 1-2 other base personnel) received calls from 6 civilians inarea (total duration 7-8 mins apparently beginning about 10:40 p.m.) then looked and saw 2 blue-green lights brighter than magnitude +1 stars maneuvering and passing over base, possibly at 800-900 mph at 40,000 to 50,000 ft, first seen in SE at 45° elevation then moved directly overhead [90°] reversed course back to SE to 45° elevation without noticeable turning, then again passed overhead this making wide arc to NE without changing altitude. Not dimmed by distance, disappeared suddenly as if switched turned off one light then the other at 10:48 p.m. (EST).

July 22, 1952. Quincy, Mass (BBU 1556)
At 10:47 p.m. (EST) 2nd UFO sighting by USAF pilot Lt Charles R. Hearn and radar observer Lt Charles E. West in F-94B jet fighter at 35,000 ft and 210 knots IAS heading 180° (at 42°10’ N, 71° W) sighted green object with visual for about 30 secs then pilot kept eyes on instrument panel, kicked in afterburner to chase, got airborne radar tracking of F-94-sized target for 4 mins starting at about 10,000 to 12,000 yards

range (about 6-7 mi) with 50 knot closure rate keeping UFO at 5° high and 5° to left then got radar lockon but at 3,000 yards (about 2 mi) UFO broke lock with hard right downward turn and disappeared. (Sparks; BB & AFOSI files; Berliner; cf. Weinstein)

July 22, 1952. MacDill AFB, Florida (BBU)
10:30 p.m. (EST). MacDill AFB air traffic control tower operator sighted for ½ hour a red-greenish-blue object to the WSW at about 45° elevation with 2 other [similar?] objects to the N of it, smaller and/or farther away and lower in elevation angle (?). Tower operator sighted another object to the SSE about 30° elevation at 11:30 p.m. MacDill AFB Detachment 21, 3944th Radar Bomb-scoring Sq (RBS),radar tracked object at 12:03 a.m. (July 23) at azimuth160° range 65,000 yards (37 mi) at 41,200 ft altitude on a heading of 310° True [almost directly towards MacDill AFB] speed 462 knots [532 mph]. Tampa Radar Bomb-scoring Sq also tracked object at 160° azimuth [about SSE] altitude 41,000 ft [reportedly, in 1998 account, Navy and CAA radars also tracked object]. At 12:08 a.m. USAF pilot and copilot of B-29 bomber with 364th Bomb Sq on landing approach were vectored by MacDill tower operator to investigate, saw high speed object at 40,000 ft heading towards MacDill AFB on a heading of 308° traveling faster than the B-29. 4 airmen at MacDill AFB radar site sighted object as it passed close [nearly overhead?]. (According to 1998 report of B-29 pilot, an AF Lt Col, they were flying at 20,000 ft; the B-29 fire control radar locked on to object at 40,000 ft and prepared to fire when UFO changed course and disappeared at 4,000 knots speed.) MacDill RBS lost object on radar at range 145,000 yards [82 mi] azimuth 310° (about NW) [at about 12:15 a.m.]. Civilians near base sighted object(s) visually. (Sparks; Robert Klinn; Project 1947; McDonald list; BB files; NICAP; NUFORC)

July 23, 1952; Culver City, Calif.
Several aircraft plant employees saw a bright silvery elliptical object that moved northwest, then stopped and hovered. Two small discs emerged and circled around the area before rejoining the mother ship. The object then climbed straight up out of sight at tremendous speed.

July 23, 1952. Near Boston, Mass (BBU)
1:15-1:18 a.m. (EST). Watch duty CG Seaman Henry Arnpriester, Nahant Coast Guard Station, sighted 2 bluish flat disc-shaped objects side-by-side estimated 5 ft in diameter (at 1,100 to 2,000 ft altitude?) in the SE at about 45° elevation descending and headed NW towards him until reaching distance of about 1-1/2 miles when suddenly reversed direction like “a ball bouncing off a wall” returning to SE and climbing without any change in apparent speed until gradually disappearing due to distance. [See July 22 sightings near Boston / Braintree, Mass.] (Sparks; AFOSI files; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

July 23, 1952; Nahant, MA
2:15-218 a.m. A Seaman on watch at Nahant Coast Guard Station observed two (2) bluish lights approximately 5 feet in diameter, appearing as flat, disc-shaped objects having no aerodynamic features and moving without sound or exhaust trail at a speed faster than a four-engine airliner at an altitude of 1,100 to 2,000 feet. When they were at a distance of approximately 1 1/2miles from the point of observation, they executed an extremely sharp turn, described by observer to be similar to the path of a ball bouncing off a wall. (BB files)

July 23, 1952; Santa Cruz, California (BB)
4:10 a.m. Three or more circular lights were seen high in the sky changing colors from blue to red to purple. Two of the objects circled overhead and then sped away at high speed then returned to hover overhead. The lights were observed from 4:10 to 4:54 a.m. Page two of the teletype message states: (3) "Visual with possible GCI radar sighting PD". (Dan Wilson, BB files)

July 22-23, 1952; Trenton, New Jersey (BBU 1572)
10:50 p.m. 12:45, 1:28-3:47 a.m. Crews of several USAF F-94 jet interceptors from Dover AFB, Del., made 13 visual sightings and one radar tracking of blue-white [orange?] lights. White, green and blue lights were seen by ground observers and F-94 pilots moving in arcs and blinking out suddenly. F-94 crew got radar lock on at 30,000 ft away of object the size of an F94, at 9,000 ft away the object made a sharp right turn, suddenly dropped in height and disappeared. Other sightings in the Dover-Trenton area. 2 hrs. (Berliner; Loren Gross)

July 23, 1952; Jamestown, Rhode Island (BBU)
7:36 a.m. USN radar tracked high speed target heading N at 42,000 ft and confirmed by ADC radar at Camp Hero, N.Y. F-94's and F-86's scrambled unsuccessfully. (McDonald list; Loren Gross, Dan Wilson)

July 23, 1952; Pottstown, Penna (BBU 1554)
8:40 a.m. 2-man crews of 3 USAF F-94 jet interceptors saw a large silver object, shaped like a long pear with 2-3 squares beneath it, fly at 150-180 knots (170-210 mph), while a smaller object, delta-shaped or swept back, flew around it at 1,000-1,500 knots (1,150-1,700 mph (Berliner, Schroeder)

July 23, 1952; Alexandria, Virginia
9:00 p.m. A red object, size undetermined, was sighted southwest of Alexandria, Virginia. The object hovered for 10 minutes, then disappeared in a westerly direction at a high rate of speed. The witnesses were a County Policeman, two airmen and a civilian. (BB docs) (Note: The Alvin Moore "Fragment" was found at Vienna, Virginia, which is WNW of Alexandria. Alexandria is where the red object was seen on July 23, 1952. The object was last seen moving to the west).

July 23, 1952; Nr. Washington, DC
9:00 p.m. Air Force jet shoots at UFO. Wilbert Smith (Canadian Project Magnet) admitted that a number of fragments from UFOs had been recovered and analyzed by his research group, including one that had been shot (by AF jet) from a UFO near Washington (Alvin Moore fragment). Said Smith: "I was informed that the disk was glowing and was about two feet in diameter. A glowing chunk flew off and the pilot saw it glowing all the way to the ground. He radioed his report and a ground party hurried to the scene. The thing was still glowing when they found it an hour later...." (See Frank Edwards audiotape)

Map Showing Sightings Matches Area of Recovery

No "shoot'em down" order
Truman DID NOT issue "shoot'em down order. Which also means Einstein did not call Truman about the matter.

July 23, 1952; Altoona, Penna (BBU 1567)

12:50 p.m. 2-man crews of 2 USAF F-94 jet interceptors at 35,00046,000 ft altitude saw 3 cylindrical objects in a vertical stack formation fly at an altitude of 50,00080,000 ft. 20-mins. (Berliner)

July 23, 1952; Long Beach, California (BB)
1:50 p.m. local. The witness Collinson located at the Naval Ship Yard observed a orange red oval elliptical shaped object overhead moving at a high rate of speed. The object at an estimated altitude of 4,000 feet did a zigzag maneuver and was in view for about 16 seconds. The object appeared as large as a nickel held at arm's length. (Blue Book files/Dan Wilson)

July 23, 1952, near Springfield, Ohio
Bt. 8:05 and 10:15 p.m. two lights, some described them as white globes, were seen high in the sky. Jet aircraft were seen near where the lights were seen and later it was learned that the 97th Fighter Squadron had scrambled some of its planes and they were investigating the incident. At 8:05 p.m. (2055), Major A. S. Griffin, Base Comptrollers Office, called in a report that while he was at the scout camp near Yellow Springs, Ohio, at almost dark, he had seen three lights high above the Springfield Municipal Airport. He watched the object through field glasses and he said there were two jets that appeared to be investigating.

July 23, 1952; Lockbourne AFB, OH
This case was investigated by OSI. Numerous witnesses observed four (4) objects hovering in the vicinity of the Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio. The objects were round and fluorescent white in color. Two F-84 jets were dispatched from Lockbourne AFB, but were unable to identify the objects. Approximately 90 per cent of the personnel at the base observed the objects. Later through means of triangulation the objects were determined to be at 75,000 feet in altitude.

July 23, 1952; E of Misawa AFB, Japan (BBU)
8:20 p.m. USAF pilot flying F-94 jet fighter chased blue-green fireball. (Weinstein)

July 23, 1952; South Bend, Indiana (BBU 1578)
11:35 p.m. USAF pilot Capt. H. W. Kloth saw 2 bright blue-white objects flying together, then the rear one veered off. 9 mins. (Berliner)

July 23, 1952; Braintree, Mass
Cat 9. G,A,V

July 24, 1952; Vico, Italy
A man who was fishing in the Serchio night River saw a disk hovering for 10 min. From it hung a hose that plunged into the water. The object was 20 m in diameter, with five propellers in the rear and a dome with something like blades on top. An orange glow could be seen through slits along the deck. A man wearing a diving helmet looked at the witness through a window, and he received a kind of electric shock as a "green ray" hit him. He looked up with difficulty, in time to see the object fly away toward the east. Six days later a stranger with a foreign accent contacted the witness and intimidated him. (FSR 69,1)

July 24, 1952. Carson Sink, Nevada. (BBU 1584)
3:40 p.m. (MST). USAF HQ Directorate of Operations Lt. Cols. John L. McGinn (Deputy of Ops, Fighter Br) and John R. Barton (AFOOP-OP-D) flying E in a B-25 bomber at 11,000 ft and 185 knots airspeed saw 3 silver white, delta-shaped or arrowhead-shaped objects at their 1 o'clock position slightly larger than the size of F-86's

(40 ft), each with a ridge along the top, in Vformation, cross in front of and above the B-25 from right to left (S to N) at about 1,200 to 2,400 ft away at about 1,800+ mph. (Berliner; NARCAP; cf. Ruppelt pp. 10-1; NICAP)

July 24, 1952; Travis AFB, Calif. (BBU 1588)
(NARA)

July 24, 1952; MacDill AFB, Florida. (BBU)
10:45 p.m. USAF pilot and copilot of bomber with 364th Bomb Sq saw high speed object over MacDill AFB tracked by ground radar. (Project 1947; McDonald list)

July 24, 1952; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
11:20 p.m. (0820Z July 25). 1st Lt. Jones, pilot, and 2nd Lt. Aubrey M. Brenner, radar observer, while flying in an F-94 SE of Talkeetha, Alaska, made radar contact which appeared larger than an F-94 at 14,000 yards. Lock-on was accomplished at this time with a target speed of 40 knots greater than of the aircraft. Aircraft speed was increased to 350 knots in a 4200 feet per minute climb. The target was still pulling away at over 100 knots. After a climb to 18,500 feet the target appeared to level off and increase speed. The chase was broken off at this time.

July 24, 1952; Clovis, New Mexico
2130 hours. 140th Fighter-Bomber Wing. First page of document states that unidentified flying objects similar to types reported seen over "Operation Desert Rock" (Oct. 30, 1951) were observed by an officer of this wing on July 24, 1952.

> In late July the 1952 wave reached some kind of a peak, with fantastic sightings happening one after the other. All across the United States from July 25 through early August, Air Defense Command radar detected unknown objects flying through the skies, and jet interceptors scrambled to pursue them saw unidentified luminous objects exactly where both ground and airborne radar showed them to be. These sightings had profound implications for national defense, and accordingly were treated with great urgency. A lot of the details were kept secret from the public, but the cat was out of the bag on publicity because too many highly credible people were reporting sightings and the news media were looking for answers.

July 25, 1952; Manassas, Virginia (BB)
At around 12:00 a.m. EST, a bright light was observed in the sky east of Manassas by members of the 647th AC&W Squadron. The object was extremely bright. The object was in view for approximately 4 hours. Two F-94 pilots from the 148th Fighter Interceptor Squadron were scrambled to intercept an object. The two F-94 pilots sighted the object but estimated the altitude to be far beyond the capability of their aircraft. Number of observers: At least 2 from the air/ several (11) from the ground. (Dan Wilson)

July 25, 1952; Wilmington, Delaware (BBU)
Afternoon. VA employee saw 2 discs reflecting light in a climb.

July 25, 1952, Osceola, Wisconsin (BB)
Numerous unidentified objects were picked up on radar by the 674th AC&W Squadron in the morning. Speeds varied on the radar scope between 14,400 knots and 20,000 knots. There was correlation between these electronic sightings and visual sightings made by pilots of the 109th Fighter Squadron from Minneapolis, Minnesota. [Electronic Interference - Brad Sparks] (BB files, Dan Wilson)

July 26, 1952; Kirtland AFB, New Mexico (BBU 1637)
12:05 a.m. The Air Intelligence Information Report was filled out in accordance with AFL 200-5. It states that Airman 1st Class J. M. Donaldson was standing near the Service Club when he saw 8, 9, or 10 bright orange objects flying in a triangular formation, with the wedge appearing to be open. At ground level they were at 30-degree elevation, north of his position and moving W to E. The speed of the objects was faster than any aircraft he had ever seen and he observed them for about 3 or 4 seconds. He never saw any exhaust or trail. Ceiling was unlimited, visibility approximately 50 miles, winds N at 16 mph. Reliability of witness considered excellent. Listed as Unidentified. (Berliner)

July 26, 1952; Hampton, and bet. Newport News and Langley AFB, Virginia (BBU)
12:15-12:45? a.m. Ground observers saw a brilliant luminous alternately bright silver, red and green object hovering over the James River Bridge at about 1,500 ft for 1/2 hour, then ascend towards the E where seen by Langley AFB tower. USAF crews of 2 F-94's and ground observers saw 4 round silver/bluish objects in Vformation shoot straight up and disappear at 5,000 ft, one tracked by USN ground radar at Norfolk and by airborne radars. (Weinstein; Project 1947? Condon Committee?)

July 26, 1952. Kansas City, Missouri. (BBU 1628)
12:15 a.m. USAF Capt. H. A. Stone, men in control towers at Fairfax Field and Municipal Airport, saw a greenish light with red-orange flashes descend in the NW from 40° to 10° elevation. 1 hr. (Berliner)

July 26, 1952; Langley AFB, Virginia (BBU 1732)
2:30 p.m. USAF Capt D. G. Moore, military air traffic controller, tracked an object on an AN/MPN-1C radar set for two minutes below 5,000 ft altitude, heading toward the air base. It was approaching Langley from the South from a distance of approximately 15 miles. The unidentified target was moving extremely fast and disappeared from the radar sccope at 8 miles south of Langley AFB. Speed was determined to be approximately 2,600 miles an hour (speed determined by seven (7) sweeps of the radar scope. (Berliner)

July 26, 1952; Williams, Calif. (BBU Missing)
5:15 p.m. (PST). [N Calif. F-94C intercept case involving large orangeyellow object moving fast and slow, tracked by airborne and ground radars?? (Weinstein)] Air Defense Command radar detected a UFO, F-94 jet interceptor scrambled, locked onto the object with its radar, crew saw a yellow-orange light. As confirmed by ground and airborne radar, the UFO played tag with the F-94, alternately accelerating away when it got close, then slowing down until it caught up again. (Ruppelt, pp. 222-223.)

July 26, 1952; Plainview, Texas (BBU)
7:17 p.m. The observers in a T-33 were Maj. Eldon A. Klapal and 1st Lt. Jack Chadurgian on a flight from Kelly AFB to Denver, Colorado. The object illuminated a brilliant white light while hovering and when moving flickered orange and/or bluish color.

July 26, 1952; Plainview, Texas (BBU)
7:17 p.m. USAF pilot and copilot of T-33 saw a stationary object move in a slight descent changing color from white to blue. (Project 1947)

> The spectacular radar-visual sightings at Washington, D.C., on the weekend of July 19/20 were repeated with some new twists on the following

> weekend.

The Washington Invasion, July 26/27, 1952 - Richard Hall

July 26-27, 1952; Andrews AFB and Washington National Airport, Wash., D.C. (BBU 1661)
8 p.m. [9:50? p.m. EDT] until after 12 midnight [1:00? a.m. EDT]. Radar operators at several airports, airline and F-94 fighter pilots, sighted and tracked many unidentified blips and/or lights all over Washington area, at varying speeds. 3 hrs. 10 mins. (Berliner)

> "I saw several bright lights. I was at my maximum speed, but even then I had no closing speed....Later I chased a single bright light which I estimated about 10 miles away. I lost visual contact with it [at] about 2 miles." -- Lt. William Patterson, F-94 pilot who chased UFOs over Washington, D.C.

July 26, 1952; Atlantic 200 miles S of New York City, New York (BBU)
8:30 p.m. USAF B-29 gunner, 301st Bomb Wing, saw 3 amber edged [?] white flashing objects traveling at Mach 1. (Project 1947)

July 26, 1952; Florence, South Carolina (BBU)
10:04 [10:10?] p.m. Eastern Airlines Flight 606 Constellation pilot and 2 crew members saw a steady white light traveling at high speed in a straight line at 22,000 ft. (Project 1947)

> Joel Carpenter:
> JOINT SAC/ADC EXERCISE. The next flying exercise took place on 27 July, as the wing launched 21 B-36s (7-9th, 7-436th and 7-492nd Bomb Squadron) from Carswell, as part of a joint SAC/ADC attack on Detroit, Michigan. En route to Detroit, the bombers were intercepted by Air Defense Command North American F-86 and Lockheed F-94 fighters. The North American F-86 Sabre was the Air Forces first swept-wing fighter, entering operational service in February 1949. The Lockheed F-94 Starfire was the first jet-powered all-weather fighter to enter service with the Air Force and first to feature a speed-boosting afterburner. It became operational in May 1950 with the Continental Air Command. Fighter opposition was considered ineffective as all bombers attacked the target then returned to Carswell the same day.

July 27 [25?], 1952; Wilmington, Delaware (BBU 1664?)
At 2300Z Mr. James R. Thomas observed one cylindrical object with a domed top and bottom moving northwest to southeast. The object appeared to move in an upright position**.** The object disappeared suddenly. Sighting lasted for approximately 90 seconds.

July 27, 1952; 10 miles SSW of Columbus, Ohio (BBU)
12:05 a.m. USAF pilot & crew chief of B-25 with 3 Pentagon Colonels on board saw a white light with 4 flashing lights stationary then move. (Project 1947)

July 27, 1952; Selfridge AFB, Mich. (BBU 1680)
10:05 a.m. 3 B-29 bomber crewmen on ground saw many round, white objects fly straight and level, very fast. Two at 10:05, one each at 10:10, 10:15, 10:20. (Berliner)

July 27, 1952; Ann Arbor, Mich
Biologist reported "flotilla" of rocket-like UFOs. [UFOE, VI]

July 27, 1952; Manhatten Beach, Calif. (BBU) [CCL Item #31]
At 6:35 p.m., a group of eight witnesses including pilots and engineers observed a large silvery object moving rapidly at high altitude, then making a turn. As they watched, the object separated into seven discs which then formed into groups, circled, and sped out of sight. It appeared as if a stack of coins had smoothly separated, the pilot told investigators. (Air Force Intelligence report.)

July 27, 1952; Belleville, Illinois (BB)
Bt. 7:20 p.m. and 8:30 p.m CST. Four objects were observed on ground radar equipment (FPS-3) of the 798th AC&W Squadron. The objects were eliptical in shape and the target return was comparable with B-50 or B-36 echos. The speed of the objects was estimated at 2,800 to 3,200 knots and the direction of travel was from south to north and north to south. (Dan Wilson)

July 27, 1952; Washington, D.C.
At 7:30 p.m. Both Air Force personnel and National Airport employees observed a large round object reflecting sunlight as it hovered over the U.S. Capitol Building. After about one minute the object ...wavered then shot straight up disappearing from sight. Air Force intelligence report.)

July 27, 1952; The Pentagon, Washinton, D.C.
2000 hours on July 27 and 0200 hours July 28, 1952, Mrs.XX observed a white light immediately over the Pentagon, then it made a direct descent toward the Pentagon, stopped and veered off.

July 27, 1952; Wichita Falls, Texas (BBU 1684)
8:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Ellis saw 2 disc-shaped objects, illuminated by a phosphorus light, fly at an estimated 1,000 mph. (Berliner)

July 28, 1952; Baltimore, Maryland
0031 to 0237 Hours. FLYOBRPT. Mr. S. Robert Tralins observed 17 shooting lights moving in varied directions at extremely high speed. The observer holds a private pilot's license.

July 28, 1952: McChord AFB, Washington (BBU 1708)
2:15 a.m. T/Sgt. Walstead and S/Sgt. Calkins of the 635th AC&W Sq ADC radar site saw a dull, glowing, bluegreen ball, size of a dime at arms' length, fly very fast, straight and level. (Berliner)

July 28, 1952; Hallock, Minn. (BBU)
(FUFOR Index)

July 28, 1952; McGuire AFB, New Jersey (BBU 1707)
6 a.m. GCA radar operator M/Sgt. W. F. Dees, and persons in the base control tower. Radar tracked a large cluster of very distinct blips. Visual observation was of oblong objects having neither wings nor tail, which made a very fast turn, at one time in echelon formation. 55-secs. (Berliner)

> July 28, Washington, D.C. Daily newspapers headlined a United Press story from Washington reporting that the Air Defense Command had ordered its

> pilots to pursue and, if necessary, shoot down UFOs sighted anywhere in the country.
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> July 28, Washington, D.C. President Truman phoned CIA Director Gen. Walter B. Smith and asked him to investigate the AF's mishandling of the Washington National cases and its general approach to the UFO subject.

July 28, 1952; Osceola, Wisconsin
Ground Control Intercept radar, Air Force pilot, plane spotter of G.O.C., tracked several UFOs. [UFOE, VIII]

July 28, 1952; Heidelberg, West Germany (BBU 1700)
10:20 p.m. Sgt. B. C. Grassmoen and WAC PFC A.P. Turner saw a saucer-shaped object having appearance of light metal giving off shafts of white light, fly slow, make 90° turn and climb away fast. 4-5 mins. (Berliner)

July 28-29, 1952; 20 miles W of Port Huron, Mich (BBU) [CCL Item #17]
9:40-10 p.m. (EST). An Aircraft Control and Warning Station in Michigan, July 29, 1952, reported an extremely important case: Ground Control Intercept tracked UFO by radar, target speed 550 knots. Chased by F-94s; one got a radar lock-on; bright flashing light seen at the same time, same position. Although numerous incidents involve clearer, closer encounters, this was one that convinced a lot of people simply because of what the UFO apparently did. (See Digesting the Data below) This was item # 17 on the Chop clearance list. Surprisingly, the case is not listed among the Blue Book "unknowns", but there were no less than six "unknowns" on that very day. Two days prior to this was the Selfridge ADC attempted intercept mission. Less than a week later, the Port Huron case was upgraded to SECRET.

July 29, 1952; Enid, Oklahoma
Sidney Eubank went to the Enid police station and told Sergeant Vern Bennell that an enormous disk had buzzed his car as he drove between Bison and Waukonis on Highway 81. The rush of air made the car leave the road while the object flew west very fast. (Anatomy 134)

July 29, 1952; Osceola, Wisc. (BBU 1731)
1:30 a.m. Radar operators on ground and pilot of F-51 Mustang in flight. Several clusters of up to 10 small radar targets and one large target. Small targets moved from SW to E at 50-60 knots (60-70 mph), following each other. Large target moved at 600 knots (700 mph). Pilot confirmed one target. 1 hr. Dummary says photos were taken. (Berliner)

July 29, 1952; Washington, D.C.
CAA radar in the early morning tracked 8 to 12 UFOs at a time traveling about 100-120 m.p.h. in a 10-mile arc around the Nations Capital. When an Eastern Airlines pilot tried to check on the radar targets at CAA request at 3:00 a.m., he saw nothing. The targets disappeared from CAA radar screens when the airliner approached, then came back in behind him after he passed through the area.

July 29, 1952; Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico (BBU)
4 weather observers including base weather officer sighted several high-speed discs through theodolite. (Hynek UFO Rpt. pp. 114-5)

July 29, 1952; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU) [CCL Item #18]
10 a.m. Several Los Alamos Scientific Lab and other witnesses saw white object moving E to W, about 1.8°/sec angular velocity, with gyrating or fluttering motion. 2 jet

interceptors from Kirtland AFB arrived about 5 mins later chasing object W to E, all 3 leaving contrails. At 10:57 a.m. light-brown eggshaped object with wings was sighted hovering then shot off to the NW disappearing in 3 secs. 30 secs. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 61-64)

July 29, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico [CCL Item # 19]
9:15 p.m. Witness saw a flight of luminous objects, at least 10, pass over Albuquerque. "Whatever they were, they made a "flying saucers" believer out of me. They resembled nothing I has seen before. Their flight was soundless and graceful. At first they appeared overhead.They were clustered together in no apparent pattern, heading north.Then they shifted to a perfect V. the shift was done with precision. The formation resembled a flight of geese. Within a few seconds they formed a new pattern two rows with the objects in front spaced at exact intervals. The "saucers" in the second row were spaced evenly between those in the first row." (Dan Wilson)

> July 29, Washington, D.C., Press Conference
> What was characterized as the largest Air Force press conference since the end of World War II was held, with Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, Director of Air Force Intelligence, presiding. He attributed the radar-visual UFO sightings to weather effects, temperature inversions that caused radar mirages. 41-second sound byte (Courtesy, Wendy Connors and the Faded Disc Archive)

July 29, 1952; Wichita, Kansas (BBU 1739)
12:35 p.m. USAF shop employees Douglas and Hess at Municipal Airport saw a bright white circular object with a flat bottom fly very fast then hover 10-15 secs over the Cessna Aircraft Co. plant. 5 mins. (Berliner)

July 29, 1952; Ennis, Montana
Bt. 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. MST. The sighting at Ennis, Montana was made by Ben Shaffer and about 11 other witnesses. At a time between 1400 and 1500 hours MST, Shaffer saw an object hovering over a mountain while driving his car. He stopped the car. The object then formed a cloud around itself. Shortly after three smaller disc like objects came bursting out of the cloud from different angles at an estimated 200 mph. The objects accelerated into an arc and disappeared. Shaffer had eight-power binoculars when he was watching this action. Shaffer stopped two other cars, one from Ohio had 50-power binoculars. Now there were about 12 observers watching with the naked eye and through binoculars. After the 3 disc like objects had left the cloud 5 objects appeared on the right side of the cloud in V formation traveling slowly and then each of these objects formed a small cloud around themselves. Then these objects one at a time entered the big cloud one behind the other. There were no other clouds visible in the sky within range of vision. During this time Shaffer took colored moving pictures with a Bell and Howell camera and still pictures with a Kodak Retina camera. Shaffer turned the undeveloped films over to Major McCarthy of the 29th Air Division at Great Falls AFB, Montana. After watching this phenomenon for about 30 minutes another cloud formed to the left of the highway and the same phenomenon occurred with objects leaving and returning.

July 29, 1952; Ennis, Montana (BBU 1747)
3:40 p.m. MST. USAF personnel, alerted that UFO's were coming from the direction of Seattle, saw 2-5 flat disc-shaped objects, one hovered 3-4 mins, while the others circled it. Sighting length of 30 mins not explained further. Sgt. Boden at Great Falls AFB, Mont., heard a transmission from McChord AFB, Seattle, Washington of 'flying saucers'

hovering there and that the saucers were headed towards Great Falls AFB, Montana. The transmission was over Plan 62 Voice Circuit  Several people heard this transmission which was cut off right after 'flying saucers' was mentioned. Later McChord AFB denied making such a transmission. There were about 50 witnesses to this event. 30 mins. (Berliner)

July 29, 1952; Merced, Calif. (BBU 1738)
3:44 or 4:35 p.m. Herbert Mitchell and employee saw a dark, discusshaped object, trailed by a silvery light 2 lengths behind, tipped on its side, dive, hesitate then circle very fast. 2 min. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

July 29, 1952; Miami, Florida
9:30 PM. Mayher movie  Ralph Mayher, using 16 mm film exposed at 24  frames per second, obtained good footage of a high speed UFO. Retaining a few frames for personal study, Mr. Mayher submitted the main portion of the film to the Air Force for analysis. The film was never returned and no analysis report was ever released. Enlargements of a few frames show a fiery looking roughly circular object, symmetrical, with two small peaks or projection on opposite sides of the disc. [UFOE VIII, BB docs, see full report directory]

July 29, 1952; Port Huron, Michigan
9:40 p.m. CST an Air Force radar station plotted  an unidentified target  moving at 550 knots. An F-94 in the area was asked to investigate, and its airborne radar locked onto the UFO which appeared as a bright flashing colored light. The object, showing on ground radar along with the F-94, outdistanced the interceptor.

July 30, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 1758)
10:00 a.m.  George and Everett Nye observed one round object giving off a  bright luminous color like a glittering diamond. The object hovered directly overhead at approximately 5,000 feet and upon approach of a C-97 aircraft it made a rapid ascent to approximately 10,000 feet. The object then moved off laterally at a tremendous rate of speed many times faster that conventional aircraft. The observers also stated that the object was larger than a conventional aircraft. The object was observed for approximately 30 minutes (Berline, Dan wilson)

July 30, 1952; Atlanta, Georgia (BBU)
(FUFOR Index)

July 30, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 1755)
11:02 p.m. Kirtland AFB USAF 1st Lt. George Funk saw a stationary orange light. No further details in files. 10 mins. (Berliner)

July 30, 1952; Keesler AFB, Mississippi
At 11:55 p.m. CST, Capt. Eugene P. Daspit and T/Sgt James E. Hansen sighted an unusual object on the PPI scope of an AN/CPS-5 radar set at Keesler AFB, Mississippi. The radar target was teardrop shaped and was first sighted at an azimuth of 335 degrees approximately 43 miles distant. The target moved very slowly south for approx. two minutes, then it stopped for approx. four minutes. It then began to move slowly north for three minutes, then stopped for two minutes and disappeared. After approx. three minutes the target reappeared and began moving north at a more rapid pace and disappeared completely at a distance of 50 miles from the radar site. (Dan Wilson)

July 30, 1952; Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico (BBU)
Bt. 9:10 and 9:20 p.m. MST. A/1C Scott C. Owen observed a bright white light, the

intensity of which changed from bright to dim to bright and made a 180 turn in a wide arc. The light was moving ESE flying straight and level until approximately 80 degrees of the turn was made. The object then came to almost a complete stop momentarily, gained speed, started climbing , leveled off and faded from sight. No sound was heard from the object. The speed of the object appeared to be faster than a jet aircraft. The length of the sighting was approximately 1 minute. (FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

July 31, 1952; 15 miles E of Yokota AFB, Japan (BBU)
10:10 p.m. USAF pilot Leach and copilot Kato of C-47 with 548th Tech Recon Sq saw an object at 7,000 ft off their left wing. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

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## AUGUST

NARA-PBB1-72-80, August

Newspaper Articles in BB Files for the period (pdf file)

AIR INTELLIGENCE DIGEST
Sometime in August the article by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt for the AIR INTELLIGENCE DIGEST, which went to high commands around the world and was classified.was, slated for release. So far the evidence indicates the article was never printed or appeared on another date. In any case all we have is the first draft found in Project Blue Book files above.

Aug, 1952; Seat Pleasant, Maryland
About 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Suzanne E. Knight, a young housewife and mother, saw a UFO at close range with what appeared to be an occupant aboard. On that hot summer evening, Mrs. Knight was in her kitchen when she heard a peculiar "bzzt" noise, apparently against the screen of the kitchen window. The noise was repeated several times and thinking it was a large insect, she went to the window and looked out. [See detailed version below *] ( NICAP New Look, Section VII)

Aug.1952; Skylight Mtn., Washington County, Ark. (BBU)
3:30 p.m. Inverted tin colored saucers, 4:1 width/thickness ratio, darted in and out of cloud bank, in 5 mile circles in 5 secs [3,600 mph]. 5 secs. (Berliner)

Aug, 1952; Falls Church, Virginia [CCL Item # 39]
This report is case #39, on the official clearance list of 41 formerly classified Air Technical Intelligence UFO reports cleared for Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe by Albert M. Chop, Air Force Press Desk. Falls Church, Va. Preliminary report on a sighting in August, 1952; rotating light UFO seen by ground observers including police. When police officer tilted scout car spotlight upward, object seemed to descend toward it. Light was hurriedly turned off, and object rose to former height, continued rotating. No documents were found. (Chop list, Fran Ridge)

Aug. 1, 1952; Lancaster, Calif. (BBU 1771)

1:14 a.m. Sheriff's deputies and others, one named Mallette, saw 2 brilliant red lights hovering and maneuvering. 5 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 1, 1952; Vincennes, Indiana
10:38 a.m. Three miles south of the town, on a farm, three men were painting a farrowing barn. There was a jet-like roar. All the witnesses (one later was to become a Catholic priest) agreed it was a flying saucer that stopped in mid-air and began to lower itself toward the ground like a helicopter. Then it stopped, remained there for 20-seconds, ascended to original height and went west, then east, then west, each time making a loud sonic boom, and swept toward the southwest with extreme speed. (UFO Filter Center files).

Aug. 1, 1952; Near Troy [radar at Bellefontaine], Ohio (BBU) [CCL Item # 20]
10:51-11:13 a.m. (EST). USAF ADC radar site 664th AC&W Sq at Bellefontaine atop Campbell Hill at 1549 ft elevation (40°22'20" N, 83°43'10" W). tracked target 20 miles NNW of Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, traveling 400-450 knots (500 mph) on a heading of 240° about WSW and vectored 2 F-86's piloted by Major James B. Smith and Lt. Donald J. Hemer, located 10 miles SW of the UFO. Jets made visual contact in 4 mins at 10:55, climbed to 48,000 ft, fell off, climbed again to 48,000 ft and Smith got a weak return on his radar gun sight, shot gun camera film of the 24-40 ft white round object or silver-colored sphere or disc estimated at 60,00070,000 ft and filmed by gun camera a white round object [which then took off at high speed ?]. F-86s broke off intercept at about 11:05 or 11:13 a.m., apparently about 100 miles WSW of Dayton. Film reportedly shows UFO image in the upper right of the frames with noticeable motion to the lower left. 22 mins. (BB Rpt 8; cf. Ruppelt pp. 174-6; Keyhoe 1953 p. 107)

Aug. 1, 1952; Sharonville, Ohio
Brilliant white disc observed at low altitude. Others reported oval object. [UFOE, XII]

Aug. 1, 1952; Albuquerque, N.M.
At 9:50 p.m. a Scripps-Howard reporter saw a cluster of glowing white objects overhead. The objects shifted around into various patterns, including a perfect V at one point. Their shifts in position were incredibly swift and fantastically violent, he said. "They made a flying saucer believer out of me." (New York World-Telegram, Aug. 2, 1952.)

Aug. 2, 1952; Lake Charles, Louisiana (BBU 1783)
3 a.m. USAF 1st Lt. W. A. Theil and enlisted man Edwards saw a red ball with blue flame tail fly straight and level. 3-4 secs. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 2, 1952; Lubbock, TX
8:57 a.m. to 9:03 a.m. Five civilian men observed a metallic looking spherical shaped object hanging in the air. The only apparent movement was a quivering motion. The object after about six minutes moved straight east until it disappeared into a cloud bank. One witness, Mr. Gibbs, was very familiar with weather balloons and he was positive that the object was not a balloon of any type. Reese AFB was located just west of Lubbock, Texas. (PBB files)

Aug. 2, 1952; Houlton, ME (BBU)
9:55 p.m. Smart and another witness on a wharf saw 21 objects traveling 200-600 mph. 35 mins. Objects were disc-shaped and seen to the north and northeast. Witnesses were Jack Smart and his wife Patricia Smart. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 3, 1952; Truth or Consequences, New Mexico (BBU) [CCL Item 21] (BBU)
10:20 p.m. Civilian engineer Anderson saw 3 lightgreen cylindrical objects hovering at 45° elevation in inverted-V formation, switching to echelon when one object moved, with a rolling motion along its long axis. Disappeared by rapidly rising vertically. 9 mins. (BB Rpt 8; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 3, 1952; Hamilton AFB, California [CCL Item #33]
4:15-5:30 p.m. (PDT). Two AF pilots Capt. L. R. Hadley and Lt. D. A. Swimley, and AF Capt. W. T. Perske, saw visually and with binoculars two circular or spherical silvery objects 60-100 ft diameter at 12,000 and 18,000 ft drifting E to W on a 15-mile track passing overhead, darting and dog fighting at estimated 400-450 mph, the upper object dropping from 18,000 to 12,000 ft, at the end joined by 8 more similar objects appearing in pairs in the W about 15-20 miles distant. No sound. 1 hr 15 mins + ? 3 witnesses.

Aug 3, 1952; Kirtland AFB, New Mexico (BB)
10:20 p.m. MST. A CAA engineer in SAC Station observed three oblong translucent objects in an inverted V-formation in the sky to the north at 40 degrees elevation. The speed of the objects was near sonic and no sound was heard. The objects were in conventional maneuver except for one flip flop or tumble which showed one of the objects as plate shaped. Duration: 9 mins. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Somethings' Over The Capital Are Traced On Radar (Life Magazine, Aug. 4, 1952)

Aug. 4, 1952; Phoenix, Ariz. (BBU 1812)
2:20 a.m. USAF A/3c W. F. Vain [and Parker?] saw a yellow ball which lengthened and narrowed to plate shape, fly straight and level. 5 mins. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 4, 1952; Mt. Vernon, New York (BBU 1813)
11:37 a.m. Woman and 2 children saw an object, shaped like a lifesaver or donut, emitting black smoke from its top and making a 15° [?] [reciprocating?] arc in 1.5 mins. 2 hrs. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 5-6, 1952; Washington, D.C. area
During the night two to ten unidentified objects flying at speeds from 30 to 40 miles an hour were seen on radarscopes at Civil Aeronautics Administration headquarters at Washington National Airport. The blips were also reported on radar at nearby Andrews AFB, where an aircraft was sent up to 15,000 feet to investigate but returned because of the overcast. (Dan Wilson)

Aug. 5, 1952; Bet. Lima and Huacho, Peru (BBU)
5:13 a.m. Panagra DC-3 pilot Sullivan and crew saw 3 saucer-shaped objects in a V-formation maneuver around the plane. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 5, 1952; Baltimore, Md.
Experienced amateur astronomer observed two copper-like discs. [UFOE, VI]

Aug. 5-6, 1952; Haneda AFB, Japan (BBU 1827)
11:30 p.m. USAF F-94 jet interceptor pilots 1st Lt. W. R. Holder, 1st Lt. A. M. Jones, and Haneda control tower operators. Airborne radar tracked a target for 90 secs. Control tower operators watched 50-60 mins while a dark shape with a light flew as fast as 330 knots (380 mph), hover, fly curves and perform a variety of maneuvers, at one point splitting into 3 targets [?]. 50-60 mins. (Berliner)

> Joel Carpenter:
> On 6 August 1952, a unit simulated combat mission was flown against Philadelphia by 19 wing B-36s (7-F and 12-H), nine of the 9th Bomb Squadron, five of the 436th Bomb Squadron and five of the 492nd Bomb Squadron. After launch, the bombers flew to Maine and encountered several Air Defense Command F-84, F-86 and F-94 fighters in the northeastern United States. From Maine the bombers attacked Philadelphia. Following this, the aircraft landed at Carswell on 7 August. Fighter opposition was very small during the mission, and did not affect the mission's effectiveness. Overall, the mission was considered very successful.

Aug. 6, 1952; Tokyo, Japan (BBU 1841)
Continuation of Haneda AFB sightings. (NARA)

Aug. 6, 1952; Belleville, Mich. (BBU 1843)
Military witness(es). (NARA)

Aug. 6, 1952; Port Austin, Mich. (BBU 1845)
Case missing. (NARA)

Aug. 6, 1952; Andrews AFB, Maryland (BB)
10:00 p.m. An unidentified object was observed on the radar scope at a distance 2 1/2 miles away on a bearing of 116 degrees, moving in a southerly direction. At 2223 hours three unidentified objects were observed on the radar scope. The first object was at 4 1/2 miles away at a bearing of 80 degrees. The second object was at 3 miles at a bearing of 100 degrees. The third object was at 4 1/2 miles at a bearing of 113 degrees. At 2232 hours one object was observed at 5 miles away at a bearing of 93 degrees. At 2239 hours two targets appeared on the radar scope at a bearing of 53 degrees. At this time a B-25 aircraft was returning to Andrews AFB and when the B-25 approached the unknown radar targets they disappeared. Earlier at 2115 hours a civilian man observed two bright objects high in the sky over SE Washington D.C. The two objects were flying towards Andrews AFB, one in a straight course and the other circling the first. The objects were circular in shape and appeared to be the size of a fifty cent piece. According to the witness the objects were flying faster than any jet he had ever seen. The Andrews AFB case is not listed in the Project Blue Book Master Index. (Dan Wilson)

Aug. 6/7, 1952; Kerkrade, Holland
Marine engineer designer saw two disc-shaped objects with superstructures. [UFOE, X]

Aug. 6-7 [7?], 1952; Port Lyautey [Mina Hassam Tani?], French Morocco (BBU)
7:51 p.m. Control tower personnel and 3 USN officer pilots [one named Dobos?] while flying R5-D saw a brilliant white disc-shaped luminous object with red blinking light, leaving a smoke trail, traveling straight and level at high speed then shut up vertically to 15,000 ft at high speed, then hovered, descended. When aircraft tried to climb towards object it started moving at high speed and chase was abandoned. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 7, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 1855)
9:08 a.m. Mrs. Susan Pzuhl observed 4 round, unidentified flying objects that gave off color similar to white-hot metal. Objects appeared approximately 18" in diameter, actual size, and all 4 objects similar. Objects were observed singularly with exception of 2, and at intervals of approximately 20 minutes. No aerodynamic features were noted. No trail, exhaust, or visible propulsion system was noticed. Speed unestimated but observer stated, that with the exception of 1 object that moved slowly, the speed must have been 3

times as fast as a prop driven aircraft.  No sound was heard.  Maneuver consisted of radical directional change by first object; straight and level flight by second object, slight directional change by third object and fourth object navigated a large circle.  An aircraft passed under the fourth object with no apparent reaction by plane or object.  Object disappeared by vanishing suddenly, like an extinguished light. 70 mins (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 8, 1952; Warren AFB, Wyoming (BBU)
7:48 p.m. Pollack and another witness saw an object immediately stop without appearing to decelerate. 2-1/2 mins. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 9, 1952; Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana (BBU 1870)
10:50 a.m. USAF A/3c J. P. Raley while walking to work saw a disc-shaped object fly S at 5,000 ft at high speed, turn W then [?] hover for 2 secs. 5-6 mins. (cf. HynekCUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldric)

Aug. 9, 1952; K-3 area E. of Pohang, Korea (BBU)
8:57PM. The pilot of Richman 18 (USMC aircraft) reported that he had sighted a long streamer of flame with a ball of fire at the front. This object passed him 500 yards off his starboard wing, and 1000 feet above. The pilot requested that Lt. Nagrodsky, the officer reading the radar scope at a radar ground station to verify his sighting by radar. Lt. Leo N. Nagrodsky did observe blips of the object on the scope and he estimated that the speed of the object to be 600-800 miles per hour. (Dan Wilson, Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 10, 1952; Japan (BBU)
9:45 p.m. USMC Major flying aircraft saw an object moving downward from 8,000 to 1,500 ft then hovering and abruptly vanishing. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 11, 1952; Rockford, Ill.
"Speedy Jets Are Alerted In Vain Hunt". Many "flying saucers" were sighted streaking over Rockford Sunday evening by at least 14 persons. Two U.S. air force F-86 Sabre jet interceptors based at O'Hare International Airport near Chicago came here seeking the strange objects, but the pilots didn't see them. (Rockford Register-Republic)

Aug. 11, 1952; Hampton, Virginia (BBU)
9/10 p.m. USAF Capt. and wife driving to town saw a series of  7 yellowish-orange low-flying objects climb away. 5 mins. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 12, 1952; Near Cape May, New Jersey (BBU)
5:43 a.m. USAF pilot of F-94B saw stationary glowing object lose brightness and diminish in size. [Star?] (Weinstein; BB files??)

Aug. 12, 1952; Big Spring, Texas (BBU)
4:49 p.m. USAF pilot of T-6 saw a light flying at 500 mph and 15,000 ft pass his aircraft. (Project 1947)

Aug. 12, 1952; 70 miles W of Wink, Texas (BBU)
10:48 p.m. [?] USN? pilot and copilot of SNB aircraft saw several pie-pan-shaped aluminum colored objects pass ahead of their aircraft and ascend. (Project 1947)

Aug. 13-14, 1952; Washington, D.C.
7:57 p.m. Suddenly, a group of seven strong stationary targets became visible in an area about 15 miles north-northeast of the radar antenna.  During the next two or three

antenna revolutions, the area on the scope between Washington and Baltimore became heavily sprinkled with stationary targets in a belt about 6 miles wide. A group of additional targets became visible in an area approximately 10 to 15 miles south of the radar antenna. For the next four and one-half hours, many unidentified targets were carefully plotted with a grease pencil on the face of the Type VG scope. The time for each was entered on these plots in order to calculate ground speeds. To secure a permanent record, time data and track plots were transferred from the scope face to a sheet of frosted acetate. Targets disappeared at 0030 Aug 14. (Dan Wilson)

Aug. 13, 1952; Tokyo, Japan (BBU 1889)
9:45 p.m. U.S. Marine pilot Maj. D. McGough saw an orange light fly a left orbit at 8,000 ft and 230 mph, spiral down to no more than 1,500 ft, remain stationary for 2-3 mins and went out. Attempted interception unsuccessful. 2-3 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 13, 1952; Dallas, Texas
Airlines Chief Pilot chased maneuvering light. [UFOE, V] Cat 11. Jacoby/McNaulty (AL)

Aug 13, 1952; Tucson, Arizona
Air Force officer reports formation of bright UFOs. [UFOE, III] Cat 11, Stanley Case (M)

August 14, 1952; Kelly AFB, Texas (BB)
3:45 p.m. CST. Seven Air Force employees observed a round object that appeared to be of aluminum construction flying over Kelly AFB. Maneuvers consisted of slow sweeping turns and reversing direction. The speed of the object was estimated at 1500 mph at an estimated altitude of 20,000 to 30,000 feet. The object was observed over a period of 30 minutes. The object appeared and disappeared at times. (Dan wilson, BB files)

Aug. 15, 1952; Napa, California (BB)
5 p.m PDT. A GOC observer saw a silver colored cigar-shaped object the size of a large aircraft overhead at an estimate altitude of 10,000 feet moving on a SW course at an estimated speed of 800 -1000 mph. The winds in the area were from the SW. No sound was heard from the object. The object was observed for 30 seconds. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Aug. 17, 1952; W of Athens, Alabama (BBU)
12:47 p.m. USAF pilot of T-6G saw an intensely bright bright white round object hovering then disappear suddenly. (Project 1947)

Aug. 17, 1952; E of Abilene, Texas (BBU)
4:49 p.m. CST. Capt. James H. Perry flying a T-6 aircraft at 8000 feet observed an object that appeared to be of highly polished metal, oblong in shape traveling at a terrific rate of speed well over 500 mph just below the clouds and was climbing. The object was slightly smaller than a B-25 aircraft. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 18, 1952; Fairfield, Calif. (BBU 1920)
12:50 a.m. 3 policemen saw an object change color from redgreen-orange-blue, shaped like a diamond, and change directions [?] traveling in a straight line "sideways" [?] gaining altitude. Military witnesses [?]. 30 mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 18, 1952; Duncanville, Texas (BB)

8:45 p.m. CST (19/0245Z). Ground visual sightings were made of a slow moving object and reported to Carswell AFB. Red and green lights changing to white were noted. Object moved up and down, hovered and then moved off at a rapid rate of speed. At 8:47 p.m. CST, objects were picked up on radar by the 147th AC&W squadron, at Duncanville, Texas. The objects were at approximately 265 degrees at approximately 28 miles distance and in the same direction as the visual sightings. The object changed directions several times and had an estimated speed of 300 mph. The objects were observed for approximately 40 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Aug. 18, 1952; West Palm Beach, Florida
Cat 6. Desvergers Case/Florida Scoutmaster. Probable hoax, but with some degree of strangeness.

Aug. 19, 1952; West Palm Beach, Florida
Evening. Ronny Desvergers saw a large, round, dark object above him in a clearing. It had a turret on top. Red balls of light were emitted by the object and burned him. He also observed a "hideous" creature aboard the craft. Grass roots were scorched at the site. (Ruppelt 222; Magonia)

Aug. 19, 1952; Red Bluff, Calif. (BBU 1928)
2:38 p.m. GOC observer Albert Lathrop saw 2 objects, shaped like fat bullets, fly straight and level, very fast. 25 secs. (Berliner)

> Brad Sparks:
> Blue book listed both these cases under the same number even though five hours apart.

Aug. 19, 1952; Boron, Calif. (BBU 1928)
8 p.m. (PDT). Pilot of USAF aircraft saw tailless object greatly accelerate away to the E and disappear, with airborne radar tracking [?]. No ground radar tracking due to ground clutter. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 20, 1952; Dayton (WPAFB), Ohio
Cat 8. More gun camera photos or wrong date? NICAP files.

Aug. 20 [19?], 1952; Neffsville [Lancaster?], Penna. (BBU 1938)
3:10 a.m. Bill Ford and 2 others saw an un-described object flying at 500 ft altitude. No further data in files. Sev. mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 20, 1952. W Fresno, Calif. (BBU)
6:30 p.m. (PDT). Aeronautical engineer DeMay and civilian pilot Paxton, commercial artist, heard loud jet-like sound, saw object at relatively high speed approach from S with fast “jerky” motions. 1 min. (Sparks; BB files)

Aug. 20, 1952; Congaree AFB, S. Carolina
10:00 p.m. Air Defense Command radar tracked UFO 60 miles from base, speed 4000 mph. One "ball" was observed by military witnesses at an airfield. [UFOE, VIII].

Aug. 21, 1952; Dallas, Texas (BBU 1944)
11:54 p.m. Jack Rossen, ex-artillery observer, saw 3 blue-white lights hover then descend, 1.5 mins [30 secs?] later one [2?] of them descended further. 1.5 mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 22, 1952; Ontario, Calif. (BBU)
3 p.m. Pilot Irvin of aircraft saw 2 teardrop shaped objects cross his flight path 1/2 mile away in high speed straight level flight creating severe turbulence that rocked his aircraft. 2 secs. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 22, 1952; Elgin, Illinois
USAF jets, guided by Ground Observer Corps, chased a pulsating yellowish light. [UFOE, VII]

Aug. 23, 1952; [not out of order by GMT/UTC]. Sinuiju, North Korea (BBU)
1:04 a.m. USAF 19th Bomber Group weather recon B-29 crew saw an orange-red cigar-shaped object. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Aug. 23, 1952; Akron, Ohio (BBU 1956)
4:10 a.m. USAF 2nd Lt. H. K. Funseth, a ground radar observer, and 2 U.S. Navy men saw a pulsing amber light fly straight and level. 7 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 24, 1952; Frontenac, Kansas
6:00 am. A man driving through a woods encountred a strange object and stopped to observe it. It looked like two turtle shells glued together, about 25 m long, with a humanoid creature in what ap peared to be a control cabin in front. Windows lighted by an intense blue light and a throbbing sound were also reported. The object was oscillating and suddenly flew straight up with a strong humming noise. The middle section supported what looked like propellers. The object hovered 3 m above ground. (Atic)

Aug. 24, 1952; Bet. Hermanas, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas (BBU 1961) [CCL Item # 32]
10:15 [10:20?] a.m. Georgia Air National Guard F-84G jet fighter pilot Col. G. W. Johnson saw two 6 ft silver balls in abreast formation, one turned grey rapidly, the other slowly. One changed to long grey shape during a turn. 10 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 24, 1952; Tucson, Ariz. (BBU 1964)
5:40 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. George White saw a large round, metallic, white light with a vague lower surface, fly slowly, then fast with a dancing, wavering motion. 1 min. (Berliner)

Aug. 24, 1952; Levelland, Texas (BBU 1969)
9:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sharp saw an object, shaped like a spinning top, changing color from red to yellow to blue, with a fiery tail, hover for 20 mins with whistling [shrill?] sound, then fly away on a NNW course in 3 mins. Same or similar object returned 1 hr later repeating maneuvers. 23 mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 25, 1952; Frontenac-Pittsburg, Kansas (BBU 1972)
5:35 a.m. (CST). Radio station musician William Squyres saw 70-75 ft inverted platter-shaped dull aluminum color object to right side of road about 40° elevation and 750 ft away with a "man" inside visible in a window. He stopped the car and got out to look from 300 ft away, object had "rocking motion" and deep throbbing sound, series of 6-7-inch "propellers" then after 1/2 min rose vertically at high speed from 10 ft height and disappeared in a gap of broken clouds but not behind clouds. Later found 60 ft circle of grass matted down in the field. 1/2 min. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 200-3; Battelle Unknown No. 12; Vallée Magonia 98)

Aug. 25, 1952; Delaware, Ohio (BBU 1915)
Stanger. (NARA; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 25, 1952; Holloman AFB, New Mexico (BBU 1979)
3:40 p.m. Civilian supervisor Fred Lee and foreman L. A. Aquilar saw a round silver object fly S, turn and fly N, make a 360° turn, fly away vertically. 3-5 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 26, 1952; Lathrop Wells, Nevada (BBU 1986)
12:10 a.m. USAF Capt. D. A. Woods saw a large spherical very bright object with a V-shaped contrail, a dark cone in the center, approach at 1,000 mph, hover briefly, make an instant 90°-180° turn, then a gentle climb and final sudden acceleration leaving blue-white contrail which evaporated immediately. No sound. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 26, 1952; Biloxi, Miss. (BBU 1987)
(NARA)

Aug. 26-27, 1952; Veracruz, Mexico (BBU 1994)
2:15 a.m. Many witnesses of object traveling in straight line out to sea with buzzing noise. Sighting on Aug. 30. 8 secs. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 27, 1952; Lamberton, North Carolina
A saucer-shaped craft, 3 by 2 m, landed on the witness's property after hitting a chimney. A little man, about 70 cm tall, emerged and was asked whether he was hurt, but he did not answer. The craft took off with a whistling sound. (Wilkins A 268)

Aug. 27, 1952; Pittsburg, Kansas [CCL Item #25]
ATIC states basic details and soil sample forwarded from town where sighting occurred. Object reported hovering over open field; bluish lights seen through ports; swift ascent when observed. Soil sample broken up, unable to analyze for radioactivity. (Chop clearance list)

Aug. 28, 1952; Chickasaw & Brookley AFB, Mobile, Alabama (BBU 2006)
9:30-10:20 p.m. 3 civilians in Chickasaw reported to duty officer USAF Capt. at Brookley AFB seeing multiple red stationary and maneuvering objects to the S and one moving from S to W, all over the direction of Brookley. AFOSI agent arrived in Chickasaw at 9:50 to investigate and saw the same 4 objects to the S and SW estimated 8-12 miles distance, one fiery red object stationary for 15 mins then drifted 15°-20° to the right then stationary again. Radar operator visually spotted red-green object over Chickasaw to the N. USAF duty officer and control tower operators saw one object to the SW at 240° azimuth to the right and lower than the moon [which was at about 214° azimuth 22° elevation], and another object to the W at 280° azimuth at 10°-20° elevation the latter was confirmed by GCA's MPN-1 radar as a stationary target at 280° azimuth 4 miles range 4,000 ft altitude [= 11° elevation]. AFOSI officer, and others saw one object explode, one do a figure-8 maneuver, etc., 4 6 objects larger than a star or planet varying from fiery red, red-blue, red-green and sparkling diamond appearance, a civilian AF employee saw a flat oval shape. 50-mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files).

Aug. 28, 1952; Le Roy, New York
Disc circled airliner vertically. [UFOE, II]

Aug. 28, 1952; Atlanta, Ga.

Police watched maneuvering UFO. [UFOE, VII]

Aug. 29, 1952; W of Thule, Greenland, N. Atlantic (BBU) [CCL Item # 2]
10:50 a.m.  2 U.S. Navy pilots flying a P4Y-2 patrol plane saw 3 white disc-shaped or spherical objects hover, then fly very fast in a triangular formation.  [May be same as Aug. 1952 sighting by P4Y-2 crew at 10,000 ft, pilot Lt. John C. Callaghan, copilot Lt JG Bill O'Flaherty, Merchant, following Skyhook balloon where 3 silvery discs briefly clustered on the Skyhook instrument package at 90,000 ft for several minutes then flew off with a vertical banking then climbed to disappearance in 3 secs.  Naval History Magazine Oct 2004, web version.]  (Berliner) 2-3 mins 2 witnesses [3?]

Aug. 29, 1952; Villacoublay, France
Unidentified bright blue light observed through theodolite; once appeared as luminous white bar edged with black. [UFOE, X]

Aug. 29, 1952; Colorado Springs, Colo. (BBU 2013)
8:35 p.m. Military [? USAF?] pilot C. A. Magruder saw 3 objects, 50 ft in diameter, 10 ft high, aluminum with redyellow exhaust, fly in trail about 1,500 mph. 4-5 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 30, 1952; Santa Monica, Calif. (BBU)
8, 11:30 p.m. Hehr and another witness sitting in a park saw many horizontal bar-shaped objects appearing and disappearing, forming a formation, traveling laterally at 1,500 mph. 2nd sighting of light near moon. 10 mins. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 31, 1952; Pennsylvania, exact location unknown
Herbert Long saw an object land 15 m away from the road. He made a drawing of it. (Wilkins A 257)

Fall, 1952; NY to Puerto Rico
Three Pan American Airways pilots watched UFO hover, speed away. [UFOE, V]. Zammett/Harris/Hutchins (AL)

Aug-Sept, 1952; Delft, Netherlands (BB)
Hoax UFO photo by Luuk Nyhof (Nijhof).  Date uncertain, several possible dates Aug. 5, 26, or 28, or Sept. 2, 1952.

## SEPTEMBER

NARA-PBB1-81-83, September Sightings

Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command
Period covered, 1 Jan to 30 June, 1952

Sept. of 1952, Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Afternoon. Radar detected a 700 m.p.h. target near Kirtland AFB which slowed to 100 m.p.h.. Two F-86's were scrambled. One fired on the UFO. Report ordered destroyed. Exact date unknown.  (Ruppelt)

Sept. 1, 1952; Atlanta, Georgia (BBU)

9:43 p.m. Mrs. William Davis and 9 others saw a light, similar to the evening star, move up and down for a long period of time. (Berliner)

Sept. 1, 1952; Marietta, Georgia (BBU 2022)
10:30 p.m. Mr. Bowman (ex-artillery officer) and 24 others saw a red, white, and blue-green object which spun and shot off sparks. An unidentified witness using binoculars saw 2 large objects shaped like spinning tops with red, blue and green colors, fly side by side, leaving a sparkling trail for 30 mins. 15-30 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 1, 1952; Marietta, Georgia (BBU)
10:50 p.m. ExAAF B-25 gunner saw 2 large white disc-shaped objects with green vapor trails fly in trail formation, merge, fly away very fast. (Berliner)

Sept. 1, 1952; Yaak, Montana (BBU 2023)
4:45 a.m. Visual sighting by 2 USAF enlisted men, radar tracking by 3 men using FPS-3 radar set. 2 small, varicolored lights became black silhouettes [of "dark, cigar-shaped object"?] at dawn, flew erratically. 1 hours. (Berliner; cf. Ruppelt p. 194)

Sept. 2, 1952; Angmagasalik, Greenland
Danish colonists reported an unidentified aircraft travelling from west to east. Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command

Sept. 2, 1952; Tokyo, Japan (BBU)
Beginning at 2015 hours unidentified flying objects were picked up by the GCA unit at Haneda AFB and later contacted by GCI at Shiroi AFB. When first observed the target was 9 miles north of Haneda traveling at 40 to 60 mph on a heading of 90 degrees. During the next hour sightings were made on radar of targets ranging in number from 1 to 3. The targets produced a clearly visible echo on the PPI scope and about the size caused by a C-124 aircraft. (McDonald list)

Sept. 2, 1952; Chicago, Illinois (BBU 2025)
Sept. 2, 1952. Midway Airport, Chicago, lllinois (BBU 2025)
12:01-7 a.m. (CST). CAA radar controllers Robert L. Terneuzen (GCA), Ralph L. Frick, Dale E. Warner, Warren J. Weber, and Radar Mainenance Technician Gordon R. Coplenad, at Midway Airport tracked as many as 30 targets simultaneously, flying in various directions, “average” speed of 175 mph at about 2,000 ft ASL. ADC 755th AC&W radar station, Williams Bay / Elkhorn, Wisc., claimed Midway Airport Tower Supervisor called at 2:50 a.m. saying there were 40 targets plotted by Midway Airport radar from 3,000 to 6,000 ft, speed 120-150 mph, azimuths 180° to 300° (Midway Tower claimed the 755th was not alerted by Midway until 5:14 a.m., and that it was indirect, through Chicago ARTC). Targets were the size of blips from “light planes” or larger (best target quality in the 6-10 mi range) and moved in no particular pattern except, sometimes “erratic” and sometimes in straight lines up to 15 miles long and in at least one instance of “flying formation” with an aircraft. [See more details at link above] (Sparks; BB files; Martin Shough; Berliner)

Sept. 3, 1952; Tucson, Ariz. (BBU)
9:00 a.m. Mr. Donald L. McCraven, an instructor pilot at Marana Air Base, and Mr. N. D. Thomas, observed an elliptical shaped object, dark in color which freely reflected sunlight. The object made three well-coordinated turns and made no perceptible sound. Tremendous speed was shown by the object while in a slight climb. The object was observed for approximately one and a half minutes. Project Blue Book evaluation: UNIDENTIFIED. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Sept. 6, 1952; Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana (BBU 2045)
1:30 a.m. T/Sgt. J. E. Wilson and 2 enlisted men saw a bright star-like light move about the sky. 2 hrs. (Berliner)

Sept. 6, 1952; Tucson, Ariz. (BBU 2048)
4:55 p.m. Ex-Congresswoman Mrs. Isabella King and Bill McClain saw an orange teardrop-shaped object whirl on its vertical axis, descend very fast, stop, retrace its path upwards, while whirling in the opposite direction. 1.5 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 7, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 2049)
10:30 p.m. Chemist J. W. Gibson and others saw an orange object or light (color temperature 2,000° F.) explode into view. 3-20 secs. (Berliner)

Sept. 7, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 2052) (NARA)
No details.

Sept. 9, 1952; Rabat, French Morocco (BBU 2062)
9 p.m. USAF Intelligence civilian illustrator E. J. Colisimo saw a disc with lights along part of its circumference, fly twice as fast as a T-33 jet trainer, in a slightly curved path. 5 secs. (Berliner)

Sept. 9, 1952; Portland, Oregon
Two oval objects observed in searchlight beam. [UFOE, XII]

Sept. 12, 1952; Allen, Maryland (BBU 2077)
9:30 p.m. GOC observers Mr. and Mrs. David Kolb using binoculars saw a white light with red trim and streamers fly NE. 35 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 12, 1952; Flatwoods, West Virginia
Sunset. A group of young people saw a "meteor" land on top of a hill and went to the site with Kathleen Hill and three men. They observed a globe as large as a house making a throbbing or hissing sound and a huge figure with glowing orange eyes nearby. About 4 m tall, the figure had a red face and "floated" toward the witnesses, who fled in terror. A lingering smell and skid marks were found. (Humanoids 52)

Sept. 13, 1952; Frametown, West Virginia
8:00 pm. The car of a married couple with their daughter suddenly stalled. They saw a bright light in the woods and smelled sulphur or ether, which made them feel nauseated. After leaving the car to check the immediate surroundings and finding nothing, they were returning to it when a 10-foot tall humanoid appeared nearby. The humanoid inspected their car, then left slowly, after which time the light rose into the sky, leaving a glowing trail. The car could be restarted then. (Passport to Magonia, Vallee)

Sept. 13, 1952; Near Allentown, Penna. (BBU 2085)
7:40 p.m. Private pilot W. A. Hobler, flying a Beech Bonanza at 10,000 ft from Allentown to the Caldwell-Bright Omni station, saw a 3 ft object, shaped like a fat football, flaming orange-red color, at his 11 o'clock high position about 450-600 ft away descend at a 30° angle on a collision course, Hobler made a sharp climb to avoid it, object then pulled up in a 65° climb in front of Hobler's airplane, Hobler made a rapid 180° right turn but lost the object traveling at about 700 mph. 15 secs. ? (Berliner; NARCAP)

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Sept. 13, 1952; SW of Enterprise, Utah (BBU 2093)
9:35 PM (MST). Pilot of Flying Tiger Airlines airplane N67977 saw a blue light fly very fast on a collision course with the airliner. (Sparks BB files) 1 witness

Sept. 14, 1952. Olmstead AFB, Penna (BBU)
-3:35 a.m. (EST). Civilian guards at Olmstead AFB saw blue watermelon-shaped object maneuvering like a helicopter, headed S. (Sparks; BB files) 3 mins, 2 or 2+ witnesses

Sept. 14, 1952. Santa Barbara, Calif. (BBU 2086)
8:40 p.m. USAF C-54 transport pilot Tarbutton saw a bluewhite light travel straight and level, then fly up. 30 secs. (Berliner)

Sept. 14, 1952; North Atlantic between Ireland and Iceland. (BBU 2087)
Military personnel from several countries aboard ships in the NATO Operation MAINBRACE exercise. Sightings include a blue-green triangle flying 1,500 mph and 3 objects in triangular formation giving off white light exhaust at 1,500 mph. (Berliner, Wilosn, Ridge, BB files)

Sept. 14, 1952; White Lake, South Dakota (BBU 2089)
7 p.m. GOC observer L. W. Barnes, using binoculars saw a red, cigar-shaped object, with three puffs behind it, fly W, then S, then was gone. 30-40 mins. (Dan Wilson, Don Berliner)

Sept. 14, 1952; El Paso, Texas. (BBU 2092)
At 11:30 p.m., three civilians (1 engineer) observed six groups of luminous spherical or disc-shaped objects traveling in an arc to an inverted "Y" formation at an estimated speed of 4,000 mph at an estimated altitude of 10-12 miles. Maneuvers were erratic and included hovering and extremely high speed. Project Blue Book Evaluation: UNIDENTIFIED.

Sept. 14-15, 1952; Ciudad Jaurez, Mexico (BBU)
11:30 p.m. - 1:20 a.m. Consulting engineer R. J. Portis and 3 others saw 6 groups of 12-15 luminous spheres or discs, which flew in formations varying from arcs to inverted-Y's, very fast. 1 hr. 50 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 16, 1952; Portand, ME (BBU 2099)
6:22 p.m. Crew of U.S. Navy P2V Neptune patrol plane saw a group of 5 lights in circular formation at the same time a long, thin blip was tracked on radar. Note: Possible USAF KC-97 airplanes involved in a refueling operation. 20 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 16, 1952; Warner-Robbins AFB, Georgia (BBU 2100)
7:30 p.m. 3 USAF officers and 2 civilians saw white lights fly abreast at 100 mph. 15 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 16, 1952; Belle Glade, Florida. Circular object with row of lights on underside passed low overhead; cattle bolted. [UFOE, XII]

Sept. 17, 1952; Tucson, Ariz. (BBU 2105)

11:40 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hollingsworth saw 2 groups of 3 large, flat, shiny objects fly in tight formations, the first group slow, the second faster. 2 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 20, 1952; Denmarrk & Norway (BBU)
4:00 p.m. +. Spherical UFO photographed from U. S. Navy aircraft carrier participating in "Operation Mainbrace," NATO maneuvers. [UFOE, XII] Personnel of the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt, an aircraft carrier participating in the Mainbrace maneuvers, observed a silvery, spherical object which was also photographed. (The pictures have never been made public). The UFO was seen moving across the sky behind the fleet. Reporter Wallace Litwin took a series of color photographs, which were examined by Navy Intelligence officers. The weather man aboard said a balloon was launched at 3:30 p.m. and it rose up and out of sight in the overcast in about 50 seconds. (Richard Hall, Dan Wilson) [incorrect date in UFOE as Sept. 19]

Sept. 20 [19? 21?], 1952; Topcliffe RAF Station, Yorkshire, England, UK. (BBU)
10:53 a.m. [4:14 p.m.?] Operation MAINBRACE Meteor jet fighter (flown by Flight Lt. John W. Kilburn and Flight Lt. Cybulski ?) was descending to land at 5,000 ft when they saw a slow-moving circular silver [or white?] object about 5 miles behind them at about 15,000 ft following a similar course then swinging like a "falling sycamore leaf" or pendulum and began descending. As the Meteor turned towards Dishforth the object followed, then stopped falling leaf motion and descent, began rotation on its axis, suddenly accelerated at "incredible speed" faster than a meteor to the W then turned to SE [and disappeared]. Ground ? observers included Flying Officer Paris, Master Signaller Thompson, Higgins ? and 5 other aircrew [on the ground?]. (Jan Aldrich; Ruppelt pp. 195-6; 15-20 secs + ( NICAP; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 21?, 1952; North Sea near England, UK. (BBU)
Operation MAINBRACE sighting by 6 British pilots in a formation of Meteor jets who pursued shiny spherical object but lost it in 1-2 mins then it reappeared following one of the jets which turned to pursue but the object outmaneuvered the jet. Several mins. (Ruppelt p. 196; BB files??; FUFOR Index ?)

Sept. 22, 1952; Fairfax County, Va.
Police observed 3-4 UFOs maneuvering erratically. [UFOE, VII]

Sept. 23, 1952; Gander Lake, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU 2119)
No time shown. Pepperrell AFB operations officer and 7 other campers saw bright white light, which reflected on the lake, fly straight and level at 100 mph. 10 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 24, 1952. Aurora, Colo. (BBU)
3:15 p.m. USAF T/Sgt. B. R. Hughes saw 5-6 circular objects, bright white but not shiny, circle in trail formation. [Same as Denver Sept. 30 case?] 5-6 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 24, 1952; Charleston, West Virginia (BBU 2124)
3:30 p.m. Crew of USAF B-29 bomber saw a lot of bright, metallic particles or flashes, up to 3 ft in length, stream past the B-29. 15 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 24, 1952; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (BBU)
7:45-8:10 p.m. (EDT). USN crew of TBM bomber, pilot William N. Straughan, and G. W. Turnbow and Alan Morris, chased a maneuvering white light with greenish tail, changed color to red on rapid ascent from 25,000 to 35,000 ft, appearing as “brilliant white light” 15 ft diameter at closest approach [less than ½ mile?] when it was “so close that the bright light blanked out all view of the lights on McCalla Field.” At 8-10 miles

distance appeared to be size of SNB aircraft (48 ft wingspan). ~25 mins (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 16, pp. 150ff.; Weinstein; Ruppelt pp. 43-44; Menzel 1963)

Sept. 26, 1952; 400 miles NNW of Azores Islands (BBU 2126) [CCL Item # 22]
11:16 p.m. Pilot, copilot, engineer and aircraft commander of USAF C-124 transport plane saw 2 distinct green lights to the right and slightly above the C-124, at one time seemed to turn toward it, the lights alternated leading each other. 1 hr + (Berliner)

Sept. 27, 1952; Hempstead, Texas (BBU)
2 USAF T-33 pilots saw a white-silver circular flat disc flying erratically at 600-700 mph. (Weinstein)

Sept. 27, 1952; Inyokern, Calif. (BBU 2128)
10 p.m. 2 couples, using a 5x telescope saw a large, round object, which went through the color spectrum every 2 secs, fly straight and level. 15 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 28, 1952; TsuShima Island, Japan (BBU)
[34:24N; 129:20E] Carlton L Hall, USAF was a scope (TPS-1B plan 12 and 7) operator at Tsutsu Seki, Japan. He reported that between 2035 and 2209 hrs local time, on six separate occasions, each time for a duration of 2-4 sweeps, he noted unusual scope presentations. Specifically, that on two separate outbound tracks from Itszuke AFB [33:18N; 130:27E], a series of targets appeared directly behind aircraft, when entering the area 050 to 070 degrees from Tsutsu Seki. The objects appeared as normal aircraft, but rounder in shape, trailing about 2-3 miles to the rear of the aircraft. The weather was CAVU, scattered clouds. Warren D Grovenstein, USAF observed four of these anomalies, with Hall. Grovenstein stated that the scope was normal with minor sea clutter and visual PE. The PBB conclusion was ‘appears to be due to atmospheric changes caused by passage of the target aircraft through this particular area, resulting in ionization and extraneous echoes.’(Basterfield, Fold3; Sparks; McDonald list.)

Sept. 28, 1952; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU)
An object resembling an aircraft traveling north to south at approximately 120 mph, was seen on GCA radar as it passed 1 1/2 miles east of runway 27. The object had to be at an altitude of less that 4000 feet due to the limitations of the GCA unit. The signal on the scope was strong and clear. (McDonald list)

Sept. 29, 1952; Denmark
Large cigar with several disc shaped objects below it. (Source unknown)

Sept. 29 [?], 1952. Aurora [Denver?], Colorado (BB)
3:15 p.m. USAF T/Sgt. B. R. Hughes saw 5-6 circular objects, bright white but not shiny, circle in trail formation. 5-6 mins [Same as Denver Sept. 30 case?] (Sparks; Berliner)

Sept. 29, 1952. Rochester, England, UK [?]. (BBU 2136)
3:55 p.m. Witnesses unknown, but report came via the Rochester Police Dept., of 2 flat objects hovering then speeding away. 3 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 29, 1952; Southern Pines, North Carolina (BBU 2140)
8:15 p.m. U.S. Army Res. 1st Lt. C. H. Stevens and 2 others saw a green ellipse. with a long tail, orbiting. 15 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 30, 1952; Edwards AFB, California
Aviation photographer, others, observed two discs alternately hovering and darting

around. [UFOE, VI]

Sept. 30, 1952; Denver, Colo. (BBU 2138) Same as Sept. 29 Aurora case?] (NARA)

OCTOBER

NARA-PBB1-84-85, October Sightings

Oct. 1, 1952; Shaw AFB, South Carolina (BBU 2142)
6:57 p.m. USAF 1st Lt. T. J. Pointek, pilot of RF-80 recon jet, saw a bright white light fly straight, then vertical, then hover, then make abrupt turn during attempted intercept. 23 mins. (Berliner)

Oct. 1, 1952; Pascagoula, Mississippi (BBU 2143)
7:40 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McLean and another heard a loud blast and saw a round, milky-white object, shaped like a powder puff, hover for 5-10 mins then fly away very fast in an arc. 22 mins (Berliner)

Oct. 7, 1952. Provence near Draguignan, France (BBU)
7:28 p.m. Air France pilots Francis Cavasse and in flight sighted white egg-shaped object, larger thn transport aircraft [200 ft?] in level flight traveling NE to SW in 230° heading pass about 3 km above traveling estimated 2,000 to 3,000 kph (1200 to 1800 mph) with bluish-white exhaust trail about 25x length of object. 30 secs.

Oct. 7, 1952; Alamogordo, New Mexico (BBU 2150)
8:30 p.m. USAF Lt. Bagnell saw a pale blue oval, with its long axis vertical, fly straight and level covering 30° of sky. 4-5 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 10, 1952: Germany, Sweden, Norway
A cigar shaped object with smaller discs in attendance. (Last two Flying Saucer Review, Vol 2 #4)

Oct 10, 1952; North Atlantic
A Pan American Airways pilot reported a sighting of an unidentified aircarft at 16,000-17,000 feet on a SE heading. As the two a/c closed, the unidentified aircraft performed a 180 turn and disappeared in a NW direction. Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command

Oct. 10, 1952; Otis AFB, Mass. (BBU 2155)
6:30 p.m. USAF S/Sgt and 2 other enlisted men saw a blinking white light move like a pendulum then shoot straight up. 20 mins. (Berliner)

Oct. 11, 1952; Newport News, Va.
Ground Observer Corps spotter saw disc-shaped UFO with "dome". [UFOE, XII]

Oct. 12, 19521 Palo Alto, Calif.
V-formation of six apparent discs. [UFOE, V]

Oct. 13, 1952; Oshima, Japan
Air Force pilot and engineer saw round object in cloud formation; object became elliptical in appearance, sped away disappearing in seconds. [UFOE, III]

Oct. 14, 1952. Zuni, New Mexico, to Winslow, Ariz. (BBU)

9:50 p.m. (MST). Pilot Col. [deleted], Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of Secretary of Defense, pilot Col. [deleted], USAF HQ, Chief, Senate and White House Liaison, and copilot Lt. Col. Albert L. Cox, USAFR contract pilot with Travis AFB, while flying in B-25 at 190 knots TAS (~220 mph) at 10,000 ft heading 260° sighted bright white-metallic dirigible shaped luminous object ~30° to the left (at 230° azimuth [or 30° right at 290° azmith]) elevation 40° above aircraft level, possibly 500 ft in size with 2 red lights attached, at 50-500 miles distance possibly 30,000 to 60,000 ft altitude, making zigzag flight path at high speed 1000-2000 mph, forcing aircraft to change course to 200°. Object disappeared in NW at 320° azimuth 20° elevation above flight level. 35 mins. (Sparks)

Oct. 15, 1952; Le Vigan, France
7:10 pm. Approximate date. Figures with and masks were seen through lighted windows inside a bright yellow, cigar-shaped object on the ground. Length 30 m, diameter 6 m. Forward section was rounded, and a sort of fog was noted at both ends of object. (Quincy; Anatomy 62)

Oct. 15, 1952; Ashiya, Japan (BBU)
11:00 p.m., 15 October and at 2:00 a.m., 16 October, unidentified objects were sighted on GCA radar scopes at Ashiya Air Base. The objects presented targets similar to light planes traveling from north to south at 50-70 mph at altitudes from 200 to 500 feet. The objects appeared at a distance of two miles or less north or west of the runways. As many as as five targets appeared at one time. The objects were observed with radar set AN/MPN-1 (GCA) on both the two and ten mile precision scopes. (McDonald list)

Oct. 17, 1952; Taos, New Mexico (BBU 2171)
9:15 p.m. 4 USAF officers saw a round, bright blue light move from N to NE at an elevation of 45° then burn out. 2-3 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 17, 1952; Killeen, Texas (BBU 2172)
10:15 p.m. Ministers Greenwalt and Kluck saw 10 lights, or a rectangle of lights, move more or less straight and level. 5 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 17, 1952; Tierra Amarilla AFS, New Mexico (BBU 2173)
11 p.m. Military witness [at USAF radar site] saw a white streamer move at an estimated 3,000 mph in an arc. No further details in files. 20 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 19, 1952; Momence, Illinois (BB
At 10:15 a.m. CST, a CAP pilot and observer while on a search mission saw a round silver ball flying at great speed at 1000 feet altitude. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

Oct. 19, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 2177)
1:30 p.m. Ex-USAF aircrewman Woolsey saw 3 circular aluminum objects, one olive-drab colored on the side, fly in a rough V-formation. One object flipped slowly, another stopped. 3-4 mins. (Berliner)

Oct. 19, 1952; (Pacific) 500 miles S of Hawaii (BBU 2175)
6:58 p.m. Crew of USAF C-50 transport plane saw a 100 ft diameter round yellow light, with a red glowing edge, fly at 300-400 knots (350-450 mph). 20 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 21, 1952; Knoxville, Tenn. (BBU 2179)
No time given. Witnesses at airport weather station saw 6 white lights fly in a loose formation, make a shallow dive at a weather balloon. 1-2 mins. (Berliner)

Oct. 21, 1952; Nr. Gloucestershire, England
RAF Meteor encounters UFO which was tracked by ground radar. 'They were circular and appeared to be stationary. But as we continued to climb they did in fact change position arid to make sure of that we very carefully checked and these things moved across to the right-hand side somewhere. The higher we got, [the more] they lost this circular effect [which appeared] when looking at them from underneath. As they came down to your level they lost the circular effect and took on a ""flat plate" appearance.' (Ridge/Aldrich)

Oct. 22, 1952. Laurinburg-Maxton AFB, North Carolina (BBU)
10:10 p.m. Air policeman Airman 2nd Class Bernard F. DeMonte sighted large 100-150 ft football-chaped object with 2 steady red lights in front, 8-12 steady green lights in rear, approaching from the S then pass overhead as DeMonte guarded height-finder radar of 757th AC&W Sq (no detection) then circle around for another pass [map shows distances of ~1-2 miles], heard loud unfamilar droning noise of "ear-splitting pitch." Object disappeared in SW [SE?] at "terrific speed." Two other airmen, A/1C [deleted] and A/2C Frank L. Donnelly, heard unfamiliar noise and saw red/green lights from about 2 miles away. sev mins. (Sparks)

Oct. 23, 1952; RadTelex
A BB UFO briefing for the entire Los Alamos Scientific Lab. Afterwards Dr. Crew pulled together a group of Los Alamos personnel to meet privately with Ruppelt and Col. Bower to discuss radiation UFO evidence and info they had from Palomar, Los Alamos, and Oak Ridge on possible and actual UFO radiation incidents there. (See also Dec. 2 memo)

Oct. 24, 1952; Elberton [Elberta?], Alabama (BBU 2184)
8:26 p.m. USAF Lt. Rau and Capt. Marcinko, flying a Beech T-11 trainer, saw an object, shaped like a plate, with a brilliant front and vague trail, fly with its concave surface forward. 5 secs. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

FBI Memo dated Oct 27, 1952: Newhouse film "extremely credible".

Oct. 27, 1952; Gaillac, France
Hundreds of citizens saw 16 UFOs in formation surrounding a cigar-shaped object. "Angel's hair" fell. [UFOE, VIII]

Oct. 27, 1952; Marignane Airport, France
2:03 am. Customs officer Gabriel Gachignard observed a cigar-shaped object land briefly on the airfield 100 m away, producing a dull sound. The object was dark with four lighted windows. It took off with a "swish" and a shower of sparks when the witness ran toward it. (Challenge 6)

Oct. 29, 1952; Erding Air Depot, Germany (BBU 2196)
7:50 a.m. USAF S/Sgt. Anderson and A/2c Max Handy saw a round object, silhouetted against a cloud, fly straight, level and smooth at 400 mph. 20 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 29, 1952; Hempstead, Long Island, New York (BBU)
2 a.m. 2 USAF F-94 jet fighter crews saw a white luminous object maneuvering at high speed, tracked on airborne radar. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Oct. 29, 1952; Richmond, Virginia
Venezuelan Airlines pilot watched luminous UFO speed past plane. [UFOE, V]. Rivas Case (AL)

Oct. 31, 1952; 4 miles S of Fayetteville, Georgia (BBU 2200) 7:40 p.m. USAF Lt. James Allen saw an orange, blimp-shaped object, 80 ft long 20 ft wide, appear to the N at treetop level about 600 ft away, traveling towards him about 60-70 mph, cross over his car (when his radio faded out) at about 500 ft height. He got out of the car and watched object linger overhead about 20 secs, then point its nose at 45° angle, accelerate and climb to disappearance in 3040 secs to the E and slightly to right of the full moon (96° azimuth 35° elevation) at tremendous speed.1 min. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 191-2)

Oct. 31, 1952; Fayetteville, Georgia
7:40 p.m. Lt. Col. Charles Smith, Jr. observed a strange "air blimp" while driving towards Atlanta. It was an orange-colored object which came down close to the road. As Smith's car passed underneath, the car radio went dead--no static, no noise of any kind. He stopped his car to observe the UFO, which hovered overhead for 20 seconds and then climbed out of sight in 30-40 seconds. (Rodeghier, Blue Book)

NOVEMBER

NARA-PBB1-86 87, November Sightings

Nov., 1952; Dublin, Ireland
A child was burned when a strange disk, 25 cm in diameter, landed near Dublin. (Personal)

Nov. 3, 1952; Laredo AFB, Texas (BBU 2202)
6:29 p.m. AF 1923-9 AACS Detachment Control Tower Supervisor A/1c William R. Malloy and Tower Operator A/2c Charles A. LeMaster, viewing through open tower window, saw a long, elliptical or rounded football shape, about size of medium bomber [150 ft], shiny metallic or bluish-white-gray light with fuzzy/blurred edges at an estimated altitude of 4,000 ft approach very fast from the SW or 200°-210° azimuth (about SSW) elevation about 10°-20° possibly 10-20 miles away. LeMaster saw it first, in front of a dark cloud bank. Object slowed and paused to the S at about 180° azimuth 5°-10° elevation, and then increased speed to disappear in the SE or 140° to 175° (155°-165° in diagrams) azimuth (about SSE) elevation about 10°-20°. (Sparks; BB Files; Berliner)

Nov. 4, 1952

> Capt. E. J. Ruppelt and Lt. R. M. Olsson visited Col. Hood, Chief of Nuclear Powered Aircraft Branch of WADC. Col. Hood had contacted ATIC in regard to certain sightings of UFO's at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in which he and a Naval officer had attempted to obtain correlation between sightings and peaks in radiation backgrounds.There are indications that there may be some correlation present between unknown radar pickups and rises in radiation

Nov. [Dec.?] 4, 1952; Congaree AFB, Columbia, South Carolina (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Nov. 4, 1952; W Hokkaido, Japan (BBU)
(FUFOR Index)

Nov. 4, 1952; Caribou, Maine (BBU)
5:28 p.m. (EST). USAF pilot of T-6G at 2,500 ft heading 360° Mag, 1st Lt. Charles E. Young, rear cockpit pilot Capt Leon H. Pagan, both of 74th FIS, Presque Isle AFB, Maine, saw a slow moving light changing colors behind them. Young sighted light in the W above low bank of clouds at about 10° elevation, changing colors from red to blue to white, notified Pagan in the back who also saw it, and described it as a white light like aircraft navigation light or star or planet, about 25° elevation. T-6 was turned into direction of light for about 40 miles and pilots noted 250° Mag azimuth from Limestone AFB and 245° Mag azimuth from Presque Isle AFB, before they returned course. Senior Control Tower Operator, A/2c Earl S. Goldsen, 1974th AACS Sq Detachment 1, notified at 5:36 p.m. and sighted light in the W that stopped and moved to the NW. Northwest Airlines Flight 12 landing at Presque Isle AFB also reported seeing the “star.” (Sparks; BB files; Project 1947)

Nov. 4, 1952; Vineland, New Jersey (BBU 2206)
5:40 p.m. Housewife Mrs. Sprague saw 2 groups of 2-3 whirling discs of light fly toward the SE. 30 secs. (Berliner)

Nov. 8, 1952; Tierra Amarilla AFS, New Mexico (BBU)
At 6:05 p.m. MST, an unidentified radar target first appeared at 143 degrees and 45 miles from the radar station of the 767th AC&W Squadron heading outbound to a point 100 miles from the station. The object was traveling at an estimated speed of 600 to 1500 mph and an estimated altitude of 40,000 feet. The object then returned on the reciprocal heading to a point 65 miles from the station. The object then stopped and hovered for approximately 2 minutes and then proceeded outbound to a point 100 miles from the station. At this point radar contact was lost. The radar was an FPS-3 radar. The object was under radar surveillance for approximately 10 minutes. (McDonald list, FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 12, 1952; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU 2219)
10:23 p.m. AESS security inspector saw 4 red-white-green lights fly slowly over a prohibited area. 15 mins. (Berliner)

Nov. 18, 1952; Castelfranco, Italy
Nello Ferrari, 41, a farmer, found himself flooded with a reddish light and saw a large plate 10 m above him, between gold and copper in color. At the center of the bottom surface, 20 m in diameter, was a cylinder of 5 m diameter made of rapidly rotating parts, producing a noise similar to that of an electric motor. On the upper surface was a turret inside which three occupants were visible, looking directly at the witness. They looked perfectly human, wore rubber coveralls and transparent face masks. They spoke a few words, which were not understood; a loud metallic noise was heard; and the top part of the object lowered itself toward the lower plate. The sound gained intensity, and the craft flew vertically at very high speed. (102)

Nov. 13, 1952; Ophiem, Montana (BBU 2220)
2:20 a.m. (MST). Crew of USAF 779th AC&W station tracked an unidentified target on FPS-3 search radar at altitude 15,000 ft [typo in teletype reading 158,000 ft was not caught by BB which did not investigate] at distance 85 NM (98 miles) at 47°48’N, 108°05’W [to the SW from the radar station] traveling at 210 knots (240 mph) heading straight ESE [actually closer to E] until disappearance at 47°38’N, 105°05’W [also about 100 mi range] at 2:48 a.m. [not the 3:48 a.m. and mistaken 1+ hr duration that BB did not catch as another major typo in the Opheim AFS teletype]. Apparently was an

unscheduled civil aircraft (IFO) flying from Kalispell, Mont., to Fargo, ND, or Duluth, Minn. (flight path is a close match to the radar target). 28 mins (Sparks; BB files)

Nov. 13, 1952; Glasgow, Montana (BBU 2220)
2:43 a.m. U.S. Weather Bureau observer Earl Oksendahl saw 5 oval-shaped objects, with lights all around them, fly in a V-formation for about 20 secs. Each object seemed to be changing position vertically by climbing or diving as if to hold formation. Formation came from the NW, made a 90° turn overhead, and flew away to the SW. 20 secs +. (Berliner)

Nov. 15, 1952; Near Pyongyang, North Korea (BBU)
USAF pilots flying T-6 aircraft was circled 3 times by a 10 ft silvery sphere. (Weinstein)

Nov. 15, 1952. Washington, DC (BBU)
2:40 a.m. (EST). AFOSI Special Agent, 4th Dist., pilot Capt. Martin J. Dawson, and wife, Frances C. Dawson, heard the sound of what seemed to be a flight of a half dozen jets at very low altitude, but when looking out the window they saw a much higher altitude single white / pale-blue light at an estimated 4,000 ft heading S [SW?] which passed nearly over their home slightly offset path to the E at high speed, faster than ever seen before, with none of the green, red or white running lights or wing lights required on night flights. After 7-8 secs, the light made a normal left turn to the S then an "abnormal" climb at about a 45 angle then the light went out. 7-8+ secs (Sparks; BB files)

Nov. 15, 1952; Wichita, Kansas (BBU 2224)
8:25-8:33 p.m. (CST). USAF senior pilot Maj. Robert L. Wallander, CO of B-47 Transition Section, 3520th Flying Training Sq, Air Training Command, and Capt. Ammon L. [G?] Belleman, B-47 airborne observer, A/3c Dewey J. Phipps, were standing near the Kansas National Guard Hangar, Wichita Municipal Airport, when they saw an elliptical object, blue-white when stationary, moving erratically from 290°-295° True azimuth 20° elevation, traveling on a heading of about 45° (NE) to disappear at 360° azimuth 50° elevation, about 1 mile away, red-orange-glow trailing end of object when moving. Phipps estimated object was about 3 ft size at about 1,400 to 1,500 ft above center of runway, as it made jerky 40 ft upward sweeps with 10-15 sec pauses; with each leap an orange trail appeared behind the object. Moved at high speed then stopped, reversed direction then stopped again NNW of Wichita at azimuth 350° elevation 40°, for 2 mins, then moved 10° to North 360°-005° then climbed to disappearance at 50° elevation. 8 mins. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner)

Nov. 15, 1952; Wichita, Texas (BBU)
8:25 p.m. USAF B47 crew and passengers saw an elliptical blue-white object with orange or red tail, moving erratically. (BB Status Rpt?) [Same case as above??]

Nov. 15, 1952. McAndrew AFB, Newfoundland (BBU)
9:15 p.m. (AST). Officer-of-the-Day (OD) Lt and Tech Sgt sighted brilliant white egg-shaped object approach rapidly from the SW, then make a sharp flat 90° degree turn when nearly overhead, with no noise, then an "angling" turn climbing back to the SW while making a rapidly undulating, bouncing or skipping motion "like a bobbing cork," until disappearing. Tech Sgt covered his face at one point to brace for impact (according to Ruppelt also the OD "ducked"). 5-6 secs. (Ruppelt papers; BB files)

Nov. 16, 1952. McAndrew AFB, Newfoundland (BBU)
1:15 a.m. (AST). Air Police Airman/3C Smith on guard duty at the AF Dock at

McAndrew AFB sighted bright green oval object moving N to S then made a sharp turn to the E and dropped from sight. (BB files)

Nov. 16, 1952; Nr. Landrum, S. C.
Hundreds of people saw a huge disc, watched through binoculars by air-traffic controller. (UFOE)

Nov. 20, 1952; 10 miles E of Salton Sea, California (BBU)
8:05 p.m. MST. A USAF pilot flying a B-50 at 16,000 feet on a heading of 275 degrees sighted an object at 11 o'clock to his position. The object was stationary and was ranging in color from white to red to green. The object then started in motion in a NW heading and disappeared like turning out a light. (Project 1947)

Nov. 21, 1952; Belle-Ile, France
At a place alled "La Butte" a luminous sphere, which seemed to spin, its color changing from orange to white, was seen at low altitude. It oscillated left and right, then took off toward the southwest, according to the witness, Mr. Gauci. (Challenge 56)

Nov. 21, 1952; Carribbean Sea (BB)
5:10 a.m. EST. A large object, light red in color, too large and too bright to be another aircraft flew parallel to plane (Lacsa Airliner?) same altitude and air speed and disappeared after about 20 minutes. A CIRVIS Report was made. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 24, 1952; Annandale, Virginia (BBU 2246)
6:30 p.m. L. L. Brettner saw a round, glowing object fly very fast, make right angle turns and reverse course. 1 hr. (Berliner)

Nov. 25, 1952; White Sands, New Mexico (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Nov. 25, 26, 1952; Panama Canal, Panama [CCL Item # 41] (BB)
6:06 P.M. to 11:47 p.m. Two objects traveling at an estimated speed of 275 mph were detected by radar attached to antiaircraft guns. The objects remained over the Canal Zone for 5 1/2 hours. Three Air Force bombers and a Navy patrol plane were sent up but were unable to catch the elusive objects. Maneuvering from 1000 feet to 28,000 feet in altitude. [NARA-PBB92-585; UFOE, VIII].

Nov. 26, 1952; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU)
5:56 p.m. (AST) USAF 59th FIS, Goose Air Base, F-94B chased maneuverable object that changed color from white [orange?] to red, heading 180° (S) to SW. Brief F-94 radar lock-on. 15 mins. (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 9, p. 45; McDonald list; NICAP; Project 1947)

Nov. 27, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico [S of Prescott, Ariz. ?] (BBU 2249)
12:10 p.m. Pilot and crew chief of USAF B-26 bomber saw a series of 20 ft black smoke bursts (4-3-3-4-3), similar to antiaircraft fire. 20 min. (Berliner)

Nov. 30, 1952; Washington, D.C (BBU 2253)
12:30 a.m. (EST). CAA Senior Airways Specialist Austin M. Stapf (not a radar operator or controller) at Washington National Airport CAA Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) claimed that numerous slow-moving 90-100 mph radar targets appeared on the MEW VG-2 radar. Suggestive of anomalous propagation, but contrary to Stapf and BB, were not “similar” to the July 19/26, 1952, unexplained radar targets: They were unlike the July 1952 cases since there was no visual confirmation, no other radars

confirming, and no fighters scrambled. Pilot at 6,000 ft at 12:30 a.m. saw nothing. Stapf claimed "same" thing was observed at same time previous night (12:30 a.m. Nov. 29??) and that Andrews AFB watch supervisor could not visually confirm targets over Andrews displayed on the ARTCC radar scope. Military witness(es) [?].5 hrs ?? (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; BB files)

DECEMBER

NARA-PBB1-88 89, December Sightings

December 2, 1952; CIA Memo

An EOTS Moment for the CIA. Chadwell told Brad Sparks they concluded that UFO's were extraterrestrial -- that was what he was telling the CIA Director in this Dec. 2, 1952, memo.

Dec. 4, 1952; Colorado Springs, Colo. (BBU)
Bet. 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. USAF Sgt and civilian sighted round aluminum colored object traveling E to W, made several right-angle turns while overhead without slowing, then changed shape as it disappeared in the W. 1 min. (Sparks; BB Status Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 13; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Dec. 4, 1952; Congaree AFB, South Carolina
At 8:42 a.m. EST, an object was sighted on an AN/MPS-5 radar set. The object was approx. 100 miles NE of Congaree AFB and traveling at 6000 mph on a southern course. The object stopped for one minute and then came directly back in the path it was moving, according to a statement by A/1C Clarence W. Ives. The length of the observation was 5 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

Dec. 4, 1952; Laredo, Texas (BBU) [CCL Item #1]
8:46-8:56 p.m. (CST). USAF pilot Lt. Robert O. Arnold, 3640th Pilot Taining Wing, Laredo AFB, flying T-28 trainer aircraft at 6,000 ft and 180 knots air speed saw a bright bluish-white glowing object below him at about 1,500-2,000 ft rapidly climbing to his level, showing no navigation lights. Arnold tightened his left turn to keep object in view, object suddenly climbed to 9,000 ft in several secs then dropped down to his altitude again headed E to 6 miles SE of AFB where it stopped and hovered. Arnold pursued on SE heading but after 2 secs object suddenly headed towards him on collision course at high speed at 8:53 p.m., wavering slightly at about 300 ft as if determining which side to pass the aircraft then heading off Arnold's left wing at 150 ft distance, at which point he could see object as a blurred reddish-bluish haze smaller than his T-28, all of which happened too fast for evasive action. Object rapidly ascended to 15,000 ft then circled left as if positioning for another pass at T-28. Arnold in fear turned off running lights, spiraled down to 1,500 ft while keeping object in sight as object continued to head towards him in a dive then pulled up and climbed S out of sight. Lighted weather balloon launched at 8:53 p.m. from Laredo AFB but was not observed by US Weather Bureau observers near any aircraft. 8 mins. (Sparks; BB files; NARCAP; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 15 [BB date error Dec. 5]; Project 1947)

Dec. 5, 1952; Lackland AFB, Texas (BBU)
8:48 p.m. USAF pilot of T-28 saw a blue light maneuver in a counterclockwise orbit then climb. BB date and location error; case is duplicate of Laredo AFB case above. (Sparks; Project 1947)

Dec. 6, 1952; About 100 miles S of Louisiana in Gulf of Mexico (BBU) [CCL Item #8]

5:25-5:35 [5:37?] a.m. (CST). USAF crew of B-29 bomber, based at 3510th Flight Training Wing (Medium Bomber), Randolph AFB, Texas, radar observer 1st Lt Norman Karas, radar observer/Instructor Navigator 1st Lt. William W. Naumann, Jr., Staff Sgt B. R. Purcell, Staff Sgt. William J. De Rause, 2nd Lt. Robert J. Eckert, Staff Sgt. Harry D. Shogren. B-29 flying at 20,000 ft, course 320° true ground track (315° heading with wind from 276° 24 knots), 186 knots (214 mph) ground speed, 204 knots true air speed, tracked on radar one or a few high speed targets at a time moving in a straight line at about 5,240 stat. mph, followed by more targets [one or one new group about every minute for 5 minutes] also moving SE [ESE] typically at about 5,000+ mph. Initial targets, about 4 small blips in a group, approached from 330° true on a SE [ESE] heading moving 12-14 NM per 2.25 sec radar sweep [about 22,000 to 26,000 mph] passed B-29 at 15-20 (naut.) miles range at 70° true azimuth when stopwatch timing began, and disappeared at true azimuth 150° at a timed speed of 5,240 mph [apparently slowed]. (See more details at link above)

Dec. 6, 1952; Angoon, Alaska (BBU)
At 1915 hrs Z, (10:15 a.m. local) an Air National Guard pilot (surname Spain?), near Angoon, Alaska reported an object travelling south in clear sky. It was described as consisting of two shiny globes connected by a solid rod. At times, it assumed a flattened shape. There were no lights, no vapor trail and no exhaust smoke. The pilot chased it, until it accelerated away and disappeared in the Sun, at 8 degrees' elevation, 158 azimuth (about the SSE.) The object was at about 2,000 feet, doing 150 knots; at an estimated distance of 1-2 miles. Size comparable to a Grumman Goose aircraft (wingspan 49 feet), making the angular size about the full Moon. Total duration was three minutes. (Basterfield, Fold3; Sparks; McDonald list.)

Dec. 8, 1952; Ladd AFB, Alaska (BBU 2266)
8:16 p.m. Pilot 1st Lt. D. Dickman and radar operator 1st Lt. T. Davies in USAF F-94 jet interceptor (s/n 49-2522) saw a white, oval light which changed to red at higher altitude, fly straight and level for 2 mins on 240° course, then climb at phenomenal speed on an erratic flight path. After landing object could still be seen moving erratically, no noise, for 3 mins then took up 160° heading gaining speed while descending, becoming brighter red. 10 mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Dec 8, 1952; Chicago, Illinois
Aircraft paced by row of unidentified lights. [UFOE, V]. Thorpe/Plowe (M)

Dec. 9, 1952; About 10 miles S of Madison, Wisc. (BBU 2267)
5:45 p.m. Capt. Bridges and 1st Lt. Johnson in USAF T-33 jet trainer saw 4 bright lights, in diamond formation, fly at 400 mph heading 130° or about SW at about 8,000 ft. They followed objects at 450 mph until passing (overtaking) them near 10 miles NE of Janesville, Wisc. (at 42°47' N, 88° 55' W) at 5:50 p.m., at which time they radioed the ADC 755th AC&W radar site "Soapberry," which could not detect objects, only the T-33. Objects continued on 90° E heading and T-33 followed until breaking off due to low fuel at 5:55 about 10 miles W of Racine, Wisc. (at 42°45' N, 88° 0' W). No silhouette visible even when objects seen against Milwaukee city lights. 10 mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 10, 1952 - CIA Followup Memo

Natural and manmade explanations were eliminated and UFO performance was beyond earth technology. The Director was unhappy with the skimpy evidence in these memos and wanted more documentation, according to recently released TOP

SECRET CIA meeting minutes. As Chadwell was quick to tell Brad Sparks, the Robertson Panel "overturned" his ET conclusion the following month, in Jan 1953. (See Dec. 2 memo)

Dec. 10, 1952; Pope AFB, South Carolina (BBU)
9:20 a.m. (EST). USAF Capt Albert F. Perna, Chief Controller, controller Capt Duane Ulstad, and radar operators MSgt R. DeGordin,Capt Ralph E. Coburn, and Capt Stephen Lesko, at 728th AC&W Sq using CPS-5D (1250 MHz) search radar, and height-finding MSQ-1 (2730 MHz) and MPQ-10 radars tracked almost stationary target of ordinary aircaft shape and size on the scopes, at 8,700 ft slowly descending to 4,400 ft and 8½ miles S of station (or at 155° azimuth?) not eliminated by movingtarget indicator (MTI). F-51 and 3 other aircraft investigated but found nothing; 8 transient flights saw nothing. Same (?) target observed on Dec. 11; also on Dec. 9 but at about 7 miles range ~170° azimuth. 7 hrs 55 mins. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 20)

Dec. 10, 1952; Hungnam, Korea (BBU)
USN pilot flying aircraft in near-collision with orange fireball. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Dec. 10, 1952; Odessa-Hanford, Wash. (BBU)
7:15-7:30 p.m. (PST). F-94 crew spotted a light while flying at 26,000-27,000 ft and approached to identify it. Object appeared large, round and white with reddish light coming from two "windows," came at F-94 on collision course, F-94 banked to avoid impact, radar contact and/or lockon made multiple times on airborne ARC-33 radar. 15 mins. (Ruppelt p. 43; NARCAP)

Dec. 11, 1952. Leonardo, NJ (BBU)
11:43 p.m. (EST). Two schoolteachers with military backgrounds at Croydon Hall Academy, Francis J. Auermuller and Elmer W. Inglesby, were observing the constellation Orion in the S and sighted a red metallic sphere from the right of Orion headed left into the sword of Orion at about 45° elevation about due S at 180° azimuth, pass through to about 135° azimuth then reverse course with almost no turn radius then gradually lower elevation to 35° till reaching 180° azimuth and disappearing due to distance. Estimated size possibly 200 ft at 25,000 ft distance traveling 2,000 mph [45° azimuth or about 30° arc at 45° elevation, at 25,000 ft range in 15 secs, is about 600 mph]. 30 secs. (Sparks; BB files)

Dec. 12, 1952

Brad Sparks:
Top CIA officials (Chadwell, Robertson, Durant) visited ATIC Project BLUE BOOK to obtain the withheld UFO investigation reports that Ruppelt indicated in phone conversation with CIA missile intelligence officer Frederick C. Durant III on Dec. 9 were being held back from CIA by orders of his boss ATIC Technical Analysis Division Chief, Col. Donald L. Bower, evidently acting at the behest of the AF Intelligence leaders, Gen. Garland and Dr. Stefan Possony. In other words an AF coverup to help conceal evidence of UFO reality from the CIA.

Col. Bower was blocking Ruppelt's planned visit to CIA in Washington, DC, to prevent him from delivering these reports showing them to be sensational cases (movie film, theodolite triangulation, landing case with burn injuries) but IFO's and not UFO Unknowns or best of the best, as the

> AF had falsely claimed in the briefing given to CIA on Nov. 25. Ruppelt's investigative reports would have undone too soon the false pro-UFO impression the AF had given to CIA -- the false "UFO" reports were intended to be revealed as IFO's at the CIA Robertson Panel to embarrass the CIA to stay out of AF business, and not sooner. Col. Bower himself had given the deliberately misleading AF briefing to CIA on Nov. 25, falsely promising CIA the AF's "full cooperation," and bringing along the lower-ranking pro-ETH advocate Maj. Fournet whose participation was calculated to reinforce pro-ETH conclusions on the CIA. The AF briefing convinced the leaders of CIA/OSI (Office of Scientific Intelligence) that UFO's were extraterrestrial spacecraft.
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> Ruppelt gave the CIA team led by Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell (director of CIA/OSI and now convinced of the ET origin of UFO's) dozens of additional "best UFO" reports to study but in fact they were all IFO cases designed to blow up in CIA faces at the Robertson Panel. Ruppelt completely withheld from CIA, and concealed the existence of, his special file of more than 63 Best Unexplained UFO cases, no doubt by direct orders of Col. Bower, whose name keeps popping up in the story of devious AF coverups on UFO's in 1952. (Brad Sparks)

Dec. 12, 1952. McGuire AFB, Trenton, NJ. (BBU)
12:25-12:31 a.m. (EST). Two airmen in the 568th Motor Vehicle Sq, McGuire AFB, sighted object to the ESE heading WSW towards the base until passing overhead then change course heading S, observed 1+ min until it disappeared, then regained it at 12:30 a.m. in the ENE headed towards base course to WSW, observed 40-50 secs. (Sparks; BB files)

Dec. 14, 1952; Charlottesville, Virginia (BBU)
11:45 a.m. (EST). Aeronautical engineer former test pilot saw a light orange elliptical shaped object, hovering then move NE at extreme speed, 1,000+ mph estimated. Object gave off discharge that changed brightness when object moved; debris lofted in the air apparently by the object. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 15, 1952; Memo For The Record

> Capt. E. J. Ruppelt's call to Homer T. Gittings, Jr. concerning visual sightings of UFOs and radiation of unknown sources, reference to Mt. Palomar. A Mr. W. W. Carter of Los Alamos, New Mexico, was the person who knew people at Mt. Palomar who had seen unidentifed aerial objects at the same time they had detected some radiation.

Dec. 15/16, 1952; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU) [CCL Item #7]
Dec. 15, 1952. 10-20 mi W of Goose AB, Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada. 7:15-7:40 p.m. (AST). After alert by Goose Bay GCA radar, USAF 59th FIS, Goose Air Base, F-94B pilot Capt. E. T. Johnson and radar observer Lt. H. S. Norris, chased maneuverable object at a speed of 375 knots [430 mph] on a heading of 270° to 280°, altitude of 14,000 to 24,000 ft. Object changed color from white to red, was tracked on airborne radar 1 minute with momentary lock-on. Unable to overtake object. T-33 crew also sighted it. 25 mins (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 27; NICAP; Saunders/FUFOR Index) [This was a USAF Intelligence Report and was item #7 on the official clearance list of sightings to Major Donald Keyhoe from Al Chop, Air Force Press Desk - Fran Ridge]

Dec. 15, 1952; Honshu, Japan (BBU)
8:54 p.m. local time. An unidentified track appeared on the Early Warning Ground Radar Site #24. It was a large blip and estimated to be more than one target. The estimated speed of the target was 1320 mph. The radar being used was the AN/TPS-1C. The target was seen on the first, second and fourth sweeps of the antenna. The antenna speed was 2 rpm. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

Dec. 15, 1952; Greensboro [Hartsville), South Carolina (BBU)
9:15 a.m. (EST). Major Ruffin W. Gray, USAF pilot of RF-80, 363rd Tactical Recon Group, Shaw AFB, headed W at 300 mph at 15,000 ft saw a bright circular or spherical silvery object about 10+ miles away at 11 o'clock High position, at 30,000+ ft, losing and gaining 3,000 ft altitude at rate of about 5,000 ft/min [ft/sec]. 10-15 secs (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 25; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Dec. 15, 1952. Greensboro, North Carolina (BBU)
9:25 a.m. (EST). Lt. Robert H. Williams, USAF pilot of RF-80, 363rd Tactical Recon Group, Shaw AFB, plus flight leader of the other RF-80, heading N at 300 mph at 25,000 ft saw a bright circular or spherical silvery object with 2 projections on top, which circled around them from 11 o'clock to 6 o'clock position. 45 secs (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 26; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Dec. 17 (approx), 1952; Philadelia, PA
3:05 AM EST. Again a color change from one color to metallic. Some similarities to the April 1943 incident at Long Beach, CA. One person report. However, in this case, the color change was due to a change in aspect from the witness point of view. (Jan Aldrich) 5-mins

Dec. 17, 1952; San Diego, Cal. (BBU)
Four members of the U.S. Navy Electronics Laboratory at San Diego, observed two or more objects described as cigar or disc shaped that emanated bright light in smooth flight. The speed of the objects was described as being from the speed of a present day jet aircraft to 1500 miles per hour. One witness said he saw later five of six of these things orbiting in a small area.

Dec. 18, 1952; Itazuke AFB, Japan
8:28 a.m. local time. Five plots were observed on an AN/MPS-5 radar scope with an average speed 710 knots. The course from initial plot was 270 degrees varying to 312 degrees. The target size was approximately that made by a B-29 type aircraft. Successive tracks indicated an increase of speed ranging from 300 knots on initial pickup to an estimated 1040 knots on the 4th pickup. The length of the observation was 9 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

Dec. 18, 1952; Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Cat 9. Radar-visual (NICAP source)

Dec. 18, 1952

> Brad Sparks:
> Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, director of the CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI), notifies the DCI (Director of Central Intelligence) Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, that the Robertson Panel was being postponed (indefinitely or to at least March 1953 or later) in order to give the AF contractor Battelle Memorial Institute enough time to complete its statistical study of all of Blue Book's UFO case files. In meeting with Chadwell at

Blue Book on Dec. 12 Battelle's Dr. Howard Cross had pleaded with CIA to postpone the Robertson Panel so Battelle would have time to finish its study and Chadwell and Robertson agreed to do so. (But within days, evidently after getting pressure from the AF, the DCI overruled the postponement and put it back on the fast track for the AF-manipulated rush to judgment.) (Brad Sparks)

Dec. 19, 1952; Anderson AFB, Guam (BBU)
6:50 [8:50?] a.m. USAF crew of B-17 bomber and ground witnesses saw a silvery cylindrical object. (BB Status Rpt)

Dec 22, 1952

Brad Sparks:
Ruppelt found out the CIA Robertson Panel was back on again after being shelved the previous two weeks. Apparently under pressure from the AF which was setting a trap to embarrass the CIA with sensational IFO cases dressed up as "best" Unknown UFO cases, the CIA Director, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, reversed CIA/OSI's decision to postpone the Panel meeting till March 1953 or later. DCI Smith ordered the Robertson Panel to be carried out immediately (as the AF had ordered through the IAC). Thus a rush-to-judgment Panel would have no time to reflect on the AF trickery involved in the IFO's-as-UFO's deception and would just react in dismissive skepticism that there was no scientific evidence for UFO reality, and hence no reason for CIA to intrude into the AF's jurisdiction over air intelligence matters such as unidentified aerial threats (UFO's). Ruppelt called ADC (Air Defense Command) to say that he would not be able to conduct the ADC UFO briefing tour as previously scheduled, due to the CIA meeting now tentatively set in early Jan. 1953 (he confirmed the call by teletype Dec 23). (Brad Sparks)

Dec. 22, 1952; Larson AFB, Moses Lake, Wash. [??] (BBU)
7:30 p.m. Instrument technician stopped his car to watch a hat-shaped glowing object rising vertically in odd spurts right and left, then level off at high speed, glowing white with a red side when rotated, and halfway through a roll no light, then held stationary in the sky with jumpy movements, S of Jupiter (which was to the SSE at about 151° azimuth 53° elevation). 15 mins. (Battelle Unknown No. 6)

December 23, 1952 Letter

Letter from Office of Naval Research, Pasadena Branch to Chief of Naval Research. Details on old report of unusual phenomena concerning erratic equipment behavior at Palomar.

Dec. 24, 1952; Camp Carson, Colorado (BBU)
4:17 p.m. MST. Three airmen observed a silver circular object hovering at an estimated altitude of 2,000 feet at an estimated 4 miles distance for approximately 2 or 3 minutes. The object then disappeared at a high rate of speed. All three airmen were assigned to the 3924 Air Police Squadron. (McDonald, Dan Wilson, BB files)

Dec. 24, 1952; Dallas, Texas
At 12:15 p.m. CST, an object was observed on an AN/APG-41 gun laying radar and AN/APS-23 navigation radar on an airborne B-36 aircraft at 40 miles east to 80 miles

NE of Dallas, Texas. The target was detected on both north and south headings at 40,000 feet and on a descent to 15,000 feet. The target was tracked at a distance of 2000 to 4000 yards. The AN/APS-23 presentation of the phenomenon was similar to recent release of PPI photographs of sightings made over Washington D.C. The AN/APG-41 radar was instrumented with an 0/15 camera. Film was taken, although not clear, it does indicated the presence and trackability of the phenomenon. The Air Intelligence Information Report on this incident states, "Its behavior of attempting to remain 2000 to 4000 yards in front of the B-36 during descent from 40,000 to 15,000 feet was unexplainable, and seemed to indicate that something intelligent was guiding it." The total length of observation was 30 minutes. The operator of the AN/APS-23 radar said on several occasions he detected other targets and they were very sharp. (Dan Wilson, BB Files)

Dec. 27, 1952; Borger, Texas & Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
10:09 p.m. (MST). Military pilot saw an elongated cigarlike object the size of a medium bomber traveling E to W. Probable near-simultaneous meteor IFO with severalminute clock time errors. 4-20 secs (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 34 [erroneous BB date Dec. 28]; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Dec. 28, 1952; Franklin, Indiana and other cities
Starting very early in the morning (at about 4:48 AM?) and lasting about four hours and 15 min, three objects were observed by many witnesses, including police from Edinburgh, Columbus, Connorsville, Seymour, Fort Wayne and Madison, Indiana. One object was reportedly larger than the other two. The area over which the objects were seen and the period of time observed indicates a logical explanation of the astronomy category. [Letter 521228 Franklin IN.pdf handwitten after the event and transcribed by Lara Elliott] (Mike Swords, Robert Marler, Lara Elliott)

Dec. 28, 1952; Marysville, Calif. (BBU 2302)
Civilian witness(es). Case missing. (NARA)

Dec. 29, 1952

> Subject: Preparation for trip to Los Alamos, N.M., and the West Coast. Capt. Ruppelt had called Lt. Col. Paul H. Butman, Division of Military Applications, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C. Col. Butman had previously been briefed on the possible correlation between detection of radiation from unknown sources and unidentified flying objects by Capt. Ruppelt during a visit to AEC. Col. Butman was requested to contact Los Alamos laboratories and request that Mr. Carter, Mr. Gittings, and Mr. Simmons come to Albuquerque for an interrogation.

Dec. 29 [28?], 1952; Chitose AFB [Misawa AFB? Hokkaido?], Japan (BBU) [CCL Item#13]
7:30 [7:39? 7:48?] p.m. USAF crews of B-26 (Ashley and Wood) and F-84G (Col. Howard Blakeslee) saw object emitting 3 beams of light and tracked on airborne radar. 7 mins. (Weinstein; FUFOR Index)

Dec. 29, 1952; 35 miles W of Amarillo near Vega, Texas and ESE of Tucumcari, New Mexico (BBU)
9:05 p.m. (CST). USAF Capt. William T. Bowley and Capt. Herbert T. Lange, both of Perrin AFB, Texas, piloting a B-26 on a training flight headed W at 257° at 6,000 ft altitude and 250 knots (300 mph) saw a extremely large and intense bright round bluish-white light with frequent green tints, no trail or exhaust or aerodynamic features, about

3x the size of a C-54 (or about 350 ft) at a distance of possibly 40 miles at their 11 o'clock position paralleling their course at about the same altitude 6,000 ft heading forward but closing with the B-26. After 5 mins object suddenly climbed vertically 7,000 ft in 5 secs [1,400 ft/sec average, or peak velocity about 2,000 mph at about 17 g's] to disappear in thin broken overcast clouds at 13,000 ft and causing the clouds to glow as if lit by searchlight. Bowley radioed the CAA controller in Tucumcari, N.Mex. Shortly after, the object reappeared under the clouds, the CAA controller was told to look for it but couldn't see it [probably because he was told to look in the wrong direction, to the SW, or it was obscured by clouds], after 2 mins it climbed to the W and disappeared. 7-10 mins. (Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 30, 1952; Terrigal, New South Wales, Australia (BBU)
12 noon. RAAF Wing Commander Tomkins and wife and child [Alexander?] saw an extremely brilliant carbon-arc bright object to the E about 7.5° elevation in very slow level flight to the left or N for about 1 min over about 8° of arc, estimated at about 2,000 ft height and 2 miles away. Object suddenly turned E and departed away from the observers at high speed disappearing in about 20 secs. 1 min 20 secs. (Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Dec. 31, 1952; NE of Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. (BBU)
4:45 a.m. local time. An Aircraft Commander, Capt. Robert P. Gennrich, the First Pilot, 1st Lt. John C. Moore, and the left scanner, A/1C Anthony A. Eakovich, of RB-36 #2007, sighted an unidentified flying object. The object was first seen by the Aircraft Commander and First Pilot on the horizon and was observed to approach the aircraft which was flying on a course of 73 degrees at 8,000 feet altitude. The object was spherical in shape and reddish-orange in color and approximately 8 feet in diameter. It appeared to pass over the the left wing of the aircraft at a distance of approximately 300 feet or greater and travel away from the tail of the aircraft at a high rate of speed and then commence to climb until out of sight. The left scanner, A/1C Anthony A. Eakovich, stated then when he saw the object it was directly behind the RB-36 at a distance unknown, and it veered off to the right and began to climb sharply at a high rate of speed until it was out of sight. At the time of the sighting the aircraft was flying straight and level. (Weinstein; FUFOR Index

Winter of 1952-1953; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada
11:00 PM+- A target appeared on the radar screen. It was located about ninety miles out and approaching from the north at an approximate speed of ninety mph. The radar in use was not equipped with any method of measuring altitude, so the height of the target could not be determined. The fact that the target was approaching from due north (0 degrees on the radar screen) was very unusual since no military or civilian airfields were located in that direction. Its slow speed of travel was equally strange. Most aircraft that approached Goose Bay from a northerly direction were flights coming in from Thule, Greenland. where the United States was building an air base and radar site. The azimuth direction of such flights, as displayed on the radar screen, was about 045 degrees. (RADCAT)

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# The 1952 Sighting Wave

## Radar-Visual Sightings Establish UFOs As A Serious Mystery

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**(Revised version adapted from the Journal of UFO History for the NICAP web site.)**

Map of sightings, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database

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Fran Ridge:
This is a very comprehensive and qualitative effort. Without the help of Rebecca Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, Jean Waskiewicz, Bill Schroeder and others, this could not have been done. (Items on the Chop clearance list are coded "CCL"). But none of this would be complete without the story behind the wave of 1952, as told by none other than Richard Hall.

On March 2, 1950, a Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) meeting focused on establishing goals for a minimum air defense by 1952. The following month at a USAF Commanders Conference at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, planners familiarized commanders with the thinking behind the plan of minimum defense as well as with its contents. Referred to as the Blue Book Plan, it stipulated that a minimum air defense could be in place by mid-1952. It was estimated that July 1, 1952, as the critical date when the Soviets would pose a dangerous threat. General Charles Cabell expected the Soviets to have between 45 and 90 atom bombs and 70 to 135 Tu-4 bombers (copied B-29s) by that time. Was there a nuclear connection between this threat and the massive UFO sighting wave of 1952 and the events over Washington in July?

**Richard Hall:**
The summer 1952 UFO sighting wave was one of the largest of all time, and arguably the most significant of all time in terms of the credible reports and hardcore scientific data obtained. Electromagnetic (EM) effects and physical trace evidence were more prominent in other waves, but 1952 (and 1953) featured recurring radar detection of UFOs, often from both ground and airborne radar, visual sightings by jet interceptor

pilots sent up to pursue the mysterious objects, and cat-and-mouse chases in which the UFOs seemed to toy with the interceptors. Further, Air Force investigators who plotted the sightings noticed that they were concentrated around strategic military bases, and this clearly posed a threat to national security since their origin was unknown. Senior generals in the Air Force concluded that UFOs were interplanetary in origin, and broadly hinted this belief in LIFE magazine for April 1952.

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JANUARY

NARA-PBB1-45 - January Sightings

1952; London, Ont., Canada
Astronomer observed elliptical UFO with 2 bright body lights. [UFOE, VI]

Early 1952; Goose Bay, Labrador
10:42 pm. A fiery, spherical object made a right-angle turn during an observation by a C-54 crew flying from Westover to Goose Bay. It was also seen from the ground by the control tower and by two men who plunged to the earth when the object made a low pass at them. It went away at 10:47 pm. (Quincy)

1952, Date unknown; Washington, DC area
Night. LCDR E. E. Kligington, John Ford, Michael Krause, pilots at Naval proving Ground Dahlgren, VA, flying F4U5 and F7F. Flying fighter aircraft, one at NPG one over Washington area and one over Fredericksburg at about 10-15,000 feet. When Krause saw a light close in front of him, he dived to avoid it, and made a sweeping climb to inspect it. Realized it was a large object between Frederickburg and Quantico. Krause also saw the object and headed for it and finally the other pilot did also. They were approaching from N, S and E.at about 5 miles it put on burst of speed and disappearing to the W. Radar at Washington National and MCAS Quantico supposedly watched the action. (George Fawcett's UFO report form filled out by E. E. Kligington).

1952, Date Unknown; Jacksonville NAS, Florida
11:00 p.m. Four sailors standing watch observed a black spearhead shaped object suddenly appear approaching from Jacksonville traveling N to S. The reporting witness was the first to see it, then the other three. It stopped over NAS, with no slowing down, and then hovered for 15 seconds. While it hovered it looked like a dark spearhead in front of a dim yellow light. Two aircraft took off at the same time, however, the witness did not know if it was related to the object. Suddenly the object left at a high rate of speed to the S. Sighting was reported to the control tower that replied it was probably a

weather balloon. (Reported in 2003)

Jan. 1952; Weston, Wyoming (BBU)
10:30 p.m. 38-yearold rancher saw a "shooting star" suddenly stop in mid-air between him and a mountain, spinning clockwise, with one red window periodically facing the observer, went down toward the Little Powder River, come up again. He turned his car to send light signals, object seemed to respond by stopping its red window to face witness. Spinning resumed, object rose and came down. Similar object arrived, then both went into the deep valley out of sight. (Vallée Magonia 88)

January 3,1952, SECRET Memo

> Brig. Gen. William M. Garland, Assistant for the Production of Intelligence, wrote a memorandum for General Samford with the title (SECRET) "Contemplated Action to Determine the Nature and Origin of the Phenomena Connected with the Reports of Unusual Flying Objects." (Courtesy, Joel Carpenter)

Jan. 9, 1952; Kerrville, Texas
Cat 3. Odd "roaring" interference on radio as UFO circled town.

Jan. 16, 1952; Artesia, New Mexico (BBU 1037)
This case was incorrectly dated for years. A motionless dull-white, round object 5/3 larger than balloon. This incident occurred in 1951, not 1952. (See 1952 UFO Chronology for the reports and other details).

Jan. 20, 1952; Fairchild AFB, Wash. (BBU)
7:20 p.m. Three Air Force personnel, M/Sgt. Aluridus C. Holm, S/Sgt Robert T. Barnes, and T/Sgt Harry A. Gavagnaro (two of which were in Wing Intelligence) saw a large bluish-white spherical object with a long blue tail in the E about 2 miles away traveling N through the sky much faster than a jet aircraft. The object was.on a horizontal path estimated at 500 feet, was below and seen against solid overcast cloud cover at 4,700 ft, speed later estimated at 1,400 mph, no sound, disappearing in the W. (Sparks; Wilson, Ruppelt pp. 12-3; Saunders/FUFOR Index) 15 secs

Jan. 21, 1952; Mitchel AFB, N.Y. (BBU)
9:50 a.m. (EST). USN pilot Lt. James R. Zeitvogel, USN Special Devices Center, Long Island, flew USN TBM-3W bomber heading 45° (NE) at 160 knots (200 mph) at 6,000 ft shortly after takeoff from Mitchel AFB, sighted a 20-30 ft white circular domed or parachute-shaped, with parachute-like segmentation and dark underside, about 1/3 ratio thickness to diameter, which appeared to be about 1-1/2 miles to the WNW or half way between TBM and end of runway 30 at Mitchel AFB, silhouetted against the ground at a depression angle of about 45° at a very low altitude of 200-300 ft (consistent with ground range of 1-1/2 miles from TBM at 6,000 ft height). Pilot then chased object which was at first traveling about 300 knots (350 mph), by turning left in the TBM in a sharp 2-3 g turn, having to bank at almost 90° to see the low altitude object about 1- 1/2 mins into sighting when TBM about completed 360° turn, object cutting on inside of TBM's turn apparently accelerating. Object at about 2 mins into sighting started climbing in altitude while still accelerating, disappearing suddenly not due to distance about 7 miles to the SW at 500+ knots (600+ mph) and about 10° above TBM's horizontal level. (Sparks; GRUDGE Rpts. No. 3, p. 8, No. 4, pp. 9-11ff.; Project 1947; NICAP)

Jan. 22, 1952; Nenana, Alaska (BBU)
12:20 am.(AHST) Ground radar outpost and three airborne radar sets on F-94

interceptors tracked a distinct unexplainable target. USAF Lt. A. L. B. a CPS-6B radar operator at ADC radar site F-2, Murphy Dome AFS (about 19 miles WNW of Fairbanks), Alaska, tracked an inbound or outbound target at 210° azimuth at about 1,500 to 2,400 mph, and after 10-12 radar sweeps 12 secs each, urgently called twice (at 12:25 and 12:26 a.m.) for interception, and 2 USAF F-94 jets were scrambled [possibly multiple reversals of UFO direction in this time interval]. At 12:52-53 a.m., unidentified target was tracked inbound at 210° azimuth heading N at 45 miles range for about 1 min, first F-94 at 30,000 ft was vectored on 180° heading to attempt intercept at 20 miles projected range of target to radar site, but target reversed course over an 8-mile radius of turn (roughly 5 gs) and headed outbound at 1,500+ mph heading S and away from radar site and F-94. Pilot Lt. C. E. G. and radar observer Capt. V. D. R. on first F-94 tracked two targets, one strong one faint on. F-94 circled for an hour before getting another target at 12 o'clock low, dropped to 25,000 ft with 100-knot closure rate, no visual contact, had to pull up at 200 yards distance to avoid collision, F-94 released to return to base at 2:13 a.m. Pilot Capt. R. time also obtained radar lock on to a target at 12 o'clock high at 17,000 yards range for 2-3 mins. (BB Status Rpt 7; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index; cf. Ruppelt)

### Jan. 29th, 1952 Briefing mentioned in Grudge Status Report No.3

Brig. Gen. William M. Garland, Assistant for (Intelligence) Production, and his staff at the Directorate of Intelligence, HQ USAF, were briefed on the status of the Project Grudge UFO Study. At this meeting Gen. Garland introduced a revolutionary new intelligence policy and methodology which emphasized the use of instrumentation for intelligence collection, including to detect and track UFO's (which would eventually be the basis for terminating Project BLUE BOOK as an intelligence function, converting it to a PR psych war propaganda function beginning in July 1952 over a 6-month transition period). As an interim last-chance measure to prove whether anecdotal sightings had any value, Gen. Garland approves of Ruppelt's publicity plan to draw in UFO reports from the public so that triangulations might be obtained, and this leads to Garland secretly backing the LIFE magazine article (plan backfires and is blamed for July 1952 flap).

On the same date, Jan. 29, Gen. Garland gave the welcoming address to the SECRET compartmented MIT Project BEACON HILL in Cambridge, Mass., where he gave the marching orders to the assembled scientists to study ways AF intelligence methodology can be revolutionized through use of technology. (Later Gen. Garland sent Ruppelt and Col. Sanford H. Kirkland of ATIC, and Lt. Col. William A. Adams of AFOIN, to brief BEACON HILL on UFO's on March 26 and in April 1952, respectively). (Credit Joel Carpenter for BEACON HILL.) (Brad Sparks)

### Ruppelt Discovers AF Intelligence Has More UFO files

On this trip to the Pentagon to brief Gen. Garland, Ruppelt visits the offices of AF Intelligence (AFOIN) having collections of UFO files and discovers they have more complete files than does ATIC in Dayton, and he arranges to have copies made of the various missing files made for him at Project Grudge at ATIC (though multiple visits were required to obtain the copies and Ruppelt probably did not succeed in getting everything). These AFOIN offices with UFO files include the Technical Capabilities Branch (TCB) of the Evaluation Division (AFOIN-TCB or AFOIV-TC) and the Collection Control Branch of the Collection Division (AFOIN-CC or AFOIC-CC).

(Brad Sparks)

Jan. 29, 1952; Wonsan, Korea (BBU)
11:00 pm. 30 miles SW of Wonsan, USAF crew of B-29 flying at above 20,000 ft and 148 knots (170 mph) ground speed saw an orange luminous rotating and pulsating 3 ft sphere [or disc?], with blue flame halo, follow the B29 at a distance of about 600 ft at the 8 o'clock position advancing forward to 9 o'clock then falling back to 8 o'clock [at one point almost withdrawing from view then returning?]. (LIFE Incident 9; Project 1947; Loren Gross)

Jan. 29-30, 1952; Sunchon, South Korea (BBU)
11:24 p.m. USAF crew of B-29 at 20,000 ft and 125 knots (144 mph) ground speed saw an orange sphere follow the B-29 at their level or slightly below [sunlike in brightness and 600 ft away?]. (LIFE Incident 9; Project 1947; Loren Gross)

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Jan 31, 1952; "AFOIN-C/CC-2 To Be Revised"

The 1951 directive, "Reporting Information on Unidentified Flying Objects", which outlined reporting procedures for Project Grudge, was inadequate and was to be revised for Project Blue Book (Pg. 59 of Project Grudge Report No. 3, 31 Jan 1952). The new one requested that all reports be made by wire to ATIC, ADC, and V/TC, and that this wire report be followed up by an AF Form 112 direct to ATIC and V/TC. (V/TC = AFOIN or AF Intelligence, Evaluation Division, Technical Capabilities Branch, which had been tasked by Gen. Cabell in 1950 to conduct field investigations of UFO cases independent of AMC/ATIC Project GRUDGE, and which TC Branch now had Capt. Dewey Fournet assigned) (Francis Ridge)

FEBRUARY

NARA-PBB1-46 - February Sightings

Ruppelt Briefs ADC

> In early February Capt. Edward Ruppelt briefed General Benjamin W. Chidlaw, then the Commanding General of the Air Defense Command, and his staff, telling them about our plan. They agreed with it in principle and suggested that I work out the details with the Director of Intelligence for the ADC, Brigadier W. M. Burgess. General Burgess designated Major Verne Sadowski of his staff to be the ADC liaison officer with New Grudge."

Feb. 1, 1952; 10 miles W of Terre Haute, Indiana (BBU)
9:30 p.m. Military aircraft pilot saw a close group of moving lights changing color from blue to green to yellow. (Project 1947; BB files??)

Feb. 2, 1952; E. of Pusan, South Korea (BBU)
10:30 am. Radar track of 767 mph unidentified target. 2nd track from position 35°30' N, 129°40' E, at 10:40 of 1,257 mph unidentified target. (Jan Aldrich)

Feb. 2, 1952; E of South Korea (BBU)
7:35 p.m. USS Philippine Sea heading S 180° at 13 knots (15 mph) tracked approaching radar target from the N 0° azimuth at 25 miles, veered off in a wide left turn to the E radius about 12 miles (when visual observers spotted exhaust trails), reversing course on radar away from the aircraft carrier accelerating from 600 mph to 1800 mph at 52,000 ft altitude, split into 2 targets 5-12 miles apart on a slightly zigzag wavy course headed due N 0° to disappearance at about 110 miles. Visual observers sighted 3 exhaust flames at 30° azimuth [?]. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 126-8)

Feb. 11, 1952; Pittsburgh, Penna. (BBU 1052)
3 a.m. USAF Capt. G. P. Arns and Maj. R. J. Gedson flying a Beech AT-11 trainer saw a yelloworange comet-shaped object pulsing flame for 1-2 secs in straight and level flight. (Berliner)

Feb. 12, 1952; Bet. Friendship Airfield and Baltimore, Maryland (BBU)
9:30 p.m. USAF MATS C-47 pilot and copilot saw a bright white object move slowly then speed away. Then at 10 p.m. they saw 10 miles S of Baltimore a similar object. (GRUDGE/BB Rpt; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 13, 1952; Granite City, Illinois (BBU)
10:30 p.m. The 3903rd Radar Bomb Scoring Group observed an unusual radar return while attempting to score a bomb run. It was assumed at the time that the "target" was an aircraft pacing the bomber on its attack run, but the unusual target reached a speed of 1090 MPH. (McDonald list; BB Rpt 6) adar. (McDonald list; BB Rpt 6)

February 1952, Fournet Becomes AF Intelligence "Project Monitor"
Maj. Dewey J. J. Fournet in the AF Intelligence (AFOIN) Evaluation Division's Technical Capabilities Branch (TCB) replaces Lt Col Milton D. Willis as UFO investigation officer for AFOIN (in the June 1952 reorganization many assets in the Evaluation Division are transferred to the new Topical Intelligence Division, headed by Col. William A. Adams, including Fournet who is assigned to the Division's Current Intelligence Branch, headed by Col. Weldon H. Smith). Fournet also assigned as "Project Monitor" for ATIC Project Grudge in the wake of widespread publicity on the Korean UFO sightings. (Brad Sparks)

Feb. 16, 1952; About 60 miles E. of Pusan, Korea (BBU)
2:40 and 3:50 p.m. USMC GCI Sq 3 at Yongil (36° N, 129° E) CPS-5 radar tracking of unidentified target traveling at 4,320 knots (5,000 mph). 2nd track at 3:50 at position 36°30' N, 129°30' E (a few miles off the coast of South Korea) of large target equivalent of 6-8 jet aircraft, traveling 1,380 knots (1,600 mph) target heading 170°, faded momentarily, then continued on 120° heading until lost. Visual sighting of contrail in direction of radar track. (Jan Aldrich; McDonald files; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Feb. 17, 1952; 25 miles SE of Roswell, New Mexico (BBU)
1:45 a.m. (MST). USAF crew of B-29 bomber saw 3 ft [?] greenish-blue ball of fire flying straight at 15,000 ft. (Project 1947)

February 19, 1952; Letter to Col.John G. Ericksen
Col. Ericksen, , Chief of the Technical Capabilities Branch, received this letter from: Albert E. Lombard, Jr. Chief, Research Division, Directorate of Research and Development. Re: Declassification of Project TWINKLE denied because Green Fireballs considered man-made.

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Feb. 20, 1952; Greenfield, Mass.
A pastor of a German Congregational church boarded a trainand took a seat near a window. Like most travelers he gazed at the scenery to alleviate the boredom of the trip. Flashes in the cobalt blue excited his eyes as a brilliantly reflective trio of saucer-shapes approached in V-format ion. The formation quickly slowed, the object in the lead braking faster than its companions so to form a line of three abreast when all of the objects finally came to a complete stop. After a ten second wait, the objects shot off to one side so fast they were out of sight in about six seconds. It was an astonishing performance.(NICAP UFO Evidence, VII)

Feb. 20, 1952; Mt. Diablo, Calif. (BBU)
11:30 p.m. USAF pilot Montgomery and copilot of B-25 bomber saw bright yellow light on collision course climb and accelerate. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 21, 1952; Sen. Russell letter to SAF
Washington, D.C. Sen. Richard B. Russell, Armed Services Committee, letter to Secretary of Air Force requesting an official report on recent UFO sightings by combat airmen in the Far East.

Feb. 24, 1952; Antung, North Korea (BBU 1061)
10:15 [11:15?] p.m. USAF 345th Bomber Sq Captain/B-29 navigator saw a bluish cylinder, 3x long as wide, with a tail and rapid pulsations, come in high and fast, make several turns and level out under B-29 which was evading mild antiaircraft fire. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 26, 1952; New Albany, New York (BB)
11:10 local. CIRVIS report says that in the vicinity NNW of Albany, New York, at an altitude estimated at over 50,000 feet, an unidentified object of unknown size and shape was apparently observing the reporting Air Force aircraft at 20,000 feet on a 90 degree intersecting course for approximately 20 minutes. Two jets pilots (Barnes [Sylvia 51] & Olshefski [Sylvia 41]) verified visibility, good sky clear, 80 knot wind at 230 degrees. Another CIRVIS report amplifying details describes the same object, sighted observing the aircraft (pilot Hensley) and traveling an estimated 1,000 mph and observed from distance of approximately 60 miles. Object of indiscernible color left pencil-thin whitish gray vapor trail approximately straight 10 miles long under non-concurrent observation for 3 to 5 minutes. Object was theorized to be a possible meteor!!!!

Feb. 27, 1952; Ft. Stockton, Texas (BBU)
B-29 and radar. (McDonald list; BB Rpt 5) [See March 26. BB records show a date change on MAXW-PBB9-1126]

MARCH

NARA-PBB1-47 - March Sightings

March 3, 1952- Dr. Walther Riedel Convinced
Formerly a German rocket scientist at Peenemunde, said: "I'm convinced saucers have an out-of-world basis." (Life Magazine, Apr. 7, 1952 issue)

March 4, 1952; 15 miles W of Ashiya AFB, Japan (BBU)
10:35 a.m. The pilot, 1st Lt. E.J. Weed, and crew, co-pilot 2nd Lt. T.G. Camidge and engineer S/Sgt. T. Dendy, of a USAF C-54 aircraft, 53rd Troop Carrier Squadron,

observed a bright orange oval-shaped object. The object, approximately 50 to 100 feet in length and 50 foot thick, was flying at a terrific speed at an estimated altitude of 10,000 feet and was observed for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Lt. Weed further stated that the object was definitely not a jet aircraft. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

March 7, 1952; Bet. Claremore and Tulsa, Okla.(BBU)
1 a.m. USAF copilot of C-54 transport saw a bright light pass from right to left, lose altitude and blink out 3 times. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

March 10, 1952; Oakland, Calif.
An engineering metals inspector watched two dark wing (or hemisphere) shaped objects pass overhead, swaying back and forth like a pendulum. (NICAP report.)

March 13, 1952; Keflavik, Iceland
7:12 a.m. Eight separate unidentified radar sightings were made by a GCA team while working a C-47 aircraft on practice runs at Keflavik, Iceland. The first of the eight objects appeared at 0712Z (7:12 a.m. local time). The last object was observed at 8:09 a.m. The estimated airspeed of the objects was 250 knots and at estimated altitude of above 8000 feet. One report stated that one object crossed the scope at a speed much faster than an F-86. (Dan Wilson)

March 14, 1952; near Hawaii
Evening. Navy Secretary Dan Kimball was flying to Hawaii when two disc-shaped craft streaked in toward his Navy executive plane. "Their speed was amazing," he told Keyhoe later, in Washington. "My pilots estimated it between fifteen hundred and two thousand miles an hour. The objects circled us twice and then took off, heading east." Note that Adm Arthur Radford was a witness in a second plane. (See details at link).

March 15, 1952; Sandia Mtns. [Kirtland AFB?], New Mexico (BBU)
4:30 PM MST, A dull aluminum object, shaped like a flattened oval and as large as a B-29 fuselage was observed by an Air Force officer. Estimated to be stationary at 10,000 feet over the Sandia Mountain range and later moving at 150-200 mph. Time in view: 15 mins.. (McDonald list; BB Rpt 7)

March 17, 1952; Ionia, Michigan
A wobbly, tipping object that resembled two saucers placed edge to edge, crossed the sky, flashing a silver light. (Gross, UFOs A History 1952, 99,. [Ionia, Michigan] Ionia Daily Sentinel Standard, 18 March 52.Vitello)

Mid-March 1952, AF Initiates TOP SECRET UFO Project
AF Intelligence (AFOIN) Assistant for (Intelligence) Production Brig. Gen. William M. Garland initiates a TOP SECRET compartmented project (to be designed and built by AF R&D) to establish a global instrumented UFO detection and tracking system that would obviate the need for non-technical anecdotal UFO sighting reports, eventually resulting in approval of an official AF policy to deemphasize or reject anecdotal UFO reports (July 28, 1952). (Brad Sparks)

March 19, 1952; Ruppelt Briefs ADC
Ruppelt: "I briefed General Benjamin W. Chidlaw, then the Commanding General of the Air Defense Command, and his staff, telling them about our plan. They agreed with it in principle and suggested that I work out the details with the Director of Intelligence for the ADC, Brigadier W. M.

> Burgess. General Burgess designated Major Verne Sadowski of his staff to be the ADC liaison officer with New Grudge."

March 20, 1952; Centreville, Maryland. (BBU 1074)
10:42 p.m. WW1/WW2 veteran A. D. Hutchinson and son saw a dull orange-yellow saucer-shaped light fly straight and level very fast. (Berliner) (This link/version may or may not be the right case, but appears to be).

March 22, 1952; 20 miles S of Yakima, Wash. (BBU 1076)
6:05 p.m. USAF pilot and radar operator of F-94 jet interceptor made 2 sightings of a stationary red fireball that increased in brightness then faded over 45 secs. Note: Project Blue Book Status Report #7 (May 31, 1952) says target was also tracked by ground radar at 78 knots (90 mph) at 22,500 ft and 25,000 ft altitude. (Berliner)

March 24, 1952; 60 miles W of Pt. Conception, Calif. (BBU 1077)
8:45 a.m. [p.m.?] B-29 navigator and radar operator tracked unidentified target on airborne radar at about 3,000 mph. (Berliner; Shough)

> March 25, 1952. Project BLUE BOOK Named
> Grudge was upgraded to a separate organization, the Aerial Phenomena Group, and the name was changed to Project Blue Book. According to Ruppelt this change was made because of the steadily increasing number of reports we [the Air Force] were receiving. (Ruppelt, p. 131.)

March 26 [?], 1952; Ft. Stockton, Texas (BBU 1079)
2:10 am. SW of Pecos, NW of Stockton, Texas and Arizona [8:30 and 10:13 p.m. ?] USAF pilots of 4 B-50D's [McClelland and 3 others] saw red and green running lights moving at high speed. 2nd sighting over Arizona at 10:13? Airborne radar scope photo. (Berliner; cf. Weinstein; FUFOR Index) (Fran Ridge: No longer an unknown)

March 26, 1952; Long Beach, California
Cat 3. Two yellowish discs passed by slowly, "as they passed the radio was agitated twice".

> March 26, 1952, Ruppelt and Col. Kirkland Brief BEACON HILL
> Gen. Garland sends ATIC Technical Analysis Division Chief, Col. Sanford H. Kirkland, and Project Blue Book Chief, Lt. Edward J. Ruppelt, to brief MIT's Project BEACON HILL on UFO's. (Brad Sparks)

March 29, 1952; 20 miles N of Misawa AFB, Japan (BBU 1082)
11:20 a.m. Lt. David C. Brigham, pilot of AT-6 trainer, saw a small, very thin, shiny metallic disc fly alongside the AT-6, then make a pass at an F-84 jet fighter, flip on edge, flutter 20 ft from the F-84's fuselage and flip in the slipstream. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

March 29, 1952; Butler, Missouri
Chairman of Industrial Commission of Missouri saw cylinder-shaped, silver UFO, [UFOE, VII]

March 29, 1952; Elizabethville, Belgian Congo. (BBU)
Two fiery discs were seen over uranium mines gliding in curves, changing orientation many times thus appearing as plates, ovals and lines. Discs suddenly hovered then took off in a zigzag to the NE. Commander Pierre of Elizabethville airfield took off in a

fighter aircraft in pursuit and came within 120 meters (400 ft) of one disc. (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich)

March 29 [April 24?], 1952; Glen Burnie, Maryland. (BBU)
10:45 p.m. Donald F. Stewart [Steward?] and George Tyler III saw 50 ft flat silver disc with cupola/dome to one side, a porthole and hatch on the dome, neon-like lighting around the edges [strangely pulsating?], approaching car from ahead to the NE about 60° elevation, then hovered and "wavered slightly" for 3 [2?] mins several hundred feet off the ground, whirring sound like a vacuum cleaner, car engine died while object hovered. Witness got out of car with Thompson submachine gun considering whether to shoot the disc, companion urged him not to. Object suddenly turned up on edge seeming to "roll across the sky" faster than a jet to the SW disappearing about 3-1/2 miles away. Witness claimed car wires "magnetized" and paint cracked. Secy. AF Finletter interest, AFOSI investigation. Hoax? (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 196-8; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index; Loren Gross Jan-May 52 pg. 25)

March 30, 1952, Editorial Page of Boston Traveler Magazine
"Have You Heard", by Bill Schofield. This was a bargain day in the flying saucer department, and you get two stories for the price of one -- the first from a resident of western Massachusetts and the second from Navy Sec. Dan Kimball.

APRIL

NARA-PBB1-48-50, April Sightings

ADC in near frenzied state
By the spring of 1952, Air Defense Command was in a near-frenzied state over the potential of a Soviet sneak attack. Its eyes and ears, the Lashup radar network and the GOC, had proven discouragingly unreliable, and, lacking credible intelligence on Soviet capabilities and intentions, it had no real basis for assessing the nature of the threat. (see report linked above). Little more than two weeks later, the worst possibility seemed to have come true. (See April 17)

April 2, 1952, Lake Mead, Nevada (BB)
9:00 am MST. While on a fishing trip to Lake Meade with his wife and a friend, Master Sergeant Sheldon Smith observed a UFO. It was silver in color, very large and at a tremendous altitude. It was described as a B-36 without wings. Observed right after a flight of F-86's overflew the area at about 15,000'. His friend was also a M/Sgt Lester Gossett. After watching the hovering object for about an hour, which was much higher than the vapor trails from the F-86's, it suddenly disappeared. Smith filed his report with an intelligence officer in accordance with AF requests to report such observations. (Fran Ridge, AIR, BB files).

April 2, 1952, Ruppelt & Col. Kirkland Brief CSI-Los Angeles
On the eve of the release of the bombshell LIFE magazine article, Ruppelt and his boss, ATIC Technical Analysis Division Chief Col. Sanford H. Kirkland, give an extraordinary briefing, technically unclassified but in fact quasi-classified, to a group of aerospace engineers organized as Civilian Saucer Investigations, in Los Angeles, along with LIFE magazine reporters

who give them advance copies of the article in exchange. (See extremely rare and revealing Transcript obtained by Project 1947.) (Brad Sparks)

April 3, 1952; Marana, Arizona. (BBU)
8:23 a.m. MST Pilot of a T-6 aircraft and six other pilots on the ground, saw a bright silver circular object 5 or 6 times the size of a B-29 at an estimated 55,000 ft. C. M Jasper, Squadron Commander & Flight Instructor, Marana AFB, sitting in a landed T-6 aircraft at the Benson Airport, took a fix on the object in relation to the top of the canopy at 0823. Paul Wilkerson, Flight instructor, Chauncey (Chick) P. Logan, Flight Instructor, Marana AFB, Cadet Plucinsky, Chuck (Skeet) Taylor, Airport Manager were some of the other witnesses. Jasper kept continous fixes on the object and it did not move the slightest fraction until 0914 when the object disappeared. Cadet Plucinsky flying above Benson airport, said when he spotted the object; "It looks like a flying saucer." Object hovered for over 51 minutes then suddenly disappeared. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index, BB files, Dan Wilson)

April 4, 1952, Ruppelt Briefs Rand Corp. Satellite Project
Gen. Garland arranges for the AF-Rand Corp. Satellite Project to receive a UFO briefing from Ruppelt on a visit to ATIC. Ruppelt meets and befriends Rand satellite engineer Jim Thompson. (Brad Sparks)

April 4, 1952; Duncanville, Texas (BBU 1095)
8:30 p.m. (CST) USAF Cpl. Billy D. Greer and PFC John W. Harrington of the Radar Maintenance Section, 147th AC&W Squadron, tracked unidentified target by FPS-10 radar first to the NW at 310°-315° azimuth at about 70 nautical miles (80 miles) moving at high speed of about 2,160 knots (2,500 mph) until it disappeared off the scope at maximum range of 260 n.mi. (300 miles). Height-finder reading not taken, estimated at 42,000+ ft due to radar beam coverage at max range. (Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

April 5-6, 1952; Kadena AFB, Okinawa (BBU 1144)
2400 hrs [just past 11:59 p.m. = April 5, 12:00 a.m. April 6]. Crew of B-29 bomber, on ground saw erratic maneuvers at estimated speed 1,000 kts. (Sparks; NICAP website/Dan Wilson; BB files – BB Record Card / File wrongly conflates 2 cases April 5 & 22 as one; Berliner; Randle)

April 5, 1952; Phoenix, Arizona (BBU 1096)
10:40 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ryan, R. L.. Stokes, and D. Schook saw a large, dull grey circular object, followed by 2 more, fly straight and level at high speed. (BB files, Berliner, docs only..no dir)

April 5, 1952; Miami, Florida (BBU 1097)
9:15 p.m. L. E. VanDercar and 9 year old son saw 4 dark circular objects with mostly fuzzy edges, cross the face of the Moon [in the S at 175° azimuth 77° elevation, 83% illuminated or almost full], each 1/2 the angular size of Moon. (Berliner)

April 6, 1952; Temple, Texas [Miller-Graughan AFB?]. (BBU 1099)
2:59 p.m. Herman L. Russell saw 50-75 greyish-white metallic disc-like shapes to the NNW about 30° 40° elevation in random arrangement within a circular formation covering area of only 1 Full Moon [hence each object probably <3 arcmins would have been too small to resolve disc-like details]. Objects would flash in unison every 12-15 secs for a period of 2 secs as if tilting on horizontal axis. After 2 mins cluster became less dense in the center and more dense at the outer rim. Formation estimated at distance of 15-25 miles [hence height about 50,000 ft] moved upwards in elevation by about 5° and laterally by 10° to 15° (direction not specified) until disappearing by fading into

distance. [Possible shattered plastic fragments of Skyhook balloon fluttering in the sunlight.] (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 9, pp. 1303-4; Berliner)

> April 7, 1952: Life Magazine article, "Have We Visitors From Space?
> When newsmen began asking him whether the article was Air Force inspired, Ruppelt replied that they had furnished Life with some raw data. My answer was purposely weasel worded, he said, because I knew that the Air Force had unofficially inspired the Life article... [and also knew that the strongly implied answer that UFOs were interplanetary] was the personal opinion of several very high-ranking officers in the Pentagon - so high that their personal opinion was almost policy. (Ruppelt, p. 132.)

April 8, 1952; Nr. Big Pines, Calif.
Disc-like UFO observed by TV network engineer. [UFOE, VI]

April 9, 1952; Bet. Shreveport and Barksdale AFB, Louisiana (BBU)
2:30 p.m. (CST). USAF C-46 crew [pilot and copilot] flying E at 90° heading at 9,000 ft saw a 30-40 ft cream color disc-shaped object ahead of the plane at about 4,000 ft, object reversed course heading E [but was overtaken by C-46 and passed under it ??], C-46 and object both [?] made 360° turns, object climbing into clouds at 12,000 ft at 200400 mph. Similar sighting at 2:45 p.m. by another C-46 5-6 miles N of Barksdale AFB of an object disappearing on a N heading at 11,000 ft. (BB Status Rpt 6; cf. NARCAP)

April 9, 1952; 6 miles W of Pecos [near Lackland AFB?],Texas(BBU)
10:40 p.m. (CST). S/Sgt Victor H. Berthene, USAF, while watching a C-97 take off from Kelly AFB, observed a white sphere-shaped object with a short white trail traveling at a high rate of speed from SE to NW. The observer was in Barracks building 2162 at Lackland AFB, Texas, during the time of the sighting.(Hynek UFO Rpt p. 43; FUFOR Index)

April 12, 1952; North Bay CFS, Ontario, Canada (BBU 1108)
9:30 p.m. At 2230 local time, Warrant Officer E. H. Rossell and Flight Sergeant Reg McRae, observed a bright amber disc in the sky. The disc came in from the southwest and moved across the RCAF Station airfield at North Bay, stopped and moved off again in the reverse direction. It then climbed at an angle of 30 degrees at terrific speed and disappeared. (Berliner)

April 13 [12?], 1952; Moriarty AFS, New Mexico (BBU)
4:45 p.m. (MST). 4 USAF airmen saw silver disc-shaped object to the E traveling very erratically at high speed, then dove. [CPS-5 radar tracking?] (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; BB Rpt 6; FUFOR Index)

April 14, 1952; LaCrosse, Wisconsin CIRVIS Report (BBU)
12:35 p.m. Unidentified CAL (Central Air Lines) pilot saw several light colored objects fly in V-formation. (Berliner) Objects sighted from ground, tremendous speed.

April 14, 1952; Memphis, Tennessee (BBU 1112)
6:34 p.m. U.S. Navy pilots Lt. jg. Blacky, Lt. jg. O'Neil flying on 18° (about NNE) heading at 2,000 ft over NAS Range Station saw to their left an inverted bowl glowing bright red, 3 ft long and 1 ft high, with vertical slots, approaching at high speed on 300° heading, straight and level at 2,000 ft, passing 300 ft from their aircraft and below overcast at 4,200 ft. [Red glowing trail?] (Berliner; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; cf. NARCAP)

April 15, 1952; Santa Cruz, California (BBU 1115)
7:40 p.m. Mr. Hayes, brother of Master Sgt., saw 2 faint objects flying fast along the horizon through 20x spotting telescope. (Berliner)

April 16, 1952; Madison, Wisconsin (BB)
8:15 p.m. CST. A witness by the name of Mr. Dino Laurenzi observed 5-6 yellowish-white glowing semi-circular shaped objects in a semi-circular formation almost straight up. The objects were heading to the east at high speed. After a few seconds the objects made a sharp turn left to a NW heading and gained altitude rapidly. As the objects disappeared they seemed to fuse or come together. No sound was heard from the objects. F-80 and F-86 aircraft were sent to the area to investigate. A Mr. Arthur Prchlik also sighted the objects. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

April 16, 1952; Shreveport, Louisiana (BBU)
9:28 p.m. (CST). Senior USAF pilot Capt. Eugene R. Mathis, USAF, SAC Aircraft Commander, and Jack Touchstone, observed a brilliant circular object ten times the size of the brightest star flying overhead at an unbelieveable speed on a heading of 100 degrees. The object suddenly made a 180 degree turn. The object appeared to be flat, made no sound and and had no exhaust. The object was in sight for approximately 70 seconds. While the object was in sight it passed over the entire city of Shreveport. (Dan Wilson, BB files, Willy Smith pp. 25-29; FUFOR Index)

April 17, 1952; Nellis AFB, Nevada
Large group of circular UFOs. [UFOE, III]

April 17, 1952; 3 mi S [SW] of Yuma Test Station, Arizona (BBU 1127)
3:05-3:10 p.m. (MST). Large group of 9575th Test Station Unit, Yuma Test Station, 6th Army, consisting of Army and ex-USAF meteorological observers, including several graduate engineers, while on a hiking trip on the E bank of the Colorado River, saw a flat-white, non-shiny, circular object fly from nearly overhead about 80-90° elevation heading 60° (about ENE), with an erratic non-perfectly-linear trajectory emitting an intermittent non-persistent thin contrail or vapor trail about 1-2 object diameters in length. No sound. Weather CAVU. 2nd Lt. Bernard J. Gudenkauf with 11 year's experience in military meteorology, development of weather equipment, and upper air observation and balloon launches of different types and sizes, led the group on the hike. Cpl. Weiss spotted object overhead and called attention of the group (including Lt Gudenkauf), all of whom immediately spotted the object without difficulty, including former USAF flight engineer MSgt Lowell, graduate engineer with propeller design experience Cpl. McDowell, and graduate engineer PFC Slater, plus Sgt Linden, Cpl Bailey, Cpl Cannon, Cpl Wuerderman, Cpl Jones, Cpl Ueberroth, PFC Alfonso, and PFC Davis. Disappeared at or beyond horizon at about 6°-8° elevation (canal bank terrain obstacle). Moved too fast and erratically to use theodolite tracking had one been available on the hike. See next sighting by 2 of the same group. (Sparks; BB files; BB Rpt 6 wrongly conflates 2 cases April 17 & 18 as one; Berliner) 7 secs 13 witnesses 1 Full Moon

> On April 17, Air Force Intelligence warned Col Burgess, at ADC Headquarters, Ent AFB, that a classified source (possibly an electronic intercept) had provided an "indication" of ominous Soviet military activity.

April 17, 1952; Alaska / Atlantic

7:00 PM. Nationwide Air Defense alert triggered by vapor trails and radar detections indicated a possible Soviet attack. (Jan Aldrich)

April 17 , 1952; Longmeadow, Mass. (BBU 1124)
8:30 p.m. S. B. Brooks and chemical engineer J. A. Eaton saw a round, deep orange object fly fast and erratic, occasionally emitting a shaft of light to the rear. (Berliner)

April 18, 1952; Bethesda, Maryland (BBU 1128)
11:30 [1:30?] a.m. (EST). R. Poerstal [Parstel?], Mrage, Watkins and another man [Young?] saw 7-9 circular, orange-yellow lights in a 40° V-formation fly overhead silently from S to N. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 18, 1952. Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada
Described as round or elliptical objects, yellow-gold in color, at estimated altitude of 2,000 ft, speed about 500 mph heading NE. (Sparks; NEAC History; NICAP, Jan Aldrich; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index) Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command

April 18, 1952; Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU 1129)
4 [3:30?] a.m. Janitor C. Hamilton saw a yellow-gold object make a sharp turn, leaving a short, dark trail. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 18, 1952; Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU 1131)
10:10 [9:40?] p.m. Reporter Chic Shave saw a round, yellow-gold object fly S then return. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 18, 1952; 50 miles NW of Kyushu, Japan (BBU 1130) [CCL Item # 29]
12:07 p.m. [9:07 p.m.?] A radar operator tracked unidentified target at 2,700 [2,100?] mph. (Berliner; UFOR Index) (Chop clearance list shows this as April 19. A T-6 pilot, Lt. D.C. Brigham, reported to ATIC the sighting of a small disc shaped object closing in on a fighter, maneuvering around it.)

April 18, 1952; Yuma Test Station, Arizona (BBU 1127)
(at airfield ?). Daytime. Cpl. McDowell, graduate engineer with propeller design experience, and graduate engineer PFC Slater, Army meteorological observers at 9575th Test Station Unit, Yuma Test Station, 6th Army (from among group in preceding Yuma sighting) saw a similar dull-white, circular object fly an irregular trajectory heading E, but with no contrail. Attempted to track with theodolite but object moved too fast and erratically. See previous sighting. (Sparks; BB files; BB Rpt 6 wrongly conflates 2 cases April 17 & 18 as one; Berliner) 5-10 secs 2 witnesses 1 Full Moon?

April 19, 1952; U.S. Planes Alerted

April 20, 1952; Flint, Michigan (BBU)
9:15-9:40 p.m. (EST?) Naval aviation student and wife and several others at a drive-in movie saw about 20 groups of 2-9 aircraft-shaped objects fly over enveloped in a red glow, mostly on straight-line course, except for occasional standard aircraft-like turns. (Battelle Unknown No. 2; FUFOR Index)

April 20, 1952; Toronto, Canada
At around 11:00 p.m. local time, the Air Traffic Control at Cleveland Hopkins Airport received calls that objects were sighted west of Toronto heading west and leaving vapor trails. Toronto ATC requested Cleveland to call Niagara AC&W for indentification. At

11:18 p.m., calls came in from 3 RCAF aircrew members who saw four objects traveling east to west. At 11:21 p.m., Buffalo Tower saw vapor trails NW of tower headed SE. At 11:28 p.m., London, Ontario, Tower saw trails north of London and Centralia Tower operator estimated they crossed from horizon to horizon in 3 seconds at between 30,000 and 35,000 feet. At this same time there were approximately 15 RCAF F-51 and T-3 aircraft airborne and most pilots reported seeing these objects. Trans-Canada Airlines pilots also saw these objects. One pilot reported he was able to track 11 objects on his radar equipment. He said they flew from horizon to horizon in 3 seconds. (Canadian Dept. of National Defence documents; Dan Wilson)

April 22, 1952; Condon, Oregon (BBU)
12:15 p.m. AC&W installation received a phone call from a Condon housewife who saw 3 fast-moving saucer-shaped objects moving E, to the N of Condon, in formation with the largest in the lead and "revolving" (rotating). Gray-brown on the underside and shiny metallic on all other sides. 2 mins (Sparks; Loren Gross UFO History; BB files; NICAP website/Rich Vitello & Robert Powell)

April 22, 1952; Naha AFB, Okinawa. (BBU 1144)
Bt. 9 p.m. & 10 p.m. A B-29 Combat Crew on the ground observed an elliptical-shaped object at an altitude of 1000 to 1500 feet flying east to west. One minute later two more objects were observed flying on that same course. Five minutes later two more objects were observed flying in the same direction. All five objects observed were elliptical in shaped and approximately 2-3 feet in length.The objects had a brilliant white light that blinked at 1-2 second intervals as they performed erratic maneuvers.. The estimated speed of the objects was 1000 knots (Dan Wilson, BB docs, Don Berliner)

April 24, 1952; Bellevue Hill, Vermont (BBU 1147)
5:00 a.m. Crew of USAF C-124 transport plane saw 3 circular, bluish objects in loose fingertip formation, 2 flying parallel to the plane. [See more details in dir] (Rich Vitello, Berliner; Project 1947)

April 24, 1952; Great Blue Hill near Milton, Mass. (BBU 1148)
2:30 p.m. (EST) AF Cambridge Research Center, Radar Systems Lsb, Electronics Research Div, electronics engineers, Alfred P. Furnish and Herbert J. Brun, and MIT electrical engineering senior Joseph Page, were in an observation tower on top of Great Blue Hill saw to the NW 2 very thin flat, dull reddish orange squarish objects with no corners or ovals pulled in at the waist about 10-15 ft wide, with a lip around outer edges, fly wobbly in consistently undulating "swooping" motion in horizontal flight at about 2,000 ft altitude. Objects then climbed about 15° elevation at an estimated 240 mph, then flew away and disappeared due to distance. No trail or exhaust, no sound, visibility 70+ miles. [Unclear whether observers used 6x aircraft tracking telescope.] (Berliner; FUFOR Index; Loren Gross Jan-May 1952)

April 24, 1952; Clovis, New Mexico (BBU 1151)
8:10 p.m. USAF Flight Surgeon Maj. E. L. Ellis saw many orange-amber lights, sometimes separate, sometimes fused, behave erratically, varying speed from motionless to very fast. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 24, 1952; Colorado Springs, Colorado
10:15 pm. MST. Civilian report in BB files but not a BBU. Project 10073 Record Card: "Dark (object) with luminous glow, swept wing, no fuselage. Straight and level maneuvers. Possibly conventional a/c except for the absence of sound. If object was large and report indicates it was, an a/c could be heard...Disappeared behind roof line. Viewed through bare tree branches - no sound. 10 times larger than jet a/c."

April 25, 1952. Thule Air Base, Greenland (BBU)
1 a.m. (AST). USAF Lt. Kenneth R. Boyle, Thule Air Base Operations, and a civilian USAF Arctic Rescue expert, Jorgen Busch, sighted vapor trail estimated at 30,000 ft above the base, emitted by an unseen object which could not be resolved in binoculars by Busch. Arctic daylight CAVU conditions. No known aircraft in area capable of generating vapor trail. (Sparks; BB files)

April 25, 1952; Darmstadt, West Germany (BBU)
9:15 pm. (2115 MT) Air Force instructor pilot and his co-pilot in a C-47 observed a brilliant white circular object at a point 2,000 over Darmstadt, West Germany. The pilot, Capt. Wienieski, took evasive action when the light appeared to be on a collision course with their aircraft. He contacted the main Rhein Tower and they in turn contacted Frankfort Airways and they reported that no other aircraft were in the area. The object was last seen climbing at a high rate of speed.in a northwest direction. (Weinstein; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index).

April 25, 1952; San Jose, California
Cat 2. Scientists close encounter with small daylight disc. (NICAP, Richard Hall)

April 27, 1952; Waskish, Minnesota
7:20 p.m. (CST). Ground Observer Corps Area Coordinator Roy Auney sighted cigar-shaped object with no wings, no sound, reflecting sunlight like polished aluminum. Object traveled about 30 miles due N at estimated altitude of 10,000 ft [apparently below the 25,000 ft scattered cloud layer] during 1-minute period of sighting [= ~1,800 mph]. (Sparks; NICAP / Rich Vitello & Robert Powell; BB files; Loren Gross History Jan-May 1952) 1 min 1 witness

April 27, 1952. 1952; Roseville, Mich. (BBU 1160)
4:15 p.m. H. A. Freytag [Freitag?] and 3 male relatives, including a minister, saw an silver oval roll, descend and stop. 2 silver cigar-shaped objects appeared, one departing to the E, one to the W; 3rd silver cigar flew by at high speed. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 27, 1952, Pontiac, Michigan
10:45-11:15 [10:06?] p.m. Family of 4 of Mr. [John ?] Hoffman in a car saw a brilliant white round-flat object with 2 tiers of windows descend from the NE, hover with rocking motion at about 15° elevation, stop and start at 100 mph drifting to NW. Witnesses pursued in car, lights went off and on 4 times changed color to whiteorange, got 4 other witnesses, called police, Detroit Times newspaper and Selfridge AFB. Object disappeared over treetops to NW. [Same witness(es) as in May 25, June 18, 1952, cases??] (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 70-73; FUFOR Index)

April 27, 1952; Yuma, Ariz. (BBU 1163)
8:30 p.m. Off-duty control tower operator M/Sgt. G. S. Porter and wife saw a bright red or flame-colored discs, appearing as large as fighter planes; 7 sightings of one disc, one of 2 in formation. All seen below 11,000 ft overcast. (Berliner)

April 28, 1952; Homewood, Illinois
5:00 pm. Two civilian witnesses reported to the Air Force that an object in the SE that resembled a white parachute was apparently circling a large airplane for about three minutes. Not listed in BB unknowns or Sparks CCPBBU.

April 29, 1952, AFL-200-5

Ruppelt:

> The number of reports did take a sharp rise a few days later, however. The cause was the distribution of an order that completed the transformation of the UFO from a bastard son to the family heir. The piece of paper that made Project Blue Book legitimate was Air Force Letter 200-5, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects. The letter, which was duly signed and sealed by the Secretary of the Air Force, in essence stated that UFO's were not a joke, that the Air Force was making a serious study of the problem, and that Project Blue Book was responsible for the study. The letter stated that the commander of every Air Force installation was responsible for forwarding all UFO reports to ATIC by wire, with a copy to the Pentagon. Then a more detailed report would be sent by airmail. Most important of all, it gave Project Blue Book the authority to directly contact any Air Force unit in the United States without going through any chain of command. This was almost unheard of in the Air Force and gave our project a lot of prestige.

April 29, 1952; Marshall, Texas (BBU 1167)
3:30 p.m. (CST). Private pilot R. R. Weidman [Weedsman?] saw a round, white object fly straight, with a side-to-side oscillation. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 29 [28?], 1952; N of Goodland, Kansas (BBU 1168)
10 p.m. (CST). B-29 bombardier Lt. R. H. Bauer saw a white fan-shaped light pulsing 3-4 times per second. (Berliner; Project 1947)

> Bruce Maccabee:
> Ruppelt's claim that at least some high level officers actually believed saucers were interplanetary is confirmed in an indirect way in a memorandum written on April 29, 1952. This document was written to justify a trip to Europe by Dr. Stephen Possony and Lt. Col. Sterling, both members of a special study group that had been organized to study "advanced delivery systems,"

April 30, 1952; Moriarty AFS, New Mexico (BBU)
7:40 and 7:46 a.m. (MST). CPS-5 radar tracking of 4,000 mph first target at 230° azimuth (about SW) at 149 miles range moving 11 miles per 10-sec sweep for 4 sweeps heading into the radar site. 2nd track at 7:46 a.m. of 4,000 mph target at 280° azimuth (about W) at 140 miles moving 11 miles per 10-sec sweep for 6 sweeps [toward the radar] until disappearing at about 70 miles range. (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

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NARA-PBB1-51-52 May Sightings

> Ruppelt:
> In May 1952, Project Blue Book received 79 UFO reports compared to 99 in April. It looked as if we'd passed the peak and were now on the downhill side. The 178 reports of the past two months...had piled up a sizable backlog....During June we planned to clear out the backlog, and then we could relax. But never underestimate the power of a UFO. In June the big flap hit....- Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, (Ruppelt, pp. 138-39.)

Early May, 1952; Willow Grove, PA
Time not given. The Naval Air Station Ground Control Approach radar picked up a target in bad weather conditions near the center of the scope. By the next sweep (32 rpm) the target had moved almost five miles, indicating the object was moving approximately 3,600 mph. It was seen to move as the trace swept past it. (A similar evnt occurred at Washington National in July where the target "blossomed" on the scope.) By the fourth sweep the target had moved off to the ten mile limit of the GCA scope. Target was visible on two radar scopes, operating on two different fequencies, so this was no malfunction. Object was tracked the next day under similar weather conditions. (Project Interloper, Jan Aldrich)

May 1, 1952; Moses Lake, Washington (BBU 1174)
0532 PST, Civilian AEC employees observed a slow moving wingless silver object at 5,000 feet altitude in the Hanford area. Sighting lasted 1 1/2 minutes.

May 1, 1952; Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz. (BBU)
9:10 am. Two shiny discs overtook a B-36 bomber as it passed over Davis-Monthan AFB in the morning, slowed and positioned themselves near the plane. One moved close alongside and was observed from the waist blister by the crew members. Witnesses on the ground also saw the objects, which were about 20-25 feet in diameter. After several minutes the objects departed at extremely high speed in a southerly direction. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 109-112; FUFOR Index)

May 1, 1952; George AFB and Apple Valley, California (BBU 1176)
10:50 a.m. (PDT?). 3 men on the arms range, plus Lt. Col. Lyle Albert Silvernail 4 miles away in Apple Valley saw 5 flat-white discs about the diameter of a C-47's wingspan [95 ft] or length of P-51 [32 ft] fly fast about 1,000 mph at about 4,000 ft height, make a 90° turn in a formation of 3 in front and 2 behind, and dart around. Silvernail reported the sighting and was told radar was tracking the object(s) and fighters were being scrambled. Note: Recent informations suggests Silvernail confirmed a radar track. See link above. (Berliner; NICAP) 15-30 secs 5+ witnesses 2 Full Moons ? RV?

May 3, 1952; Sydney, Australia (METEOR).
Morning. Two airline pilots and a Royal Australian Air Force officer watched a spectacular object that sped through the skies on a course between Parks and Sydney. Another version was related by a Mr. William Anderson who asserted he viewed the UFO from a location on the outskirts of Sydney with two companions. He described an "airship or flying submarine carrying winking colored lights" that exceeded an airliner in size by three to four times. (UP dispatch, Loren Gross, UFOs A History, pgs. 69 & 70/ ref 247 Holledge, Stephen, Flying Saucers Over Australia, Melbourne, Horwitz, 1965, pp. 31-32.

May 5, 1952; Tenafly, New Jersey (BBU 1183)
10:45 p.m. Mrs. M. M. Judson saw 6-7 translucent, cream-yellow objects, one moved in an ellipse, others moved in and out. (Berliner) The objects were observed for approximately 4 to 5 minutes.

May 7, Keesler AFB, Mississippi (BBU 1185)
12:15 p.m. (CST). Capt. Morris, a Master Sergeant, a Staff Sergeant, and an Airman First Class saw an aluminum or silver cylindrical object dart in and out of the clouds 10 times. (Berliner)

May 7, Barra da Tijuca, Brazil

Questionable UFO photos.

May 8, 1952; Atlantic, 600 miles E of Jacksonville, Florida (BBU)
2:27 a.m. (EST?) Pilot Capt. Cent and copilot 1st Ofcr Gallagher of Pan Am Flight 203 flying DC-4 airliner at 8,000 ft on 180° heading from NYC to San Juan, Puerto Rico, saw brilliant white approaching from the left below the solid overcast at 10,000 ft. and streak by the left [?] wing at 1/8 to 1/4 mile, followed by 2 smaller orange balls of fire. (NARCAP; McDonald list; Project 1947; Ruppelt pp. 133-4)

> Ruppelt:
> May 8, Washington, D.C. Secretary of the Air Force Thomas K. Finletter was briefed for an hour about the Project Blue Book UFO study. He listened intently and asked several questions about specific sightings when the briefing was finished. (Ruppelt, p. 138.)

May 9, 1952; George AFB, Calif. (BBU 1194)
10:30 a.m. 2 USAF F-86 pilots (Crown and another) in the air and a witness on the ground saw a round silver object. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

May 10, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
3:00 p.m. MST. USAF Lt. Col. Maurice G. Bechtel and his wife in the yard of their home saw two silvery disc-shaped objects flying straight and level one after the other moving SW to NE at above 20,000 ft. The first object seemed to waver on axis or "flop over," second object followed similar path but at higher altitude. First object was described as being the size of a B-36 at high altitude. Officer alerted radar station but unable to track object(s). 5-10 mins (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

May 10, 1952; Paphos, SW Cyprus (BBU)
8:30 p.m. British scientist and others saw a luminous circular object rise from sea level, waver back and forth for an interval before fading from sight directly overhead. (Jan Aldrich)

May 10, 1952; Ellenton, S.C. (BBU 1198)
10:45 pm. Employees of DuPont Corporation at the Savannah River Plant, Atomic Energy Commission, saw four disc-shaped objects approach, then two other discs pass high overhead from different directions. They were luminous yellow-gold color, traveling at a high rate of speed. One disc approached at such a low altitude that it had to rise up to pass over some tall tanks at the facility. One witness reported that the objects were weaving from left to right while continuing on a steady course. (FBI report.)

> May 11, 1952; Investigation Requested With Top Priority
> The investigation of the Glen Burnie, Maryland, sighting was requested by Col. Cook for General Ackerman and was to be given top priority. (See March 29)

May 11, 1952; George AFB, Calif. (BBU)
Grendilund. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

May 12, 1952; Roswell, New Mexico
8:45 PM (MST). Restricted document shows an unidentified flying object was sighted by Walker AFB Tech Sgt Raymond Bare in a car in downtown Roswell. The object was blue-green in color and its estimated altitude above the terrain was 20,000 to 30,000 feet,

estimated distance of 40-50 miles over some (low) mountains E. of Ruidosa at about 270 due W.. The object traveled three times over approximately the same S-N, E-W swaying triangular course. Rate of speed could not be precisely estimated but was faster than that of jet aircraft. Intensity of color brightness varied with the objects altitude. (AF Form 112, Fran Ridge)

May 13, 1952; El Centro Naval Air Station, California (BB)
At 3:15 a.m. PST, an F9F pilot taking off from El Centro NAS saw what appeared to be a shooting star diving at an angle of 60 degrees. At around the same time there was a report from the El Centro Sheriff's Office of five "Flying Saucers" as large as B-36's with a light underneath. They disappeared to the southwest at terrific speed. All told there were four separate reports of unidentified aerial object in the El Centro area on this date. (Blue Book docs, Dan Wilson)

May 13, 1952; George AFB, California (BB)
At 2:25 p.m. PDST, a pilot and an observer in an T-6G aircraft flying at 10,500 feet altitude observed a white or silver round object at an estimated altitude of 45,000 feet. The passenger stated that he was looking at the object almost directly overhead when it disappeared very fast, almost like a light being turned off. The object was observed for approximately 30 minutes. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

May 13, 1952; National City, California
8:55 p.m. PDT. A meteor-like object was seen descending over the San Diego Bay area flying in a curving path to the northwest. Later the same or similar object was seen flying nearly the opposite course over the Bay Area.

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May 13, 1952; Greenville, So. Carolina (BBU) Chop Clearance List Item # 15.
10:33 p.m. (EST). Richardson and 3 other amateur astronomers set up telescopes at dark area of Furman University when they saw a diamond formation of 4 oval reddish-yellow or reddish-brown luminous objects nearly overhead and disappeared after 3 secs motion through 12° arc [or at 12° elevation?]. Apparent size of half dollar at arms length, 1/4 turned and wobbling in flight. (BB Status Rpt; FUFOR Index) (Incorrectly listed on Chop Clearance as May 18, 1952).

May 14, 1952; George AFB, Calif. (BBU)
1:05 p.m. (PST). [Same as May 13?] (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

May 14, 1952; Mayaquez, Puerto Rico (BBU 1213)
7 p.m. Attorney and ex-USAF pilot Mr. Stipes and Sr. GarciaMendez saw 2 shining orange spheres: one was stationary, while the other darted away and back for 30 mins. (Berliner)

May 15, 1952; S of Changsong-ni and N of Nangnim Mountain, North Korea (BBU)
11 a.m. USAF Lt. McCarthy and another pilot flying two F-86E jets, 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing, 25th FI Sq, at 30,000 ft, airspeed 500 knots, on 280° heading. Sighted a silvery ovalshaped object larger than a MiG jet airplane at 9 o'clock position below, to the S, at estimated altitude of 8,000-10,000 ft, about 1,200-1,500 mph, and about 20 miles away. Object on S to N straight flight path in a "rolling maneuver," disappeared at about 3 o'clock position to N. (Jan Aldrich)

May 15, 1952; S of Changsong-ni and N of Nangnim Mountain, North Korea (BBU)
6:35 p.m. USAF F-51 fighter pilot of 18th Fighter Bomber Group flying F-51 at 9,000 ft

on 180° heading at 240 mph sighted 50 ft diameter silver object at 1 o'clock position moving to 3 o'clock at 1,000 mph at about the same altitude, which then started a steep climb, but at the top of the loop the object resumed a horizontal course (heading 360° or N) wavered momentarily, descended and disappeared into the haze which reached an altitude of about 7,000-8,000 feet. (Jan Aldrich)

May 15, 1952; Georgetown, Washington, D.C (BBU)
10:25 p.m. (EST) [9:35? 9:50? p.m. EDT?] USN Lt. H. W. Taylor and Lt. P. G. R. and two girls saw soft golden glowing oval object on straight level path heading S moved through 70° arc. (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

May 18, 1952; Greenville, S.C.; Chop [CCL Item # 15].
Four amateur astronomers observed a diamond-shaped formation, oval shaped objects, wobbled in flight.

May 19, 1952; 30 miles SW of San Angelo, TX (BBU)
7:48 p.m. (CST). USAF 31st Strategic Recon Sq pilot and crew of RB36 flying at 18,000 ft on a 301° heading at 214 mph TAS, Capt. Gerard A. Sharrock, Capt. Jack L. Bailey, Capt. Bernice O. Bowers, 1st Lt. Constantine G. Kollinzas, 2nd Lt. Norman V. Stewart, S/Sgt. John J. Fisher, S/Sgt. William O. Warr, A/1c Robert Schick, saw 7 bright white circular or doughnut shaped white contrails, like lenticular clouds, stacked vertically about 10°-20° elevation estimated distance 50-75 miles height ranging from 25,000 to 60,000 ft about 1 mile wide. Sighted through 6x binoculars and photographed in 6 frames with 35 mm camera by Bailey, also seen by radar station ground observer alerted by radio. Contrails persisted for at least 1520 mins possibly 1 hr. Last seen when RB-36 was at 30°53' N, 101°20' W. (Jan Aldrich)

May 20, 1952; George AFB, Calif. (BBU)
1:25 p.m. (PST). (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

May 20, 1952; Houston, Texas. (BBU 1219)
10:10 p.m. Sighted from the ground. USAF pilots Capt. J. Spurgin and Capt. B. Stephan [Steven?] saw a bright or white oval object move from side-to-side while making a gradual turn. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

May 22, 1952; Falls Church [or Alexandria], Virginia (BBU)
Bet. 1 and 2 a.m. Top CIA official and several dinner guests, including a retired general, noticed noiseless red light approach from W at about 5,000 ft then suddenly climb almost vertically in the SE, stop, level out for a few secs, go into near vertical dive, level off, disappear to the E. (Ruppelt pp. 135-6; BB Status Rpt 7; Jan Aldrich).

May 23, 1953; Union of S. Africa
South African headquarters announced radar had tracked an unidentified object near the Cape at over 1000 mph. [Prescott Evening Courier, May 22; UFOE, VIII]. "Radar operators picked up an unknown object which passed over the Cape six times at a speed definitely exceeding 1,250 miles an hour. Each time it passed it was within radar range, for sixteen seconds at distances varying from 35,000 to 50,000 feet, and altitudes between 5,000 and 17,000 feet." (Michel/McDonald)

May 23, 1952; Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
4:00-4:45 p.m. (MST). USAF CO of 135th AC&W Sq ADC radar site, Lt. Col. Orlando W. Stephenson Jr., and other staff of radar site, Senior Director Lt. William J. Hopkins, Capt. Clarence R. Holloway, Lt. Edwin G. Kenyon, Philco radar tech rep John B. Cooper, and at least one other witness (door guard), saw a silvery or aluminum color flat

on the bottom, slightly rounded on top, the highest part off center to the left, in the W at 268° azimuth 2° elevation at an estimated height of about 1,000-3,000 ft at 10-20 miles distance, seen through transit telescope, 7x 50mm binoculars and possibly theodolite [?]. Object reflected sunlight at varying irregular intervals of brightness for 3 secs to 2-3 mins and then dark or invisible for similar periods, headed to the right descending below the horizon at 271° azimuth about 0° elevation. Radar and 93rd FI Sq F-86D fighter interception unsuccessful. (Jan Aldrich)

May 24, 1952; Zuni, New Mexico (BBU)
1:27 a.m. Pilot of TWA airliner Brass saw 2 reddish torpedo-shaped objects appear in front of the aircraft. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

May 25, 1952; Tierra Amarilla AFS, New Mexico
9:58 a.m. An unknown object was detected on radar traveling 1800 mph, at Tierra Amarillo AFS, New Mexico. The object passed directly across the Los Alamos area. [See report below] (Dan Wilson)

May 25, 1952; Randolph AFB, Texas. (BBU)
9:27 p.m. (CST). USAF navigator in charge of navigation section of Combat Crew Training School, Capt. J. S. J., his wife, and pilot Lt. P. H., saw a group of about 12 orange-white tear-drop shaped lights, points forward, in 3 groups of 4 objects moving from W to E at high speed 2,000 mph at 10,000 ft at 70° elevation. Heard deep soft intermittent noise. (McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; cf. Ruppelt p. 140; FUFOR Index)

May 25, 1952; Walnut Lake, Mich (BBU 1227)
9:15 p.m. John Hoffman, his wife and 3 children, and friends Mr. and Mrs. William Mienk, saw a large white to yellow moon-shaped object having dark sections on its rim, fly straight and level slowly to the west, appearing red when behind a cloud. The object was estimated to be 200 feet in diameter and 20 foot thick. The party followed the object in a car for 1/2 mile when the object changed direction and headed north.The object was viewed for approximately 30 minutes when the object was lost and could not be found. [Same witness(es) as in April 27, June 18, 1952, cases??] (Berliner, Wilson)

May 25, 1952; Los Alamos, New Mexico
11:30 p.m. Radiation was detected. Earlier, at 09:58 hours, an unknown object was detected on radar traveling 1800 mph, at Tierra Amarillo AFS, New Mexico. The object passed directly across the Los Alamos area.

May 26, 1952; North Korea (BBU)
3:20 a.m. local. USAF pilot and radar observer flying in an F-94C jet fighter saw and radar tracked a bright white object that accelerated to high speed, and tracked by ground radar. (Weinstein; FUFOR Index)

May 28, 1952; Saigon, French Indo-China (BBU 1232)
10:30 a.m. Many in crowd watching a ceremony saw a white-silver disc-shaped object fly straight and fast. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

May 28, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 1233)
1:45-2:40 p.m. (PST). City fire department employees Romero and Atterbury saw 2 circular objects, one shiny silver and the other orange or light brown, 3 times performing fast maneuvers. (Berliner)

May 28, 1952; E of Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 1233b)

8:10 p.m. MST. During a night refueling mission USAF crews of five B-29 bombers reported seeing green spherical objects. The primary sighting took place near Albuquerque and involved three B-29s flying at 15,000'. Another sighting was made at around 11:30 p.m. local time, at an area 10 miles southwest of Tulsa, Oklahoma. That crew was flying at 25,000'. Three hours later the final sighting took place near Enid, California, also with a B-29 at 25,000'. The aircrews making these reports expressed the opinion that the objects were not meteorites. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

May 29, 1952; Near the Florida Keys
At approximately 1700 hours two elliptical in shape objects larger than a fighter type aircraft were observed from the USN aircraft carrier Oriskany CV-34. One observer watched the objects through a telescope. The Radar Officer viewed the objects on the radar scope. The objects appeared to have a bubble on the top. Each object was leaving a white vapor trail. The objects' course paralleled that of the carrier. (Blue Book Microfilm)

May 29, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 1236)
7 p.m. USAF pilot Maj. D. W. Feuerstein [Weinstein?], on ground, saw a bright tubular object tilt from horizontal to vertical for 8 mins, then slowly return to horizontal, again tilt vertically, accelerate, appear to lengthen and turn red. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

May 30, 1952; Japan Sea, S of Oshima island, Japan (BBU)
7 p.m. 3 USAF crew members of C-54 transport plane saw a round black object first motionless then moving rapidly to the W. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

May 31, 1952; S of Chorwon, South Korea (BBU)
3:45-55 a.m. Bright object to NE fell from about 3,500-3,600 ft to 2,000-2,600 ft height then ascended to 3,000-4,000 ft, headed E about 1/2 mile with jerky motion, stopped, reversed coursed to NE again at a speed of about 100-150 mph, reversed again heading E, climbed at 25° angle increasing to 45° angle away in 3-4 secs accelerating with jerky motion to disappearance. Second guard at different location Post 6 saw same but also heard "pulsating sound" and saw disc shape. Duration 2 mins. At about 3:50 a.m. 319th FI Sq F-94 interception of white-bluish round object on airborne radar for 9 mins at 500 mph at 6,000 ft height heading 90° initially, maneuvering down to 1,000 ft then up to 28,000 ft. disappearing on 45° heading. (Hynek UFO Report)

> Richard Hall:
> Through the first 5 months of 1952, the Air Force Project Blue Book investigators had noticed a build-up of UFO sightings. Then, according to project chief Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, In June the big flap hit....The objects displayed intelligent control by circling, maneuvering, reacting to pursuit, and otherwise demonstrating extraordinary capabilities unlike any known technology or natural phenomenon, such as sharp turns, rapid vertical motions, and sudden reversals of direction. Radar repeatedly confirmed the presence of unidentified solid objects.
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> Ruppelt:
> ......the Air Force was taking UFOs seriously because a lot of good reports were coming in from Korea. Pilots were seeing silvery discs and spheres, and radar in Japan, Korea, and Okinawa all had tracked unidentified targets. (Ruppelt, p. 192.)

JUNE

NARA-PBB1-53-55, June Sightings

Summer, 1952; Itenhaem, Brazil
3:00 am. A woman was awakened by a thunderclap and a strong bluish light. As she got out, she saw a large number of hovering disk-shaped machines resembling "inverted soup plates" 200 m away at an altitude of about 1 m. She observed them for 30 min, saw two figures standing on one of the craft and looking at the sky. They went back inside, and shortly thereafter the "fleet" took off, one object at a time. (FSR 68,1)

Summer, 1952; Martin County, Texas
Mrs. Rogers saw an object descend slowly and pass across a pasture at 7 m altitude. She stopped her car and observed it was "wobbling" in mid-air, was shaped like a turtle, and showed three oarlike protrusions that moved slowly. Estimated dimensions: 5 by 4 m, 1 m thick. It was greenish-gray in color, emitted a blue flame, but showed no other light. (Barker 78)

Summer of 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico
F-86 Shooting incident. (Ruppelt, see Sept. 1952)

Summer 1952; MacDill AFB, Florida
USAF Colonel, B-29 pilot investigated radar target, saw glowing ellipse which reversed direction and sped away. [UFOE, III]

June, 1952; Tombstone, Arizona
Cat 11. Williams case (M)

> June 1952  CIA Prepares Secret UFO Report
> In the wake of mass public and governmental interest in UFO's kindled by the provocative LIFE magazine article, CIA intelligence experts Sidney N. Graybeal (Chief, Guided Missiles Branch, Weapons & Equipment Division, Office of Scientific Intelligence OSI) and Irl D'Arcy Brent (Chief, Ground Branch, W&E Division, OSI) prepare a summary of the UFO subject for the CIA/OSI hierarchy based on the past several years of OSI intelligence (and OSI predecessor documents going back to ghost rockets of 1946) and mentioning sightings go back to the Bible.  Possibility of swamp gas in Michigan as an explanation for UFO's is suggested by Brent (foreshadowing the Hynek swamp-gas fiasco in Michigan in 1966).  (Report has never been acknowledged or released by the CIA despite FOIA litigation.  Report's existence and contents was revealed in Sparks interviews with Brent and Graybeal and other OSI officials in 1975-6.)  (Brad Sparks)

June 1, 1952; Los Angeles, California
At Hughes Aircraft Company, a crew of test section radar technicians were tracking what they thought was an airliner, when it suddenly climbed rapidly to 55,000 feet, leveled off and sped away. (Ruppelt)

June 1, 1952; Walla Walla, Washington (BBU 1245)
1 p.m. Ex-military pilot Reserve Maj. W. C. Vollendorf saw an oval object with a "definite airfoil" perform a fast climb. (Berliner)

June 1, 1952; Soap Lake, Washington (BBU 1246)
3 p.m. [+-?] Ray Lottman saw 3 glimmering objects fly straight and level. (Berliner)

June 1, 1952; Rapid City, South Dakota (BBU 1243)
6:00 p.m. local time. A/1C William Beatty saw two civilians looking and pointing at something in the sky. Beatty then also looked to the sky and saw five or more objects that he did not recognize as airplanes. They were long and slender silver colored objects flying in a box-like formation with a leader in front. The objects were traveling to the south at a high rate of speed with no sound or exhaust visible. Beatty watched the object for 15-20 seconds before they disappeared. Beatty was steadfast in stating that the objects were not conventional aircraft. (Berliner)

June 2, 1952; Bayview, Washington (BBU 1249)
5:02 p.m. Larry McWade saw a purple object for unknown length of time. No further information in files. (Berliner)

June 2, 1952. Fulda, West Germany (BBU 1250)
Time unknown. 1st Lt. John Hendry, photo-navigator on an RB-26C recon bomber, saw a porcelain-white object fly very fast for an unknown length of time. (Berliner)

June 3, 1952; Chicago, Illinois (BB)
9:27 a.m. CST. Six to 10 targets were detected on AN/CPS 6B radar of the 755th AC&W Squadron. These targets were at the GEO. REF. position of DM 3012, on a heading of 310 degrees at an altitude of 25,000 feet at an estimated speed of 450 mph. The controller on duty checked with C.A.A. and M.F.S. for flight plans, but they had no flight plans. These radar targets were then declared unknowns, and an F-86 aircraft was scrambled out of O'Hare Field. The F-86 flying at 29,000 feet was radar directed toward the unknowns and merged with the unknown track. The F-86 was unable to sight any aircraft at the position occupied by the unknown track. At 9: 46 a.m., the unknown track turned to a heading of 140 degrees and followed the lake shore to position CM 5542. The unknowns then turned to a heading of 90 degrees and maintained this until position DM 3545. Now the unknown turned to a heading of 120 degrees and faded out at 10:16 p.m. The target indication was very strong on the PPI scope. During this incident a total of eight (8) aircraft were scrambled from three (3) different bases but no interception was accomplished. (Dan Wilson)

June 4, 1952; Centre, Chartiers, France
6:45 pm. Witnesses at church, large disc with 2 smaller ones, left vertically. (Loren Gross)

June 4, 1952; Stuttgart, West Germany (BBU)
7:30 p.m. USAF pilot and copilot of C-47 transport saw a circular object with white lights on the leading edge. One witness was a Lt. Colonel Whitman who was shortly thereafter assigned to the Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Air Force. The object/light crossed in front of the C-47 aircraft at about 7,000 feet, about 2,000 feet higher than the C-47. The object was on a heading of approximately 270 degrees at a speed as great or greater than a jet fighter at cruise. The object was estimated to be 1 to 2 miles west of the C-47 and at this time the object made a fairly tight turn of approximately 145 degrees. The pilot, Capt. Gerald M. Jones turned the aircraft to try and intercept the object. The object approached rapidly. At this time Capt. Jones was able to observer the silhouette of the object. It appeared to be circular with white lights on the leading edge. At this point the object made a sharp turn to the left on a heading of 270 degrees and disappeared under the nose of the aircraft. The estimated total time the object was observed was not more than 3 minutes. (Weinstein, BB files, Dan Wilson)

June 5, 1952; Lubbock, Texas (BBU 1255)
11 p.m. Dan Benson and Mr. Bacon saw a total of 8 yellow circular objects, like large stars, the first 2 in a trail formation, the others seen singly. (Berliner)

> June 5, 1952 AF Intelligence Initiates Staff Studies on UFO's
> AF Intelligence initiates a series of internal Staff Studies on UFO's, inspired by Gen. Garland's new policy emphasizing instrumentation, which are circulated within AFOIN and its field element ATIC. Staff Studies lead to policy and project plan approved by Director of Intelligence, Gen. Samford, on July 28. (Brad Sparks)

June 5, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 1256)
6:45 p.m. S/Sgt T. H. Shorey, a member of the elite 4925 Test Group (atomic) at Kirtland AFB, saw a shiny round object fly 5-6 times as fast as an F-86 jet fighter. (Berliner)

June 5, 1952; Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska (BBU 1257)
11 p.m. 2nd Lt. W. R. Soper, a Strategic Air Command TOP SECRET Control Officer, former AFOSI agent; and 2 others saw a bright red stationary object for 4.5 mins before speeding away with a short tail. (Berliner)

> Early July 1952 Mysterious Dr. "X" Predicts UFO Flap
> A mysterious government scientist visits Ruppelt at Project BLUE BOOK and predicts the UFO flap, as hitting New York City or Washington, D.C. I have identified this Dr. "X" as Dr. Stefan T. Possony, Acting Chief of the AFOIN Special Study Group and top scientific adviser to AFOIN Director Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, who was also a leading military strategist and psychological warfare expert. Possony evidently studied the plans for the continental joint SAC-ADC operation Exercise SIGN POST planned for late July and deduced that the planned simulated SAC "attack" on either NY or Washington to test ADC air defenses would trigger false UFO sightings (and in fact SAC did "attack" Washington, but the simulated air raid was on July 23 not on the July 19-20 or 26-27 dates of Washington National UFO incidents). (Brad Sparks)

June 6, 1952: Kimpo AB, Korea (BBU)
8:42 a.m. (Missing BBU docs found) Flight Sergeant saw cylinder-section flat disc-shaped object, width/diameter ratio 1:7, doing a series of erratic spinning and tumbling motions, level flight, hovering, shooting straight up, level flight, tumbling, changing course, disappearing into the sun in the E, reappearing back and forth across the sun. At one point an F-86 fighter passed in front of object. (Battelle Unknown No. 7)

June 7, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 1260)
11:18 a.m. Crew of B-25 bomber #8840 at 11,500 ft saw a rectangular aluminum object, about 6 ft x 4 ft, fly 250-300 ft below them. (Berliner)

June 8, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico. (BBU 1263)
10:50 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Markland saw 4 shiny objects fly straight and level in a diamond formation. (Berliner)

> June 9, 1952 - Time Article
> by Dr. Donald H. Menzel, "Those Flying Saucers," "Light reflections "given as explanation/

June 9, 1952; Minneapolis, Minnesota (BBU missing)

(Case missing) (Berliner)

June 12, 1952; Ft. Smith, Arkansas (BBU 1269)
7:30 p.m. U.S. Army Major and Lt. Colonel using binoculars saw an orange ball with a tail fly with a low angular velocity. (Berliner)

June 12, 1952; Marrakech, Morocco (BBU 1270)
11:26 a.m. T/Sgt. H. D. Adams, using an SCR-584 radar set, tracked an unidentified target at 650 knots (750 mph) at 60,000+ ft altitude. (Berliner)

June 13, 1952, Fox Hill, Virginia, OSI UFO Report
10:30 a.m. An aluminum awning salesman observed an object described as similar to a discussed in athletics, about 25 to 30 feet in diameter hovering approximately 200 feet over a group of pine trees at Fox Hill, Virginia. The object made a slight whistling sound. After approximately 10 seconds the object tilted slightly, flew upward at an angle of 45 degrees and away from him at a tremendous speed.

June 13, 1952; Le Bourget; France (airport).
Control tower operators and pilot watched brilliant light source cross sky SW of field after hovering for about an hour. [UFOE, X]

June 13, 1952; Middletown, Pennsylvania (BBU 1273)
8:45 p.m. (EST). R. S. Thomas, Olmstead AFB employee and former control tower operator, saw a round orange object travel S, stop for 1 sec, turn E, stop 1 sec, and drop down. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

June. 15, 1952; Magneville, France
Men at work in the forest saw large, circular objects similar to parachutes coming down. Half a dozen witnesses. (France-Soir Jun. 18, 52)

June 15, 1952; Louisville [Boundsville], Kentucky (BBU 1285)
11:50 pm. Edward Duke, a former Navy radar technician saw an unidentified cigar-shaped object in the vicinity of Standiford Field. It had a light on either side of the fuselage and a reddish hue on the trailing end. The object appeared to be moving at about 400-500 m.p.h., and maneuvered around in several directions for 15 minutes, then descended and flew away to the northeast. (Dan Wilson, PBB files; Berliner; FUFOR Index)

June 16, 1952; Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico (BBU 1295)
8:30 p.m. USAF maintenance specialist S/Sgt. Sparks saw 5-6 grayish discs, in a half-moon formation, fly at 500-600 mph. (Berliner)

June 17, 1952; Cape Cod, Mass (BBU 1299)
1:28 a.m. USAF pilot of F-94 jet interceptor saw a light like a bright star cross the nose of the jet. No further information in the files. (Berliner)

June 17, 1952; McChord AFB, Wash. (BBU 1298)
Between 7:30 and 10:20 p.m. Many witnesses saw 1-5 large silver yellow objects flying erratically, stop and start. (Berliner)

June 18, 1952; Columbus, Wisconsin (BBU 1302)
9 a.m. R. Mr. A. Finger observed from the ground a cresent-shaped object in the sky resembling a new moon in size and shape. The object was motionless for a few seconds and then moved N and vanished almost instantaneously. Two jets were in the area at the

time of the sighting on a camera gunnery mission, and were seen by Mr. Finger to the SSW. The object was at a lower altitude than the two jet aircraft. (Dan Wilson, Berliner)

June 18, 1952; Walnut Lake [Pontiac], Mich. (BBU 1305)
10 p.m. Marron [Marion ?] Hoffman and 4 relatives, using 4x binoculars, saw an orange light zigzag then hover for an unspecified length of time. [Same witness(es) as in April 27, May 25, 1952, cases??] (Berliner)

June 18, 1952; 100 miles E of March AFB, Calif. (BBU)
A UFO paced a B-25 bomber for 30 minutes. No explanation could be found for the object and it was classified as an unknown.(Ruppelt p. 146; etc.)

June 19, 1952; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU 1308)
2:37 a.m. 2nd Lt. A'Gostino and unidentified radar operator saw a red light turn white while wobbling. Radar tracked a stationary target that suddenly enlarged then returned to previous size possibly a disc rotating to present wider reflective surface. (Berliner; cf. Ruppelt p. 146)

June 19, 1952; Yuma, Arizona (BBU 1310)
2:30 p.m. MST (2130hrs UTC). USAF pilot John Lane, who was in a swimming pool, sighted an object in the sky, using his naked eye. When he looked up, he saw one, white, round object [based on a comparison to the Moon – estimated angular size was 0.1 degree] travelling in a straight line from west to east. He estimated it was initially seen at 45-degree elevation; it then passed across the face of the Sun and was then visible on the other side, and lost to sight at an estimated 30-degree elevation. Total duration was 10 seconds. Sky was clear blue; with little or no wind. A telex says the object's true heading was about 70 degrees. (Greenwood, Basterfield, Fold3; Sparks PBB unknowns; Berliner. ) [Note by Keith Basterfield. At UTC 1952-06-19 21:30 the Sun was at an elevation of 64 degrees, at azimuth 255 degrees. Sources: Your Sky Fourmilab; Heavens Above.]

June 20, 1952; Central Korea (BBU 1313)
3:03 p.m. A flight of 4 USMC Capts. and pilots of F4U-4B Corsair fighters with 7302nd Sq five Marine Corps on a mission spotted a silvery-white object passing below them, banking into a left turn. As the object circled around, the Marine flight leader dove toward the object, which appeared to be 10-20 feet in diameter and it flew away at an estimated speed of 1,000 m.p.h. and disappeared toward friendly lines. (BB files)

June 20, 1952; Near Paulette, Mississippi (BBU)
8:26 p.m. USAF pilot Lt. Milo Roberts and bombardier Lt. Julius Prottengeier with 308th Bomb Sq, 310th Bomb Wing, Forbes AFB, Kansas, flying a B-29 bomber (s/n 44-62204) at 190 mph at 17,000 ft saw a cone-shaped object approach on collision course from the 2 o'clock position, before evasive action object made sharp left left and disappeared, followed by a 2nd object [?]. Object's length/width ratio 3:1, about 8-10 ft long at 1,2001,500 ft away or 100 ft if at 15 miles away. (NARCAP; BB files??)

June 20, 1952, 10 mi NNE of Maryville, Tenn. (BBU)
10 mi NNE of Maryville, Tenn. 10:58-11:15 p.m. (EST). Oak Ridge GOC post spotted target at very high altitude, reportedly confirmed by ADC 663rd AC&W radar but soon lost [CPS-6B? P-42 Permanent-42 ADC Site, Lake City, Tenn., or by TPS-1B L-47 Lashup-47 ADC radar site at McGhee-Tyson Airport, Maryville ?]. F-47 fighter on combat air patrol protecting Oak Ridge AEC base (USAF Lt James W. Wilson) sighted blinking (6-8-inch ?? 6-8-foot ??) white light on what was assumed to be a larger highly maneuverable jet-like aircraft though no silhouette could be seen around the light. UFO

made ramming attacks on the F-47 at 10,000 or 15,000 ft (?) to 22,000 ft by dropping down 4,000-5,000 ft, able to “outmaneuver and outclimb” F-47 at indicated air speed ~290 mph. (Click on link for full report)

June 21, 1952; Kelly AFB, Texas (BBU 1319)
12:30 p.m. T/Sgt. Howard Davis, flight engineer of B-29 bomber at 8,000 ft altitude, saw a flat object with a sharply pointed front and rounded rear, white with a dark blue center and red rim, trailing sparks as it dove past the B-29 at a distance of 500 ft, in 1 sec. (Berliner)

June 21 [23?], 1952; Oak Ridge [Marxville?], Tenn. (BBU)
10:58 p.m. GOC post spotted target, confirmed by ADC radar, followed by F-47 fighter interception of a 6-8-inch white blinking light which made ramming attacks on the F-47 from 10,000 to 27,000 ft. (Ruppelt p. 43)

June 22, 1952; Pyungthek, South Korea (BBU 1323)
10:45 p.m. 2 U.S. Marine Sgts. saw a 4 ft diameter orange object dive at a runway from the N dropping from 800 ft to 100 ft altitude over W end of runway, shooting 2-5 ft red flames, then head W at about 300-450 mph for 2-3 secs, hover briefly over a hill, turn 180° in 45-60 secs, flash, head E 1/2 mile, flash again and blink out. No sound. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 82-83)

June 23, 1952; Oak Ridge, Tenn. (BBU 1334)
3:30 a.m. Secretary Martha Milligan saw a bullet-shaped object with burnt-orange exhaust fly straight and level. (Berliner)

June 23, 1952; Location unknown, but information came via Japan Hq CV 4359 (BBU)
6:08 a.m. USAF pilot Wermack of the 18th Fighter-Bomber Group saw a black coin-shaped object, 15-20 ft in diameter, at 6,000 ft approach to within 1,500 ft, then make an irregular descent. (Berliner; Project 1947)

June 23, 1952; Near Owensboro, Kentucky (BBU 1335)
10 a.m. National Guard Lt. Col. O. L. Depp saw 2 objects looking like giant soap bubbles reflecting yellow and lavender colors, fly in trail. (Berliner)

June 23, 1952; Spokane, Wash (BBU 1331)
4:05 p.m. Airport weather observer Rex Thompson saw a round disc with a metallic shine flash, and flutter like a flipped coin. (Berliner)

June 23, 1952; McChord AFB, Wash (BBU 1332)
9 p.m. 2nd Lt. K. Thompson saw a very large light fly straight and level. No further information. (Berliner)

June 23, 1952; Kirksville AFS, Missouri (BBU)
7:30 or 7:35 p.m. USAF ADC radar operators Lt. A. N. Robinson, Jr., and Airman Ray H. Foote, plus 5 other controllers, officers and maintenance technicians, tracked one (two?) unidentified target with a clear sharp return about the size of a B-29's (or B-50 or B36) suddenly appear 80-85 miles NNW of radar site moving at a constant speed of about 3,600 mph [to 4,300 mph] on a straight path of about 120-125 miles headed 357° or almost due N to disappearance off scope. (Hynek-CUFOS files)

June 25, 1952; Tokyo, Japan. (BBU 1340)
(Berliner)

June 25, 1952; Michigan (BBU)
(FUFOR Index)

June 25, 1952; Japan-Korea area. (BBU 1347)
Military witness(es). Case missing [?]. (NARA)

June 25, 1952; Chicago, Illinois (BBU 1344)
8:30 p.m. Mrs. Norbury and Mr. Matheis saw a bright yellow-white, egg-shaped object, sometimes with a red tail, make 7 circles. (Berliner)

June 26, 1952; Padloping Isle., Canada
Uninhabited island in the Qikiqtaaluk Region of Nunavut, Canada, located in DavisStrait's Merchants Bay off the eastern coast of Buffin Island. A weather station reported an unconventional flying object. First noticed when it entered a a weather observer's field of vision as he was tracking a pibal balloon with a theodolite. Object was silver and of peculiar shape. Alternately described as elliptical shaped, pear-shaped, and an oblong and flat object.Observed by three members of the weather station and viewed through theodolite for approximately 5 minutes. Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command

June 26, 1952; Terre Haute, Indiana (BBU 1348)
2:45 a.m. USAF 2nd Lt. C. W. Povelites saw an un-described object fly at 600 mph then stop. No further information in files. (Berliner)

June 26, 1952; Pottstown, Penna (BBU 1351)
11:50 p.m. Assistant manager of airport Mr. Wells made 3 sightings of flashing lights: (1) 2 lights separated by 2 miles, with the leader flashing steadily and the other irregularly; (2) 2 similarly flashing lights, but with 1 mile separation; (3) Finally a single light. Speed estimated at 150-250 mph. (Berliner)

June 27, 1952; Topeka, Kansas (BBU 1355)
6:50 p.m. Forbes AFB USAF pilot 2nd Lt. K. P. Kelly and wife saw a pulsating red object change shape from circular to a vertical oval as it pulsed, first stationary then moving. (Berliner)

June 28, 1952; Thule AFB
GCA picked up three blips, possible aircraft, which appeared to be in close formation 35 miles due south of Thule at an estimated 6,000 to 0,000 feet. Operator estimated the blips as the size of a C-54. Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command

June 28, 1952; Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
1:20 p.m. 2 observers with CARCO air service saw 2 silvery disc-like objects high in the sky moving slowly to the S, noiseless, suddenly climbed nearly vertically at high speed, one going SSE the other almost due E. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 6, case DD7)

June 28, 1952; Lake Koshkonong, Wisc. (BBU 1361)
6 p.m. G. Metcalfe saw a silver-white sphere become an ellipse as it turned and climbed away very fast. (Berliner)

June 28, 1952; Nagoya, Japan (BBU 1363)
4:10 p.m. Capt. T. W. Barger, USAF Electronics Counter Measures officer, saw a dark blue elliptical-shaped object with a pulsing border fly straight and level at 700-800 mph. (Berliner)

June 28, 1952; Pacific bet. Hawaii and Calif. (BBU)
10:50 p.m. USAF C-47 pilot saw a very bright light pass across the flight path from left to right. (Project 1947)

June 29, 1952; O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois. (BBU 1364)
5:45-6:30 p.m. (CDT). 3 USAF air policemen, 83rd Air Base Sq, Air Police Detachment, S/Sgt. Lopez, A/1c Weber, and A/3c Korkowski, saw a bright silver, smooth surfaced, flat oval 30 ft object at about 500 to 1,000 ft height about 2-3 miles away reflecting sunlight surrounded by a blue circle of haze for the first 20-25 mins, hovering, appeared between radio towers for stations WGN and WBBN 7 miles away to the WSW at about 2° elevation and to the left and S of the setting sun (which was at 284° azimuth 20° elevation at 6:30), then move very fast to the right and left, and up and down relative to the radio towers, moving almost instantaneously and much faster than any jet fighter. Object rocked on its longitudinal axis, appeared oval (major/minor axis ratio about 2.2) when oriented vertically, thin and difficult to see when horizontal. Object receded at high speed then disappeared like shutting off a light. No trail, no noise. Independently witnessed by Chicago firemen several miles away. (Jan Aldrich; unpublished Ruppelt manuscript).

June 30, 1952; Columbia, Missouri (BBU)
1:46-3:54 a.m. (CST). U.S. Weather Bureau observer tracked by theodolite an object at extreme distance irregularly changing color from red to green, seeming to move away, to the NNE making only "small" angular movement in the 14 recorded measurements of position in 2 hrs. (Jan Aldrich)

June 30 [July 1?], 1952; Phoenix, Ariz. (BBU)
Gaudet [and Wolf?]. (Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

June 30, 1952; Sea of Japan (BBU)
7 p.m. 3 USAF crew members of C-54 transport saw circular object
flattened on top and bottom. (Weinstein; BB files??)

JULY

NARA-PBB1-56-71, July Sightings

> Dan Wilson:
> On March 2, 1950, a Joint Chiefs of Staff; (JCS) meeting focused on establishing goals for a minimum air defense by 1952. The following month at a USAF Commanders Conference at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, planners familiarized commanders with the thinking behind the plan of minimum defense as well as with its contents. Referred to as the Blue Book Plan, it stipulated that a minimum air defense could be in place by mid-1952. It was estimated that July 1, 1952, as the critical date when the Soviets would pose a dangerous threat. General Charles Cabell expected the Soviets to have between 45 and 90 atom bombs and 70 to 135 Tu-4 bombers (copied B-29s) by that time.
> See Air Defense in 1952
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> Joel Carpenter:
> On 1 July, nine wing B-36s (5-H and 4-F) departed Carswell to take part in a high altitude formation radar camera attack on New York City. Three

> aircraft were from the 9th, three from the 436th, and three from the 492nd Bomb Squadron. The nine B-36s flew to the orbit area at Cape St. Francis, Newfoundland, Canada, then flew the scheduled attack on New York City. From there the bombers flew to Montgomery, Alabama, and recovered at Carswell on 2 July. Following this, the wing presented the Meritorious Achievement Award Plaque to the Outstanding Tactical and Support Units in the wing. The 9th Bomb Squadron and 7th Maintenance and Supply Group received the awards on 5 July 1952.

July 1, 1952; Lynn & Bedford, Massachussetts (BBU)
7:25/7:30 a.m. (EDT). 2 F-94's scrambled (at 7:25?) to intercept UFO that a GOC spotter saw heading SW over Boston, no radar contact and F-94's searched area found nothing. Erwin W. Nelson and wife at Lynn (9 mi NE of Boston) at 7:31-7:34 noticed two vapor trails from the climbing jets, looked around, saw in the W a bright silver "cigar shaped object about six times as long as it was wide" heading SW over Boston at a very high altitude, speed a little faster than the two jets. An identical UFO was following the first some distance back. No vapor trails. Witnesses watched the F-94's search back and forth far below the UFO's. At 7:30 AF Capt. Robert E. Metcalf, Petroleum Officer, 6520th Supply Sq, 6520th Test Support Wing, and USAF air policemen MSgt James Stiner and MSgt Joseph R. Bosh, 6520th Air Police Sq., near Hangar B, Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass. (15 mi NW of Boston, W of Lynn) saw the two jets, looked for what they were intercepting and saw to the E [?] a 100 ft long silvery ellipse “fatter than a cigar” traveling SW but did not spot the 2nd UFO. At two points object seemed to hover for a few secs, then continued at about 40,000 ft. Object path intersected contrails of the two jets heading SE. Metcalf lost sight of object on his way to the Tower after a few (2-3?) mins then caught sight again at about 7:40, noting it had increased distance “considerably,” but lost it at the Tower and unable to see it with unaided eye or 7x50mm binoculars. (Sparks; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 11, pp. 485ff.Ruppelt) 15+ mins 7+ witnesses

July 1, 1952; Lexington, Ma (BBU)
7:30 AM. Capt. Metcalf observed a milky white object shaped like an "elongated oval" but "fatter than a cigar", about 100 feet in length or slightly larger than a four-engine airliner, having indistinct outlines at the rear resembling either a very short exhaust or a blurred tail section, with a narrow ridge along the top side, but without wings or any other aerodynamic features. (BB Files, Sparks)

July 1, 1952; Fort Monmouth, New Jersey (BBU)
9:30 am. The objects moved south along the East coast and hovered near Fort Monmouth, N.J., for about 5 minutes at 50,000 feet. As radar at Fort Monmouth detected the objects, they put on a burst of speed and headed southwest toward Washington, D.C., confirmed visually. At about noon, a physics professor in Washington reported seeing a grayish UFO hovering and arcing back and forth across the sky. (Ruppelt, pp. 200-202, Dan Wilson)

> Ruppelt:
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> Without injecting any imagination or wild assumptions, it looked as if two "somethings" had come down across Boston on a southwesterly heading, crossed Long Island, hovered for a few minutes over the Army's secret laboratories at Fort Monmouth, then proceeded toward Washington.
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> Richard Hall continues:

> While driving through Utah in July, a Navy chief (later warrant officer) saw a formation of unidentified flat circular objects maneuvering in the sky, stopped and took color motion picture film of them. The objects defied conventional explanation when analyzed by the top Air Force and Navy photogrammetric laboratories.

July 1, 1952. Washington, DC. (BBU)
George Washington Univ. Physics Professor saw "dull, gray, smoky colored" object in the NNW sky hovering motionless about 30°-40° above horizon, whicxh occasionally moved through arc of about 15° right or left, and gradualy descended from the sky until hidden by buildings on skyline. Angular size ½ of a quarter (coin) at arm's length [=1°]. He estimated at least 500 other witnesses in the streets, confirmed by brief newspaper reporting. (Sparks; Ruppelt)

July 2, 1952; Tremonton, Utah
Navy photographer Delbert C. Newhouse and his wife, while driving across the state, saw a group of 12-14 shiny silver objects milling around in the sky. Newhouse stopped and retrieved his 16 mm camera and filmed extensive footage of the objects. He and his wife both reported seeing some of the objects relatively close-up and they were shaped like one plate inverted atop another. When the film was returned to Newhouse following Navy and Air Force analysis, the frames showing the discs close-up had been deleted.

July 3, 1952. Selfridge AFB, Mich.(BBU 1380)
4:15 a.m. Witnesses not identified (civilians?) saw 2 big lights, about 20 ft diameter, fly straight and level at tremendous speed. (Berliner)

July 3, 1952; Chicago, Illinois (BBU 1382)
11:50 p.m. Mrs. J. D. Arbuckle saw 2 bright pastel green discs fly straight and level very fast. (Berliner)

July 5, 1952; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska (BBU)
(FUFOR Index)

July 5, 1952; Hanford Atomic Works, Richland, Wash (BBU)
6 a.m. Conner Airlines C-46 pilot Baldwin, another pilot and 2 copilots saw a perfect circular white disc above the Hanford site. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

July 5, 1952; SSE of Norman, Okla. (BBU 1390)
7:58 p.m. Oklahoma State Patrolman Hamilton in State Patrol airplane saw 3 dark discs [at 4,000 ft?] hover then fly away, silhouetted against a dark cloud. 15-secs. (Berliner)

> Early July 1952 Mysterious Dr. "X" Predicts UFO Flap
> A mysterious government scientist visits Ruppelt at Project BLUE BOOK and predicts the UFO flap, as hitting New York City or Washington, D.C. I have identified this Dr. "X" as Dr. Stefan T. Possony, Acting Chief of the AFOIN Special Studies Group and top scientific adviser to AFOIN Director Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, who was also a leading military strategist and psychological warfare expert. Possony evidently studied the plans for the continental joint SAC-ADC operation Exercise SIGN POST planned for late July and deduced that the planned simulated SAC "attack" on either NY or Washington to test ADC air defenses would trigger false UFO sightings (and in fact SAC did "attack" Washington, but the simulated air raid was on July 23 not on the July 19-20 or 26-27 dates of Washington National UFO incidents). (Brad Sparks)

July 6, 1952. Berkeley, Calif. (BBU)
9:30 a.m. (PDT). Dr. Henry Ehrenberg saw an elliptical object the size of the Full Moon hovering in midair with no sound, about 40° elevation in the West about 5,000 ft over Golden Gate Race Track about 5 miles away. Object faded away without apparent motion. (Sparks; Maxwell BB Microfilm Roll 11, pp. 567-570)

July 6-12, 1952; Governors Island, New York [Elizabeth, NJ?] (BBU 1397)
11:00 p.m. Charles Muhr [and Neff?] took 4 photos of some indistinct light admittedly not seen visually. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

July 9, 1952; 1 mi N of Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado (BBU)
12:45 p.m. (MST). USAF senior pilot Maj. Claude K. Griffin, Budget Office, Hq ADC, saw an object shaped like an airfoil less its trailing edge, luminous white, move slowly and erratically like a corkscrew, estimated 100 ft size at 15-20 miles away at 30,000 ft, at about 45° [20°] elevation heading NW. Griffin stopped car. USAF senior pilot, Major E. R. Hayden, ADC Personnel Services Office, and wife came out of their house and observed object in 4x rifle scope, described as rectangular, silver on one side black on the other. fluttering as it moved, heading slowly NNW above 20,000 ft at about 20 miles distance, then steadied while gaining altitude, gradually diminished to a black dot,then accelerated to high speed and disappeared. (Sparks; NICAP website; BB files; Berliner) 1/10 Full Moon [4/10 in 4x scope]

July 9, 1952; Rapid City, South Dakota (BBU)
3:35 p.m. MST. A sergeant and three airmen of the 717 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing reported that three milky white discs were between 30,000 and 40,000 feet. The airmen were lying on there backs off the edge of the East-West runway when they observed the objects moving faster than any jet aircraft they have seen. Direction of travel: Northerly. The objects were seen one at a time with approximately one minute between sightings. Each object was observed for approximately 5 seconds. (BB files, Dan Wilson, FUFOR Index)

July 9, 1952. Kutztown, Penna. (BBU)
6:30 p.m. Farmer John Mittl saw an aluminum, oval-shaped object change direction and attitude, finally tipping on end then departing. Case file includes three vague photographs. (Sparks; Berliner)

July 10, 1952; Near Quantico, Virginia. (BBU)
8:18 p.m. Pilot of National Airlines Flight 42, a C-60 aircraft, saw a very bright amber glow, stationary then climbing slowly till disappearance. (Project 1947)

July 10, 1952; Korea (near)
The crew of the Canadian destroyer Crusader saw two shiny discs and tracked them on radar.

July 11, 1952; Hasselbach, Germany
Oscar Linke, former Wehrmacht major, and his daughter Gabrielle, 11, had to leave their motorcycle when they had a flat tire. Inside the woods the girl noticed two men in silvery suits examining the ground in a clearing near a pink disk-shaped object, 8 m in diameter, showing a double row of openings around the rim and a black turret on top. One of the men had a flashing box. Both men went inside, and the disk vibrated, rose along the turretlike cylinder, then spun faster and rose out of sight. (Guieu 52)

July 10-17, 1952 Dr. Kaplan Visits ATIC Project Blue Book

> UCLA Geophysics Prof. Joseph Kaplan, a member of the AF Scientific Advisory Board previously involved with a highly secret compartmented UFO tracking project in 1949 leading to Project TWINKLE, visits ATIC and Project BLUE BOOK, advising on plans for a top scientific panel to establish the importance and credibility of the UFO problem within the scientific community (a later distorted version of the plan is forced on the CIA by the AF as the Robertson Panel and intentionally designed by the AF to fail spectacularly). The Battelle Memorial Institute scientists are deemed not prominent enough to secure support within the scientific community, but will continue with statistical studies of BLUE BOOK's case files (ordered by Gen. Samford in Dec 1951 to specifically verify Ruppelt's sighting pattern analysis, showing UFO concentrations around atomic weapons bases, after his briefing disturbed Samford). Battelle also continues special lab analyses of alleged UFO physical evidence from time to time. (Brad Sparks)

July 12, 1952; Annapolis, Maryland (BBU 1431)
3:30 p.m. Insurance company president William Washburn saw 4 large, elliptical-shaped objects fly very fast, stop, turn 90° and fly away. 7-8 secs. (Berliner)

July 12, 1952; Northern Illinois
8:05 p.m. Report of unusual flying objects (Reference to July 12, 1952, Arlington, Illinois [BBU]) Air Intelligence Information Report from 755th AC&W Squadron, Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Mr. J. M. Stark, Chicago, reported that at 2005 CST he saw a greenish object traveling in horizontal flight. Object came to stand-still, then moved away at a very high rate of speed. Mr. L Matheis, Chicago, sighted object going east then turned westward, yellowish in color. Mr. L. Schrenk, Chicago, sighted object going north, weaving at low altitude, reddish in color. Mr. A. Cressy, Chicago, saw an object going north, turned west, not a jet type aircraft. Received call from 31st Division through ADCC, radars picked up strange objects heading west and north at 3000 mph and above.

July 12, 1952; Williams Bay, Wisconsin
8:30 p.m. Air Intelligence Information Report describes radar tracks by three different radars. 31st Division through ADCC reported that Mastiff (AN/FPS-3), Orgin (FPS-10), and Cousin (AN/6PS-6B) radars had picked up strange objects in several areas heading west and north at different altitudes, 3000 mph and above. (Dan Wilson)

July 12, 1952; Belleville, Illinois (BB)
8:30 p.m. Five radar observations of unidentified objects were made at the 798th AC&W Squadron beginning at 8:30 p.m CST. Object one: 8:30 p.m., 355 degrees at 200 NM, speed 1600 knots. Object two: 8:35 p.m., 30 degrees at 20 NM, speed 1700 knots. Object three: 8:47 p.m., 6 degrees at 190 NM. Object four: 8:49 p.m., 330 degrees at 180 NM. Object five: 9:20 p.m., 280 degrees at 175 NM. Visual Sighting at 2110Z At 2110Z three airmen of the 798th AC&W Squadron, Belleville, Illinois, observed one very large round object of intense reddish orange color flying a straight course horizontal to the earth surface. The speed of the object was faster than any known aircraft. The object was observed for 20 seconds. One aircraft scrambled for observation purpose. The time given in the teletype (2110Z) may be incorrect. At around 2100 hours CST (9:00 p.m.), a large fireball-type object was seen by many witnesses in the Belleville/ St. Louis area. The object traveled in a straight line parallel to the ground from SE to the NW. (Reference: Edwardsville Intelligencer, Illinois, July 14, 1952, page 1) (Dan Wilson)

July 12, 1952. Montrose Beach, Chicago, Illinois (BBU)
8:42 p.m. (CDT). O'Hare AFB weather observer AF Capt. W. J. Shea and a civilian Jane

Morrison sighted 3 lights, main red light with smaller white lights on each side, traveling 500 mph at 40,000 to 50,000 ft from the WNW, accelerate and to the S make a 180° turn, heading NNW when disappeared. Sighted by 400+ people, with 14 others making reports to 4706th Defense Wing. (Sparks; BB files)

July 12 (13?), 1952; Kirksville, MO (BBU 1436)
9:00 + 9:15 + 9:20 + 9:30 +11:04 + 11:07 p.m. (CST). Many FPS-10 radar controllers at 790th AC&W Sq tracked large radar blips at 1,500+ knots (>1,700 mph) to 4,800 knots (5,600 mph) [actual speeds about 5,000 to 6,000 mph in all 6 tracks] inbound and outbound on nearly identical straight-line azimuths in about the 124-293 mile range [suggestive of real objects below about 20,000 ft within the Vertical-Lower beam of FPS-10 but not caught within higher-aimed Vertical-Center or Vertical-Upper beams limited to >2° elevation angle]. 6 single targets each tracked at following azimuths (at times listed above) coming to/from 142°-134°, 001°-354°, 220°-202°, 321°-320°, 320°, and 004°, with none crossing to other side of scope, a classic interference pattern except none extended to center of scope or to outer edge but disappeared like a real object in and out of radar blind zones. Checks with regional radar stations found none with antennas "in opposition" (matching direction of Kirksville radar antenna at the same moment). No visual sighting, or other confirmation of targets by other radars [apparently not even by the other component radars within the FPS-10 operating on different frequencies, such as the Slant-Lower beam which would have given height data, none reported, which suggests interference or selective radar emissions or ECM]. Radar targets registered only every other sweep (every 30 secs of the 4 RPM sweep rate) suggesting interference by a 2 or 6 RPM sweep rate radar. Possible IFO non-real radar interference. (Sparks; Berliner; BB files)

July 12, 1952; Arlington, Illinois (BBU)
9:04 p.m. USAF pilot of F-86 fighter in a flight of 2 F-86s with 62nd FI Sq after coming out of a right turn saw [and radar tracked?] an oblong yellowish lighted object with a trail flying in a straight course heading 240° about 15 miles away at 22,000 ft traveling 700 knots. F-86 pursued at max speed but object pulled away. Both pilots heard a strange radio transmission on their restricted comm channel during the pursuit saying the name of the pursuit pilot, Casey, in eerie tone. 20 secs. (Project 1947)

July 12, 1952; Near Greenfield, Indiana (BBU)
9:05 p.m. American Airlines Convair pilot and copilot saw an object paralleling the plane then dropping down. (Project 1947)

July 12, 1952; Chicago, Ill.
Air Force weather officer, many others at Montrose Beach saw large red object with small white lights on side reverse course directly overhead. [UFOE, III]

July 12, 1952; Dayton, Ohio (BBU)
9:13 p.m. (EST). USAF pilots of 2 F-86's flying at 20,000 ft heading 180° at 250 knots, Capt. Clifford Winters and 1st Lt. A. W. Sanders, both with 97th FI Sq, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, saw 2 extremely brilliant round white lights hovering at 21,000 ft about 2 miles away to their 2 o'clock position which then disappeared like "somebody turned out a light." (Sparks; BB files; Project 1947) 20 secs 2 witnesses

July 13, 1952. 60 miles SW of Washington, D.C. (BBU)
4 a.m. (EDT). National Airline Flight 611 Capt. William Bruen piloting airliner heading N from Jacksonville, Fla., saw round ball of bluish-white light hovering to the W then ascend to airliner altitude of 11,000 ft, then parallel course off left wing at about 2 miles distance, took off upwards at 1,000 mph when Bruen turned on all aircraft lights. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 9091; NARCAP)

July 13, 1952; Osceola, WI
674th AC&W Squadron. Eleven unidentified flying objects tracked on radar at speeds of 12,000 to 20,000 knots. (Knot = 1.15 mph)

July 13, 1952; Fordland, Missouri
Time not given. At the 797th AC&W Squadron at Fordland, Missouri, one object was observed on radar, very large at times, varied in size up to 3 degrees in width and at an estimated speed of 180 mph to 600 mph The object appeared to stop maneuvering as long as two minutes. The unknown object was carried from west to east and back west towards Kansas City and faded.

July 14, 1952 Ruppelt-Maj. Herman Briefing of CSI
Ruppelt and ATIC Maj. Isidore H.. Herman present the second ATIC briefing on UFO's for the private CSI group in Los Angeles. (Brad Sparks)

July 14, 1952; 20-25 miles N of Norfolk, Va (BBU 1444) [CCL Item # 24]
9:12 p.m. (EDT). Pan American Airways FO William B. Nash, Second Officer William H. Fortenberry, in a DC-4 airliner at 8,000 ft heading 200° magnetic, sighted a total of 8 large, round, glowing red coinshaped objects, 100 ft diameter 15 ft thick, maneuvering in two groups of 3 then joined slightly after by another 2. Objects approached head on at high speed estimated at about 12,000 [27,000] mph at about 2,000 ft altitude [about 2° depression angle] silhouetted against the ground, to a position almost directly below their airliner, in a stack formation then suddenly making a 150° hairpin turn like balls bouncing off a wall, joined by 2 more identical but much brighter red objects which came from behind on the right under the aircraft at about the same 2,000 ft altitude as the first 6 objects joining formation by falling in behind, all silhouetted against the black background of bay water, with one moment when all 8 objects blacked out then reappeared. At about 10 miles S of Newport News objects ascended as a group in fixed formation in an arc to the right towards Newport News to about 10,000 ft altitude [about 0.4° above level or about 2° above horizon line] out to disappearance by blinking out randomly, after covering a total distance of roughly 90 miles from start to finish (35 miles on approach, 55 miles to departure). Possibly 7 ground observers. (Sparks; McDonald; Tom Tulien; Joel Carpenter)

July 14, 1952; near Okinawa
10:10 p.m. local time, at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, S/Sgt Eugene K. Chalmers and 2nd Lt. Phillip Galtieri, observed a spherical object to the north of the base. The object was moving straight down, but its course changed immediately as it moved to the northeast across the sky. When change of course occurred, the object appeared to slow down and almost stop in midair. The object then picked up considerable speed and vanished.

July 14, 1952; Holloman AFB, New Mexico (BB)
10:20 MST. Unidentified objects were observed over the missile test range at Holloman AFB, during a Hughes Aircraft project mission. Two hundred feet of 35mm. film was taken of two maneuvering objects at a high elevation angle to the NNE. Two other

witnesses that were watching the B-29 on the mission through 6 power binoculars saw an object cross in front of the B-29 with about the same size and apparent speed as the project F-86 would have, but the object was not the F-86 which overtook the B-29 shortly thereafter. Mr. H. R. Morris and Mr. Floyd Fannon, on X-Band radar for the project observed something on their "A" scope which appeared like a jet going the opposite direction from the B-29. A bright object was observed passing through the field of vision by an optical tracker using a 20 power monocular scope near the radar site. The object was observed above the B-29 and going the same general direction, but much faster. The "Pip" on the radar "A" scope on X-band modified SCR-584 was about the size and apparent speed as a jet fighter would give at 35,000 feet, and was observed for a few minutes. (Dan Wilson)

July 14, 1952; 20 miles S of McChord AFB, Wash (BBU)
11:50 p.m. (PDT). USAF pilots of 2 fighters from 318th FI Sq saw a strange object with red and green lights slowly rolling between the aircraft. (Project 1947)

July 15, 1952; Pendleton, Oregon
2055 zulu. Many civilians in 5 cars and an Oregon State Trooper observed a spherical-shaped object, 35-100 feet in diameter, silver in color, flying very fast at an estimated altitude of 4,000 feet. Object was moving eastbound and appeared to be dipping in flight. Object upon last visual contact at 2100Z, was heading due north. At 2155Z a strike force of six B-36 aircraft were over Pendleton, Oregon, heading north.

July 15, 1952; West Palm Beach, Florida (BBU 1451)
10:10 p.m. J. Antoneff and 2 others saw a discus-shaped object, grayish, except when hovering, when it appeared muddy. Hovered over Palm Beach International Airport, then followed an SA-16 twinengined amphibious aircraft and flew away. 40-60 secs. (Berliner, Dan Wilson, BB files)

July 16, 1952; Beverly, Mass (BBU 1501)
9:35 a.m. U.S. Coast Guard photographer Seaman Shell R. Alpert saw several bright lights through a window screen (no glass) from his position inside the air station photo lab while cleaning a camera, watched them for 5-6 secs, called out to another Coast Guardsman, Hospitalman 1st Class Thomas E. Flaherty from sick bay to see. Objects dimmed then brightened suddenly, Alpert grabbed a camera and filmed 4 roughly elliptical irregular blobs of light in formation through the screen, on Super XX cut film 4 x 5 inch format, lens set at infinity, aperture f/4.7, 1/30 sec exposure. (Berliner; etc.)

July 16, 1952; Hampton Roads, Virginia (BBU)
8 p.m. NACA aeronautical engineer Paul R. Hill saw 2 amber-colored objects approach fro the S, turn W, reach overhead, begin a maneuver to revolve around a common center, change to a vertical plane [?] after a few orbits, were joined by 2 more objects and flew off to the S. (McDonald list; Tom Tulien)

> July 16, 1952: OSI Message McDill OSI Message McDill AFB
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> A document with an impressive collection of CC recipients. But also a confirmation that the Nash and Fortenberry observation involved another aircrew who also saw objects

July 17, 1952; near Lockbourne AFB, Ohio
Bt. 1:00 and 4:00 a.m. William W. Stevenson and William O. Havens, observed a circular object with an orange and green glow at an estimated 5000 feet in altitude 10 miles north of Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. The object would move from side to side and remain stationary for long periods of time. Both Stevenson and Havens were recently

discharged from the USAF.

July 17, 1952; Batesville, Mississippi
1:07 p.m. CST. State Highway Patrolmen observed two or three round blue fluorescent colored objects approximately 100 feet in diameter. One object was at approximately 11,000 feet in altitude, and the other object was at 3000 to 5000 feet in altitude. The objects seemed to stand still and then they made a gradual back and forth movement north to south. The objects were observed for approximately 30 minutes.

July 17, 1952; Rapid City, South Dakota (BBU 1479)
Military (USAF?) witness(es).

July 17, 1952; White Plains, New York (BBU 1502)
3:10 p.m. Mrs. Florence Daley saw 2 round objects, bluishwhite with brighter rims, fly in formation, making a sound like bombers, only softer (witness later said she heard many feminine voices coming from the objects). (Berliner)

July 17, 1952; Tsuiki Air Base, Kyushu, Japan
6:00 p.m. A/2C Lyle R. Drenth, USAF, launched a 100 gram White balloon for a scheduled Pibal run. For the first 30 minutes the balloon moved in an easterly direction and then came back over the field in a south and westerly direction. This was observed by a theodolite. Drenth then turned over the theodolite to his helper. After recording the weather Drenth looked at the balloon again through the theodolite and observed a formation of twelve circular luminous objects moving in the same direction as the balloon.

July 18 [17?], 1952; Lockbourne, Ohio (BBU 1476)
9:10 p.m. T/Sgt. Mahone and A/3c Jennings saw an amber-colored, elliptical-shaped object with a small flame at the rear, periodically increasing in brightness, move very fast giving off a resonant beat sound. 1.5 mins. (Berliner)

July 18 [17?], 1952; Lockbourne AFB, Ohio (BBU 1482)
11 a.m. Air National Guard employees saw a light like a big star that disappeared when an aircraft approached. Also seen the night[s?] of July 20, 22 and 23. 3-hours. (Berliner)

July 18, 1952; Miami, Florida (BBU 1483)
11 a.m. E. R. Raymer and daughter saw an opaque, silvery bubble fly very fast at a right-angle to the wind direction. 10 secs. (Berliner)

July 18, 1952; Patrick AFB, Florida (BBU 1485) [CCL Item #16])
9:45 [10:45 ?] p.m. (EST). 3 USAF officers and 4 enlisted men saw a series of hovering and maneuvering red-orange lights moving in a variety of directions. (Sparks; BB Status Report 8, Dec 1952, p. 26; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index)
1 hr

July 18, 1952; Denver, Colorado
American Airlines pilot watched unidentified lights speed back and forth. [UFOE, V]
Carpenter Case (AL)

July 18, 1952; Lac Chauvet, France
Cat 8. Fregnale Photos.

July 19, 1952; Aiken, Savannah River Plant, South Carolina

McDonald Case 13. Hundreds of employees from AEC witnessed UFO cavort. (McDonald, Ridge)

July 19, 1952; Porto Maldo, Peru
Photograph of oval UFO taken by customs official. [UFOE, VIII]

July 19, 1952; River Edge, N.J.
Associated Press reporter Saul Pett about midnight saw an intensely glowing, non-blinking orange ball of light moving steadily overhead from the northwest to the southeast for 1-2 minutes. He said that it was moving too fast and too steadily for a balloon.

July 19, 1952; Washington, D.C.
Famous photo of lights over Capital. Exact date is not known and this appears to have been a non-event. (Fran Ridge)

July 19, 1952; location??? (Probably Centerville, VA. BBSR14 didn't give a location). (BBU)
12 midnight. Part-time farmer and hired hand saw 2 cigar-shaped objects, one hovering the other moving to the E then come back, both ascending vertically until disappearing. Both objects transparent (translucent?), lit from within, and emitted an exhaust from one end. Object shapes possibly more like elongated footballs. 3-4 mins. (Battelle Unknown No. 4)

July 19, 1952; Williston, North Dakota (BBU 1492)
2:55 a.m. Experienced civilian pilot saw an elliptical-shaped object with a light fringe, descend fast, make a 360° then a 180° turn. 5 mins. (Berliner)

July 19, 1952; Baltimore, Maryland
6:28 a.m. Mrs. Carolyn Smith, on duty as a volunteer ground observer aircraft spotter, observed two flying saucers heading northeast at 2000 feet altitude. The objects suddenly shot upward and went out of sight. Duration of the sighting was approximately 20 seconds. Saucers were large, round, bluish in color and emanated a blue jet exhaust.

July 19, 1952; Elkins Park, Penna. (BBU 1494)
11:35 p.m. USAF pilot Capt. C. J. Powley and wife saw 2 star-like lights maneuver, hover and speed. 5-7 mins. (BB files, Berliner)

July 19-20, 1952; Washington Nat'l Airport, Washington, D.C. (BBU) [CCL Item 23]
11:40 p.m.-6 a.m. (EDT). Numerous visual, radar and radar-visual sightings by ground observers and pilots in the air. 6 hours 20 min. (Sparks).

> Richard Hall:
> Shortly after midnight civilian radar operators at National Airport began tracking a group of 7-10 unidentified targets southwest of the city, moving about 100-130 m.p.h. An individual object would disappear from the scope at intervals, then another target would appear. This continued for about 6 hours, while airline pilots in the area reported sighting unidentified lights in the positions where radar detected unexplained targets. They were not any known aircraft.
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> Senior air route traffic controller Harry G. Barnes:
> "There is no other conclusion I can reach but that for six hours on the morning of the 20th of July there were at least 10 unidentifiable objects

> moving above Washington .... I can safely deduce that they performed gyrations which no known aircraft could perform. By this I mean that our scope showed that they could make right angle turns and complete reversals of flight."

July 20, 1952; Dai-el-Aouagri, Morocco
12:30 am. Approximate date. Man named Petijean saw a luminous object, 20 m diameter, on the ground. It gave off bluish flashes as it took off, leaving a smell of burning sulphur. (Quincy)

July 20, 1952; Andrews AFB, Maryland (BB)
After midnight. At around midnight various people in the Andrews Tower were talking about flying saucers. At this time T/Sgt John P. Izzo went up to the tower and heard Washington Center call the tower on the intercom advising that they had 5 unidentified targets over the Andrews range. Nothing appeared on the Andrews radar. A/1C William B. Brady gave the statement that Airman Goodman called the tower at around 12:05 a.m. and advised for him to look to the south immediately. When Brady looked he saw an object like an orange ball of fire trailing a tail at about two miles south and one half of a mile east of the Andrews range. The object made a circular movement and then took off at an unbelievable speed. Seconds later Brady saw another such object that made an arc like pattern and then disappeared. Later, Capt. Harold C. Way reported that Washington Center called and ask if Andrews radar had a target 3 miles north of Riverdale. Way checked the radar and there was a motionless target at the place Washington Center had indicated. It remained for about 25 to 30 seconds and then disappeared completely. (Dan Wilson)

July 20, 1952; Andrews AFB, Maryland (BBU)
At 4:15 a.m. Approach Control picked up one unidentified target on radar. The target was on the scope for thirty seconds before fading.

July 20, 1952; Herndon, Virginia (BB).
At 3:00 a.m. a Capital Airlines flight approaching Washington National Airport reported that an unidentified light was following it. Air Route Traffic Control radar tracked the UFO to within about 4 miles of the airport before it disappeared. (Dan Wilson)

July 20, 1952; Lavalette, New Jersey (BBU 1504) and Elk Park, Penna.(BBU 1494)
12:20-12:25 a.m. 3 independent groups of witnesses, including Seton Hall Univ. chemistry professor Dr. A. B. Spooner (on a yacht in the Delaware River near Philadelphia), saw 2 large orange-yellow lights with some dull red color fly in trail, turn and circle observers. First seen to the S at about 40° elevation, then E, N, W, and S again but at elevation 80°. Stellar magnitude about -3 to -5. AF pilot in Elk Park estimated 10°/min angular velocity accelerating up to 2°/sec. No sound. 5-6 mins. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 73-77)

July 20, 1952; Andrews AFB, Maryland.
In mid-evening Air Force radar tracked up to 10 UFOs for 15-20 minutes. The objects approached the runway, scattered, made sharp turns and reversals of direction. (Air Force weather observer report to NICAP.)

July 21, 1952; Dobbins AFB, Georgia (BBU)
10:40 EST. An unidentified blip made passes on a wind-finding target (balloon?) being tracked by a ground radar unit. The target was moving slowly at 52,000 feet when a second blip appeared on the radar and was seen moving towards the wind-finding target and passing through it. This happened three times as if the the new signal was playing

with the wind target. Finally the unknown object stopped for a period of 3 to 5 minutes and then moved away. (Dan Wilson)

July 21, 1952; Baltimore, Maryland (BB)
1:03 pm. EDT. Ground observers, Jacque Ayd & John Neuman, reported an object the size of a four-engine aircraft estmated at 15,000 to 20,000 feet, cone-shaped, brilliant orange. Object dove to 2000 feet with terrific speed toward the SW. Time in sight: One minute Comments: No known aircraft in the area at the time of sighting. (BB files, Dan Wilson & Fran Ridge)

July 21, 1952; Randolph AFB - Converse, Texas (BBU 1522)
4:30 p.m. Wife of USAF Capt. J. B. Neal saw an elongated, fuselage-shaped object fly straight and level, make a right-angle turn, fly out of sight at 300+ mph.3-5 mins. (Berliner)

July 21, 1952; Wiesbaden, West Germany (BBU 1514)
6:30 p.m. USAF pilot Capt. E. E. Dougher and WAF Lt. J. J. Stong, separated by miles saw 4 bright yellowish lights, seen by Dougher to separate, with 2 climbing and 2 flying away level in the opposite direction. Stong saw 2 reddish lights fly in opposite directions. 10-15 mins. (Berliner)

July 21, 1952; Rockville, Indiana (BBU 1533)
8:10 p.m. Three men of the 782 ACW Squadron, observed an aluminum, triangular-shaped object the approximate size of a C-47 aircraft. The object had one triangular fin or rudder. The object flew at an altitude of 500 to 1000 feet at approximately 0-60 MPH on a straight level course, but stopped and hovered in on spot 1/2 mile from the NW corner of their radar station for 1/2 minute before disappearing in the haze to the N. Time observed approximately 3 minutes. (Berliner, Sparks) [UFO probably too slow to be picked up by their radar if running MTI (moving target indication) equipment.]

July 21, 1952; Beluga Lake, Alaska
2120Z. According to a brief statement included in the Project Blue Book files, Captain Henry S. Anthony, Jr., and First Lieutenant John T. Larkins were airborne in the Beluga Lake area when the first contact was made at 18,000 yards. Lock-on was accomplished at 12,000 yards and an intercept started. Target was level with the aircraft's speed greater than 100 knots to 6,000 yards. At this point the target disappeared and could not be re--established. Pilot did not make visual sighting. A little less than an hour later, they made another attempt to contact the target. They had remained in the area searching for the UFO (Kevin Randle)

July 21, 1952; San Marcos AFB, Texas (BBU 1516)
10:40 p.m. Lt., 2 Staff Sgts. and 3 Airmen saw a blue circle with a blue trail hover then accelerate to near-sonic speed (700+ mph) after 1 min. (Berliner, Wilson, Ridge)

July 21 [22?], 1952; Holyoke, Mass (BBU 1524)
After midnight. Mrs. A. Burgess saw a round, yellow, flashing light fly downward. No further information in files. (Berliner) Two other witnesses, Mrs O'Neil and Mrs. Kana, observed an object in the sky after 2400 hours on the same night. Both described the object substantially the same - an orange-yellow light that flashed downward to the northwest.

July 22, 1952; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU 1538)
10:50 a.m. Control tower operator Don Weins and 2 CARCO pilots saw 8 large, round,

bright aluminum objects fly straight and level, then dart around erratically. 25 mins. (Berliner, Wilson & Ridge)

July 22 [?], 1952; Stafford, Virginia (BBU 1654)
12 p.m. USAF pilot of C-54 transport saw a bright ovoid object hover then move in stops and starts, first approaching the plane then paralleling it. (Berliner; Loren Gross)

July 22, 1952; Brookley AFB, Mobile, Alabama (BBU)
2 p.m. USAF Tech Sgt. and a civilian employee saw a barrel-shaped black object 3.5-4 ft diameter, emitting black smoke trail and a black puff of smoke flying about 5,000 ft above ground 1 mile away heading E then flying "perpendicular" (vertical?). 2 mins. (Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files)

July 22, 1952; Uvalde, Texas (BBU 1536) [CCL Item # 30] (BB)
2:46 p.m. local. At 1446, Mr. Don Epperly, weather observer and station manager Trans-Texas Airlines, observed a large round silver object at an estimated altitude of 20,000 feet. The object was approximately 50 feet in diameter and had tremendous speed, esimated at being well over 1000 miles per hour.The object was observed for approximately 45 seconds before it disappeared. (Berliner)

July 22, 1952; New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
5:45 p.m. Cat 11. A private pilot, alerted by his wife, saw a hovering metallic-appearing disc at about 5:45 p.m. After about 10 seconds, the disc abruptly shot away climbing at a steep angle and disappeared. (NICAP report form.) (Based on a newspaper story it says, "A private pilot and his companion while flying along the coast...." - Dick )

July 22, 1952. 12 miles E of Peterson Field, Colo. (BBU)
6:45 p.m. USAF ADC personnel in Cessna 140 and the pilot saw a round silver object disappear into clouds. (Project 1947)

July 22, 1952; Near Braintree, bet. Boston and Provincetown, Mass.(BBU 1556)
10:20 and 10:47 p.m. (EST). USAF pilot and radar operator of F-94B jet interceptor saw a large round spinning object throwing off a blue light. At 10:47 p.m., same or different F-94B jet fighter chased bluegreen or green object circling at high speed, with airborne radar tracking and lock on. Another [?] F-94 intercepted 2 objects with flickering white light and swishing circling blue light which passed the jet, with airborne radar tracking and ground visual observation. [Confusion with Misawa case below??] (Berliner; cf. Weinstein)

July 22, 1952; Boston, Mass (BBU)
10:25 p.m.. F-89 crews attempted to intercept UFO observed visually. No radar contact. Afterburners used with no success. (BB files; FUFOR Index)

July 22, 1952. Quincy, Mass (BBU 1556)
From 10:45 to 10:48 p.m. (EST) Officer of the Day, Navy Lt Cdr W. J. Adams, with Marine Air Detachment S/Sgt Anthony Di Nallo, at Squantum Naval Air Station, Quincy (and Navy Seaman Rolf Hellum 1 mile to S and possibly 1-2 other base personnel) received calls from 6 civilians in
area (total duration 7-8 mins apparently beginning about 10:40 p.m.) then looked and saw 2 blue-green lights brighter than magnitude +1 stars maneuvering and passing over base, possibly at 800-900 mph at 40,000 to 50,000 ft, first seen in SE at 45° elevation then moved directly overhead [90°] reversed course back to SE to 45° elevation without noticeable turning, then again passed overhead this making wide

arc to NE without changing altitude. Not dimmed by distance, disappeared suddenly as if switched turned off one light then the other at 10:48 p.m. (EST).

July 22, 1952. Quincy, Mass (BBU 1556)
At 10:47 p.m. (EST) 2nd UFO sighting by USAF pilot Lt Charles R. Hearn and radar observer Lt Charles E. West in F-94B jet fighter at 35,000 ft and 210 knots IAS heading 180° (at 42°10' N, 71° W) sighted green object with visual for about 30 secs then pilot kept eyes on instrument panel, kicked in afterburner to chase, got airborne radar tracking of F-94-sized target for 4 mins starting at about 10,000 to 12,000 yards range (about 6-7 mi) with 50 knot closure rate keeping UFO at 5° high and 5° to left then got radar lockon but at 3,000 yards (about 2 mi) UFO broke lock with hard right downward turn and disappeared. (Sparks; BB & AFOSI files; Berliner; cf. Weinstein)

July 22, 1952. MacDill AFB, Florida (BBU)
10:30 p.m. (EST). MacDill AFB air traffic control tower operator sighted for ½ hour a red-greenish-blue object to the WSW at about 45° elevation with 2 other [similar?] objects to the N of it, smaller and/or farther away and lower in elevation angle (?). Tower operator sighted another object to the SSE about 30° elevation at 11:30 p.m. MacDill AFB Detachment 21, 3944th Radar Bomb-scoring Sq (RBS),radar tracked object at 12:03 a.m. (July 23) at azimuth160° range 65,000 yards (37 mi) at 41,200 ft altitude on a heading of 310° True [almost directly towards MacDill AFB] speed 462 knots [532 mph]. Tampa Radar Bomb-scoring Sq also tracked object at 160° azimuth [about SSE] altitude 41,000 ft [reportedly, in 1998 account, Navy and CAA radars also tracked object]. At 12:08 a.m. USAF pilot and copilot of B-29 bomber with 364th Bomb Sq on landing approach were vectored by MacDill tower operator to investigate, saw high speed object at 40,000 ft heading towards MacDill AFB on a heading of 308° traveling faster than the B-29. 4 airmen at MacDill AFB radar site sighted object as it passed close [nearly overhead?]. (According to 1998 report of B-29 pilot, an AF Lt Col, they were flying at 20,000 ft; the B-29 fire control radar locked on to object at 40,000 ft and prepared to fire when UFO changed course and disappeared at 4,000 knots speed.) MacDill RBS lost object on radar at range 145,000 yards [82 mi] azimuth 310° (about NW) [at about 12:15 a.m.]. Civilians near base sighted object(s) visually. (Sparks; Robert Klinn; Project 1947; McDonald list; BB files; NICAP; NUFORC)

July 23, 1952; Culver City, Calif.
Several aircraft plant employees saw a bright silvery elliptical object that moved northwest, then stopped and hovered. Two small discs emerged and circled around the area before rejoining the mother ship. The object then climbed straight up out of sight at tremendous speed.

July 23, 1952. Near Boston, Mass (BBU)
1:15-1:18 a.m. (EST). Watch duty CG Seaman Henry Arnpriester, Nahant Coast Guard Station, sighted 2 bluish flat disc-shaped objects side-by-side estimated 5 ft in diameter (at 1,100 to 2,000 ft altitude?) in the SE at about 45° elevation descending and headed NW towards him until reaching distance of about 1-1/2 miles when suddenly reversed direction like “a ball bouncing off a wall” returning to SE and climbing without any change in apparent speed until gradually disappearing due to

distance. [See July 22 sightings near Boston / Braintree, Mass.] (Sparks; AFOSI files; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

July 23, 1952; Nahant, MA
2:15-218 a.m. A Seaman on watch at Nahant Coast Guard Station observed two (2) bluish lights approximately 5 feet in diameter, appearing as flat, disc-shaped objects having no aerodynamic features and moving without sound or exhaust trail at a speed faster than a four-engine airliner at an altitude of 1,100 to 2,000 feet. When they were at a distance of approximately 1 1/2miles from the point of observation, they executed an extremely sharp turn, described by observer to be similar to the path of a ball bouncing off a wall. (BB files)

July 23, 1952; Santa Cruz, California (BB)
4:10 a.m. Three or more circular lights were seen high in the sky changing colors from blue to red to purple. Two of the objects circled overhead and then sped away at high speed then returned to hover overhead. The lights were observed from 4:10 to 4:54 a.m. Page two of the teletype message states: (3) "Visual with possible GCI radar sighting PD". (Dan Wilson, BB files)

July 22-23, 1952; Trenton, New Jersey (BBU 1572)
10:50 p.m. 12:45, 1:28-3:47 a.m. Crews of several USAF F-94 jet interceptors from Dover AFB, Del., made 13 visual sightings and one radar tracking of blue-white [orange?] lights. White, green and blue lights were seen by ground observers and F-94 pilots moving in arcs and blinking out suddenly. F-94 crew got radar lock on at 30,000 ft away of object the size of an F94, at 9,000 ft away the object made a sharp right turn, suddenly dropped in height and disappeared. Other sightings in the Dover-Trenton area. 2 hrs. (Berliner; Loren Gross)

July 23, 1952; Jamestown, Rhode Island (BBU)
7:36 a.m. USN radar tracked high speed target heading N at 42,000 ft and confirmed by ADC radar at Camp Hero, N.Y. F-94's and F-86's scrambled unsuccessfully. (McDonald list; Loren Gross, Dan Wilson)

July 23, 1952; Pottstown, Penna (BBU 1554)
8:40 a.m. 2-man crews of 3 USAF F-94 jet interceptors saw a large silver object, shaped like a long pear with 2-3 squares beneath it, fly at 150-180 knots (170-210 mph), while a smaller object, delta-shaped or swept back, flew around it at 1,000-1,500 knots (1,150-1,700 mph (Berliner, Schroeder)

July 23, 1952; Alexandria, Virginia
9:00 p.m. A red object, size undetermined, was sighted southwest of Alexandria, Virginia. The object hovered for 10 minutes, then disappeared in a westerly direction at a high rate of speed. The witnesses were a County Policeman, two airmen and a civilian. (BB docs) (Note: The Alvin Moore "Fragment" was found at Vienna, Virginia, which is WNW of Alexandria. Alexandria is where the red object was seen on July 23, 1952. The object was last seen moving to the west).

July 23, 1952; Nr. Washington, DC
9:00 p.m. Air Force jet shoots at UFO. Wilbert Smith (Canadian Project Magnet) admitted that a number of fragments from UFOs had been recovered and analyzed by his research group, including one that had been shot (by AF jet) from a UFO near Washington (Alvin Moore fragment). Said Smith: "I was informed that the disk was glowing and was about two feet in diameter. A glowing chunk flew off and the pilot saw it glowing all the way to the ground. He radioed his report and a ground party hurried to

the scene. The thing was still glowing when they found it an hour later...." (See Frank Edwards audiotape)

Map Showing Sightings Matches Area of Recovery

July 23, 1952; Altoona, Penna (BBU 1567)
12:50 p.m. 2-man crews of 2 USAF F-94 jet interceptors at 35,00046,000 ft altitude saw 3 cylindrical objects in a vertical stack formation fly at an altitude of 50,00080,000 ft. 20-mins. (Berliner)

July 23, 1952; Long Beach, California (BB)
1:50 p.m. local. The witness Collinson located at the Naval Ship Yard observed a orange red oval elliptical shaped object overhead moving at a high rate of speed. The object at an estimated altitude of 4,000 feet did a zigzag maneuver and was in view for about 16 seconds. The object appeared as large as a nickel held at arm's length. (Blue Book files/Dan Wilson)

July 23, 1952, near Springfield, Ohio
Bt. 8:05 and 10:15 p.m. two lights, some described them as white globes, were seen high in the sky. Jet aircraft were seen near where the lights were seen and later it was learned that the 97th Fighter Squadron had scrambled some of its planes and they were investigating the incident. At 8:05 p.m. (2055), Major A. S. Griffin, Base Comptrollers Office, called in a report that while he was at the scout camp near Yellow Springs, Ohio, at almost dark, he had seen three lights high above the Springfield Municipal Airport. He watched the object through field glasses and he said there were two jets that appeared to be investigating.

July 23, 1952; Lockbourne AFB, OH
This case was investigated by OSI. Numerous witnesses observed four (4) objects hovering in the vicinity of the Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio. The objects were round and fluorescent white in color. Two F-84 jets were dispatched from Lockbourne AFB, but were unable to identify the objects. Approximately 90 per cent of the personnel at the base observed the objects. Later through means of triangulation the objects were determined to be at 75,000 feet in altitude.

July 23, 1952; E of Misawa AFB, Japan (BBU)
8:20 p.m. USAF pilot flying F-94 jet fighter chased blue-green fireball. (Weinstein)

July 23, 1952; South Bend, Indiana (BBU 1578)
11:35 p.m. USAF pilot Capt. H. W. Kloth saw 2 bright blue-white objects flying together, then the rear one veered off. 9 mins. (Berliner)

July 23, 1952; Braintree, Mass
Cat 9. G,A,V

July 24, 1952; Vico, Italy
A man who was fishing in the Serchio night River saw a disk hovering for 10 min. From it hung a hose that plunged into the water. The object was 20 m in diameter, with five propellers in the rear and a dome with something like blades on top. An orange glow could be seen through slits along the deck. A man wearing a diving helmet looked at the witness through a window, and he received a kind of electric shock as a "green ray" hit him. He looked up with difficulty, in time to see the object fly away toward the east. Six days later a stranger with a foreign accent contacted the witness and intimidated him.

(FSR 69,1)

July 24, 1952. Carson Sink, Nevada. (BBU 1584)
3:40 p.m. (MST). USAF HQ Directorate of Operations Lt. Cols. John L. McGinn (Deputy of Ops, Fighter Br) and John R. Barton (AFOOP-OP-D) flying E in a B-25 bomber at 11,000 ft and 185 knots airspeed saw 3 silver white, delta-shaped or arrowhead-shaped objects at their 1 o'clock position slightly larger than the size of F-86's (40 ft), each with a ridge along the top, in Vformation, cross in front of and above the B-25 from right to left (S to N) at about 1,200 to 2,400 ft away at about 1,800+ mph. (Berliner; NARCAP; cf. Ruppelt pp. 10-1; NICAP)

July 24, 1952; Travis AFB, Calif. (BBU 1588)
(NARA)

July 24, 1952; MacDill AFB, Florida. (BBU)
10:45 p.m. USAF pilot and copilot of bomber with 364th Bomb Sq saw high speed object over MacDill AFB tracked by ground radar. (Project 1947; McDonald list)

July 24, 1952; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
11:20 p.m. (0820Z July 25). 1st Lt. Jones, pilot, and 2nd Lt. Aubrey M. Brenner, radar observer, while flying in an F-94 SE of Talkeetha, Alaska, made radar contact which appeared larger than an F-94 at 14,000 yards. Lock-on was accomplished at this time with a target speed of 40 knots greater than of the aircraft. Aircraft speed was increased to 350 knots in a 4200 feet per minute climb. The target was still pulling away at over 100 knots. After a climb to 18,500 feet the target appeared to level off and increase speed. The chase was broken off at this time.

July 24, 1952; Clovis, New Mexico
2130 hours. 140th Fighter-Bomber Wing. First page of document states that unidentified flying objects similar to types reported seen over "Operation Desert Rock" (Oct. 30, 1951) were observed by an officer of this wing on July 24, 1952.

> In late July the 1952 wave reached some kind of a peak, with fantastic sightings happening one after the other. All across the United States from July 25 through early August, Air Defense Command radar detected unknown objects flying through the skies, and jet interceptors scrambled to pursue them saw unidentified luminous objects exactly where both ground and airborne radar showed them to be. These sightings had profound implications for national defense, and accordingly were treated with great urgency. A lot of the details were kept secret from the public, but the cat was out of the bag on publicity because too many highly credible people were reporting sightings and the news media were looking for answers.

July 25, 1952; Manassas, Virginia (BB)
At around 12:00 a.m. EST, a bright light was observed in the sky east of Manassas by members of the 647th AC&W Squadron. The object was extremely bright. The object was in view for approximately 4 hours. Two F-94 pilots from the 148th Fighter Interceptor Squadron were scrambled to intercept an object. The two F-94 pilots sighted the object but estimated the altitude to be far beyond the capability of their aircraft. Number of observers: At least 2 from the air/ several (11) from the ground. (Dan Wilson)

July 25, 1952; Wilmington, Delaware (BBU)
Afternoon. VA employee saw 2 discs reflecting light in a climb.

July 25, 1952, Osceola, Wisconsin (BB)
Numerous unidentified objects were picked up on radar by the 674th AC&W Squadron in the morning. Speeds varied on the radar scope between 14,400 knots and 20,000 knots. There was correlation between these electronic sightings and visual sightings made by pilots of the 109th Fighter Squadron from Minneapolis, Minnesota. [Electronic Interference - Brad Sparks] (BB files, Dan Wilson)

July 26, 1952; Kirtland AFB, New Mexico (BBU 1637)
12:05 a.m. The Air Intelligence Information Report was filled out in accordance with AFL 200-5. It states that Airman 1st Class J. M. Donaldson was standing near the Service Club when he saw 8, 9, or 10 bright orange objects flying in a triangular formation, with the wedge appearing to be open. At ground level they were at 30-degree elevation, north of his position and moving W to E. The speed of the objects was faster than any aircraft he had ever seen and he observed them for about 3 or 4 seconds. He never saw any exhaust or trail. Ceiling was unlimited, visibility approximately 50 miles, winds N at 16 mph. Reliability of witness considered excellent. Listed as Unidentified. (Berliner)

July 26, 1952; Hampton, and bet. Newport News and Langley AFB, Virginia (BBU)
12:15-12:45? a.m. Ground observers saw a brilliant luminous alternately bright silver, red and green object hovering over the James River Bridge at about 1,500 ft for 1/2 hour, then ascend towards the E where seen by Langley AFB tower. USAF crews of 2 F-94's and ground observers saw 4 round silver/bluish objects in Vformation shoot straight up and disappear at 5,000 ft, one tracked by USN ground radar at Norfolk and by airborne radars. (Weinstein; Project 1947? Condon Committee?)

July 26, 1952. Kansas City, Missouri. (BBU 1628)
12:15 a.m. USAF Capt. H. A. Stone, men in control towers at Fairfax Field and Municipal Airport, saw a greenish light with red-orange flashes descend in the NW from 40° to 10° elevation. 1 hr. (Berliner)

July 26, 1952; Langley AFB, Virginia (BBU 1732)
2:30 p.m. USAF Capt D. G. Moore, military air traffic controller, tracked an object on an AN/MPN-1C radar set for two minutes below 5,000 ft altitude, heading toward the air base. It was approaching Langley from the South from a distance of approximately 15 miles. The unidentified target was moving extremely fast and disappeared from the radar sccope at 8 miles south of Langley AFB. Speed was determined to be approximately 2,600 miles an hour (speed determined by seven (7) sweeps of the radar scope. (Berliner)

July 26, 1952; Williams, Calif. (BBU Missing)
5:15 p.m. (PST). [N Calif. F-94C intercept case involving large orangeyellow object moving fast and slow, tracked by airborne and ground radars?? (Weinstein)] Air Defense Command radar detected a UFO, F-94 jet interceptor scrambled, locked onto the object with its radar, crew saw a yellow-orange light. As confirmed by ground and airborne radar, the UFO played tag with the F-94, alternately accelerating away when it got close, then slowing down until it caught up again. (Ruppelt, pp. 222-223.)

July 26, 1952; Plainview, Texas (BBU)
7:17 p.m. The observers in a T-33 were Maj. Eldon A. Klapal and 1st Lt. Jack Chadurgian on a flight from Kelly AFB to Denver, Colorado. The object illuminated a brilliant white light while hovering and when moving flickered orange and/or bluish color.

July 26, 1952; Plainview, Texas (BBU)
7:17 p.m. USAF pilot and copilot of T-33 saw a stationary object move in a slight descent changing color from white to blue. (Project 1947)

> The spectacular radar-visual sightings at Washington, D.C., on the weekend of July 19/20 were repeated with some new twists on the following weekend.
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> The Washington Invasion, July 26/27, 1952 - Richard Hall

July 26-27, 1952; Andrews AFB and Washington National Airport, Wash., D.C. (BBU 1661)
8 p.m. [9:50? p.m. EDT] until after 12 midnight [1:00? a.m. EDT]. Radar operators at several airports, airline and F-94 fighter pilots, sighted and tracked many unidentified blips and/or lights all over Washington area, at varying speeds. 3 hrs. 10 mins. (Berliner)

> "I saw several bright lights. I was at my maximum speed, but even then I had no closing speed....Later I chased a single bright light which I estimated about 10 miles away. I lost visual contact with it [at] about 2 miles." -- Lt. William Patterson, F-94 pilot who chased UFOs over Washington, D.C.

July 26, 1952; Atlantic 200 miles S of New York City, New York (BBU)
8:30 p.m. USAF B-29 gunner, 301st Bomb Wing, saw 3 amber edged [?] white flashing objects traveling at Mach 1. (Project 1947)

July 26, 1952; Florence, South Carolina (BBU)
10:04 [10:10?] p.m. Eastern Airlines Flight 606 Constellation pilot and 2 crew members saw a steady white light traveling at high speed in a straight line at 22,000 ft. (Project 1947)

> Joel Carpenter:
> JOINT SAC/ADC EXERCISE. The next flying exercise took place on 27 July, as the wing launched 21 B-36s (7-9th, 7-436th and 7-492nd Bomb Squadron) from Carswell, as part of a joint SAC/ADC attack on Detroit, Michigan. En route to Detroit, the bombers were intercepted by Air Defense Command North American F-86 and Lockheed F-94 fighters. The North American F-86 Sabre was the Air Forces first swept-wing fighter, entering operational service in February 1949. The Lockheed F-94 Starfire was the first jet-powered all-weather fighter to enter service with the Air Force and first to feature a speed-boosting afterburner. It became operational in May 1950 with the Continental Air Command. Fighter opposition was considered ineffective as all bombers attacked the target then returned to Carswell the same day.

July 27 [25?], 1952; Wilmington, Delaware (BBU 1664?)
At 2300Z Mr. James R. Thomas observed one cylindrical object with a domed top and bottom moving northwest to southeast. The object appeared to move in an upright position. The object disappeared suddenly. Sighting lasted for approximately 90 seconds.

July 27, 1952; 10 miles SSW of Columbus, Ohio (BBU)

12:05 a.m. USAF pilot & crew chief of B-25 with 3 Pentagon Colonels on board saw a white light with 4 flashing lights stationary then move. (Project 1947)

July 27, 1952; Selfridge AFB, Mich. (BBU 1680)
10:05 a.m. 3 B-29 bomber crewmen on ground saw many round, white objects fly straight and level, very fast. Two at 10:05, one each at 10:10, 10:15, 10:20. (Berliner)

July 27, 1952; Ann Arbor, Mich
Biologist reported "flotilla" of rocket-like UFOs. [UFOE, VI]

July 27, 1952; Manhatten Beach, Calif. (BBU) [CCL Item #31]
At 6:35 p.m., a group of eight witnesses including pilots and engineers observed a large silvery object moving rapidly at high altitude, then making a turn. As they watched, the object separated into seven discs which then formed into groups, circled, and sped out of sight. It appeared as if a stack of coins had smoothly separated, the pilot told investigators. (Air Force Intelligence report.)

July 27, 1952; Belleville, Illinois (BB)
Bt. 7:20 p.m. and 8:30 p.m CST. Four objects were observed on ground radar equipment (FPS-3) of the 798th AC&W Squadron. The objects were eliptical in shape and the target return was comparable with B-50 or B-36 echos. The speed of the objects was estimated at 2,800 to 3,200 knots and the direction of travel was from south to north and north to south. (Dan Wilson)

July 27, 1952; Washington, D.C.
At 7:30 p.m. Both Air Force personnel and National Airport employees observed a large round object reflecting sunlight as it hovered over the U.S. Capitol Building. After about one minute the object ...wavered then shot straight up disappearing from sight. Air Force intelligence report.)

July 27, 1952; The Pentagon, Washinton, D.C.
2000 hours on July 27 and 0200 hours July 28, 1952, Mrs.XX observed a white light immediately over the Pentagon, then it made a direct descent toward the Pentagon, stopped and veered off.

July 27, 1952; Wichita Falls, Texas (BBU 1684)
8:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Ellis saw 2 disc-shaped objects, illuminated by a phosphorus light, fly at an estimated 1,000 mph. (Berliner)

July 28, 1952; Baltimore, Maryland
0031 to 0237 Hours. FLYOBRPT. Mr. S. Robert Tralins observed 17 shooting lights moving in varied directions at extremely high speed. The observer holds a private pilot's license.

July 28, 1952; McChord AFB, Washington (BBU 1708)
2:15 a.m. T/Sgt. Walstead and S/Sgt. Calkins of the 635th AC&W Sq ADC radar site saw a dull, glowing, bluegreen ball, size of a dime at arms' length, fly very fast, straight and level. (Berliner)

July 28, 1952; Hallock, Minn. (BBU)
(FUFOR Index)

July 28, 1952; McGuire AFB, New Jersey (BBU 1707)

6 a.m. GCA radar operator M/Sgt. W. F. Dees, and persons in the base control tower. Radar tracked a large cluster of very distinct blips. Visual observation was of oblong objects having neither wings nor tail, which made a very fast turn, at one time in echelon formation. 55-secs. (Berliner)

> July 28, Washington, D.C. Daily newspapers headlined a United Press story from Washington reporting that the Air Defense Command had ordered its pilots to pursue and, if necessary, shoot down UFOs sighted anywhere in the country.
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> July 28, Washington, D.C. President Truman phoned CIA Director Gen. Walter B. Smith and asked him to investigate the AF's mishandling of the Washington National cases and its general approach to the UFO subject.

July 28, 1952; Osceola, Wisconsin
Ground Control Intercept radar, Air Force pilot, plane spotter of G.O.C., tracked several UFOs. [UFOE, VIII]

July 28, 1952; Heidelberg, West Germany (BBU 1700)
10:20 p.m. Sgt. B. C. Grassmoen and WAC PFC A.P. Turner saw a saucer-shaped object having appearance of light metal giving off shafts of white light, fly slow, make 90° turn and climb away fast. 4-5 mins. (Berliner)

July 28-29, 1952; 20 miles W of Port Huron, Mich (BBU) [CCL Item #17]
9:40-10 p.m. (EST). An Aircraft Control and Warning Station in Michigan, July 29, 1952, reported an extremely important case: Ground Control Intercept tracked UFO by radar, target speed 550 knots. Chased by F-94s; one got a radar lock-on; bright flashing light seen at the same time, same position. Although numerous incidents involve clearer, closer encounters, this was one that convinced a lot of people simply because of what the UFO apparently did. (See Digesting the Data below) This was item # 17 on the Chop clearance list. Surprisingly, the case is not listed among the Blue Book "unknowns", but there were no less than six "unknowns" on that very day. Two days prior to this was the Selfridge ADC attempted intercept mission. Less than a week later, the Port Huron case was upgraded to SECRET.

July 29, 1952; Enid, Oklahoma
Sidney Eubank went to the Enid police station and told Sergeant Vern Bennell that an enormous disk had buzzed his car as he drove between Bison and Waukonis on Highway 81. The rush of air made the car leave the road while the object flew west very fast. (Anatomy 134)

July 29, 1952; Osceola, Wisc. (BBU 1731)
1:30 a.m. Radar operators on ground and pilot of F-5l Mustang in flight. Several clusters of up to 10 small radar targets and one large target. Small targets moved from SW to E at 50-60 knots (60-70 mph), following each other. Large target moved at 600 knots (700 mph). Pilot confirmed one target. 1 hr. Dummary says photos were taken. (Berliner)

July 29, 1952; Washington, D.C.
CAA radar in the early morning tracked 8 to 12 UFOs at a time traveling about 100-120 m.p.h. in a 10-mile arc around the Nations Capital. When an Eastern Airlines pilot tried to check on the radar targets at CAA request at 3:00 a.m., he saw nothing. The targets disappeared from CAA radar screens when the airliner approached, then came back in behind him after he passed through the area.

July 29, 1952; Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico (BBU)
4 weather observers including base weather officer sighted several high-speed discs through theodolite. (Hynek UFO Rpt. pp. 114-5)

July 29, 1952; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU) [CCL Item #18]
10 a.m. Several Los Alamos Scientific Lab and other witnesses saw white object moving E to W, about 1.8°/sec angular velocity, with gyrating or fluttering motion. 2 jet interceptors from Kirtland AFB arrived about 5 mins later chasing object W to E, all 3 leaving contrails. At 10:57 a.m. light-brown eggshaped object with wings was sighted hovering then shot off to the NW disappearing in 3 secs. 30 secs. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 61-64)

July 29, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico [CCL Item # 19]
9:15 p.m. Witness saw a flight of luminous objects, at least 10, pass over Albuquerque. "Whatever they were, they made a “flying saucers” believer out of me. They resembled nothing I has seen before. Their flight was soundless and graceful. At first they appeared overhead.They were clustered together in no apparent pattern, heading north.Then they shifted to a perfect V. the shift was done with precision. The formation resembled a flight of geese. Within a few seconds they formed a new pattern two rows with the objects in front spaced at exact intervals. The “saucers” in the second row were spaced evenly between those in the first row." (Dan Wilson)

> July 29, Washington, D.C., Press Conference
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> What was characterized as the largest Air Force press conference since the end of World War II was held, with Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, Director of Air Force Intelligence, presiding. He attributed the radar-visual UFO sightings to weather effects, temperature inversions that caused radar mirages. 41-second sound byte (Courtesy, Wendy Connors and the Faded Disc Archive)

July 29, 1952; Wichita, Kansas (BBU 1739)
12:35 p.m. USAF shop employees Douglas and Hess at Municipal Airport saw a bright white circular object with a flat bottom fly very fast then hover 10-15 secs over the Cessna Aircraft Co. plant. 5 mins. (Berliner)

July 29, 1952; Ennis, Montana
Bt. 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. MST. The sighting at Ennis, Montana was made by Ben Shaffer and about 11 other witnesses. At a time between 1400 and 1500 hours MST, Shaffer saw an object hovering over a mountain while driving his car. He stopped the car. The object then formed a cloud around itself. Shortly after three smaller disc like objects came bursting out of the cloud from different angles at an estimated 200 mph. The objects accelerated into an arc and disappeared. Shaffer had eight-power binoculars when he was watching this action. Shaffer stopped two other cars, one from Ohio had 50-power binoculars. Now there were about 12 observers watching with the naked eye and through binoculars. After the 3 disc like objects had left the cloud 5 objects appeared on the right side of the cloud in V formation traveling slowly and then each of these objects formed a small cloud around themselves. Then these objects one at a time entered the big cloud one behind the other. There were no other clouds visible in the sky within range of vision. During this time Shaffer took colored moving pictures with a Bell and Howell camera and still pictures with a Kodak Retina camera. Shaffer turned the undeveloped films over to Major McCarthy of the 29th Air Division at Great Falls AFB, Montana. After watching this phenomenon for about 30 minutes another cloud formed to the left of the highway and the same phenomenon occurred with objects leaving and

returning.

July 29, 1952; Ennis, Montana (BBU 1747)
3:40 p.m. MST. USAF personnel, alerted that UFO's were coming from the direction of Seattle, saw 2-5 flat disc-shaped objects, one hovered 3-4 mins, while the others circled it. Sighting length of 30 mins not explained further. Sgt. Boden at Great Falls AFB, Mont., heard a transmission from McChord AFB, Seattle, Washington of 'flying saucers' hovering there and that the saucers were headed towards Great Falls AFB, Montana. The transmission was over Plan 62 Voice Circuit Several people heard this transmission which was cut off right after 'flying saucers' was mentioned. Later McChord AFB denied making such a transmission. There were about 50 witnesses to this event. 30 mins. (Berliner)

July 29, 1952; Merced, Calif. (BBU 1738)
3:44 or 4:35 p.m. Herbert Mitchell and employee saw a dark, discusshaped object, trailed by a silvery light 2 lengths behind, tipped on its side, dive, hesitate then circle very fast. 2 min. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

July 29, 1952; Miami, Florida
9:30 PM. Mayher movie Ralph Mayher, using 16 mm film exposed at 24 frames per second, obtained good footage of a high speed UFO. Retaining a few frames for personal study, Mr. Mayher submitted the main portion of the film to the Air Force for analysis. The film was never returned and no analysis report was ever released. Enlargements of a few frames show a fiery looking roughly circular object, symmetrical, with two small peaks or projection on opposite sides of the disc. [UFOE VIII, BB docs, see full report directory]

July 29, 1952; Port Huron, Michigan
9:40 p.m. CST an Air Force radar station plotted an unidentified target moving at 550 knots. An F-94 in the area was asked to investigate, and its airborne radar locked onto the UFO which appeared as a bright flashing colored light. The object, showing on ground radar along with the F-94, outdistanced the interceptor.

July 30, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 1758)
10:00 a.m. George and Everett Nye observed one round object giving off a bright luminous color like a glittering diamond. The object hovered directly overhead at approximately 5,000 feet and upon approach of a C-97 aircraft it made a rapid ascent to approximately 10,000 feet. The object then moved off laterally at a tremendous rate of speed many times faster that conventional aircraft. The observers also stated that the object was larger than a conventional aircraft. The object was observed for approximately 30 minutes (Berline, Dan wilson)

July 30, 1952; Atlanta, Georgia (BBU)
(FUFOR Index)

July 30, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU 1755)
11:02 p.m. Kirtland AFB USAF 1st Lt. George Funk saw a stationary orange light. No further details in files. 10 mins. (Berliner)

July 30, 1952; Keesler AFB, Mississippi
At 11:55 p.m. CST, Capt. Eugene P. Daspit and T/Sgt James E. Hansen sighted an unusual object on the PPI scope of an AN/CPS-5 radar set at Keesler AFB, Mississippi. The radar target was teardrop shaped and was first sighted at an azimuth of 335 degrees approximately 43 miles distant. The target moved very slowly south for approx. two

minutes, then it stopped for approx. four minutes. It then began to move slowly north for three minutes, then stopped for two minutes and disappeared. After approx. three minutes the target reappeared and began moving north at a more rapid pace and disappeared completely at a distance of 50 miles from the radar site. (Dan Wilson)

July 30, 1952; Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico (BBU)
Bt. 9:10 and 9:20 p.m. MST. A/1C Scott C. Owen observed a bright white light, the intensity of which changed from bright to dim to bright and made a 180 turn in a wide arc. The light was moving ESE flying straight and level until approximately 80 degrees of the turn was made. The object then came to almost a complete stop momentarily, gained speed, started climbing , leveled off and faded from sight. No sound was heard from the object. The speed of the object appeared to be faster than a jet aircraft. The length of the sighting was approximately 1 minute. (FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

July 31, 1952; 15 miles E of Yokota AFB, Japan (BBU)
10:10 p.m. USAF pilot Leach and copilot Kato of C-47 with 548th Tech Recon Sq saw an object at 7,000 ft off their left wing. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

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Newspaper Articles in BB Files for the period (pdf file)

AIR INTELLIGENCE DIGEST
Sometime in August the article by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt for the AIR INTELLIGENCE DIGEST, which went to high commands around the world and was classified.was, slated for release. So far the evidence indicates the article was never printed or appeared on another date. In any case all we have is the first draft found in Project Blue Book files above.

Aug, 1952; Seat Pleasant, Maryland
About 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Suzanne E. Knight, a young housewife and mother, saw a UFO at close range with what appeared to be an occupant aboard. On that hot summer evening, Mrs. Knight was in her kitchen when she heard a peculiar "bzzt" noise, apparently against the screen of the kitchen window. The noise was repeated several times and thinking it was a large insect, she went to the window and looked out. [See detailed version below *] ( NICAP New Look, Section VII)

Aug.1952; Skylight Mtn., Washington County, Ark. (BBU)
3:30 p.m. Inverted tin colored saucers, 4:1 width/thickness ratio, darted in and out of cloud bank, in 5 mile circles in 5 secs [3,600 mph]. 5 secs. (Berliner)

Aug, 1952; Falls Church, Virginia [CCL Item # 39]
This report is case #39, on the official clearance list of 41 formerly classified Air Technical Intelligence UFO reports cleared for Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe by Albert M. Chop, Air Force Press Desk. Falls Church, Va. Preliminary report on a sighting in

August, 1952; rotating light UFO seen by ground observers including police. When police officer tilted scout car spotlight upward, object seemed to descend toward it. Light was hurriedly turned off, and object rose to former height, continued rotating. No documents were found. (Chop list, Fran Ridge)

Aug. 1, 1952; Lancaster, Calif. (BBU 1771)
1:14 a.m. Sheriff's deputies and others, one named Mallette, saw 2 brilliant red lights hovering and maneuvering. 5 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 1, 1952; Vincennes, Indiana
10:38 a.m. Three miles south of the town, on a farm, three men were painting a farrowing barn. There was a jet-like roar. All the witnesses (one later was to become a Catholic priest) agreed it was a flying saucer that stopped in mid-air and began to lower itself toward the ground like a helicopter. Then it stopped, remained there for 20-seconds, ascended to original height and went west, then east, then west, each time making a loud sonic boom, and swept toward the southwest with extreme speed. (UFO Filter Center files).

Aug. 1, 1952; Near Troy [radar at Bellefontaine], Ohio (BBU) [CCL Item # 20]
10:51-11:13 a.m. (EST). USAF ADC radar site 664th AC&W Sq at Bellefontaine atop Campbell Hill at 1549 ft elevation (40°22'20" N, 83°43'10" W). tracked target 20 miles NNW of Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, traveling 400-450 knots (500 mph) on a heading of 240° about WSW and vectored 2 F-86's piloted by Major James B. Smith and Lt. Donald J. Hemer, located 10 miles SW of the UFO. Jets made visual contact in 4 mins at 10:55, climbed to 48,000 ft, fell off, climbed again to 48,000 ft and Smith got a weak return on his radar gun sight, shot gun camera film of the 24-40 ft white round object or silver-colored sphere or disc estimated at 60,00070,000 ft and filmed by gun camera a white round object [which then took off at high speed ?]. F-86s broke off intercept at about 11:05 or 11:13 a.m., apparently about 100 miles WSW of Dayton. Film reportedly shows UFO image in the upper right of the frames with noticeable motion to the lower left. 22 mins. (BB Rpt 8; cf. Ruppelt pp. 174-6; Keyhoe 1953 p. 107)

Aug. 1, 1952; Sharonville, Ohio
Brilliant white disc observed at low altitude. Others reported oval object. [UFOE, XII]

Aug. 1, 1952; Albuquerque, N.M.
At 9:50 p.m. a Scripps-Howard reporter saw a cluster of glowing white objects overhead. The objects shifted around into various patterns, including a perfect V at one point. Their shifts in position were incredibly swift and fantastically violent, he said. "They made a flying saucer believer out of me." (New York World-Telegram, Aug. 2, 1952.)

Aug. 2, 1952; Lake Charles, Louisiana (BBU 1783)
3 a.m. USAF 1st Lt. W. A. Theil and enlisted man Edwards saw a red ball with blue flame tail fly straight and level. 3-4 secs. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 2, 1952; Lubbock, TX
8:57 a.m. to 9:03 a.m. Five civilian men observed a metallic looking spherical shaped object hanging in the air. The only apparent movement was a quivering motion. The object after about six minutes moved straight east until it disappeared into a cloud bank. One witness, Mr. Gibbs, was very familiar with weather balloons and he was positive that the object was not a balloon of any type. Reese AFB was located just west of

Lubbock, Texas. (PBB files)

Aug. 2, 1952; Houlton, ME (BBU)
9:55 p.m. Smart and another witness on a wharf saw 21 objects traveling 200-600 mph. 35 mins. Objects were disc-shaped and seen to the north and northeast. Witnesses were Jack Smart and his wife Patricia Smart. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 3, 1952; Truth or Consequences, New Mexico (BBU) [CCL Item 21] (BBU)
10:20 p.m. Civilian engineer Anderson saw 3 lightgreen cylindrical objects hovering at 45° elevation in inverted-V formation, switching to echelon when one object moved, with a rolling motion along its long axis. Disappeared by rapidly rising vertically. 9 mins. (BB Rpt 8; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 3, 1952; Hamilton AFB, California [CCL Item #33]
4:15-5:30 p.m. (PDT). Two AF pilots Capt. L. R. Hadley and Lt. D. A. Swimley, and AF Capt. W. T. Perske, saw visually and with binoculars two circular or spherical silvery objects 60-100 ft diameter at 12,000 and 18,000 ft drifting E to W on a 15-mile track passing overhead, darting and dog fighting at estimated 400-450 mph, the upper object dropping from 18,000 to 12,000 ft, at the end joined by 8 more similar objects appearing in pairs in the W about 15-20 miles distant. No sound. 1 hr 15 mins + ? 3 witnesses.

Aug 3, 1952; Kirtland AFB, New Mexico (BB)
10:20 p.m. MST. A CAA engineer in SAC Station observed three oblong translucent objects in an inverted V-formation in the sky to the north at 40 degrees elevation. The speed of the objects was near sonic and no sound was heard. The objects were in conventional maneuver except for one flip flop or tumble which showed one of the objects as plate shaped. Duration: 9 mins. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Somethings' Over The Capital Are Traced On Radar (Life Magazine, Aug. 4, 1952)

Aug. 4, 1952; Phoenix, Ariz. (BBU 1812)
2:20 a.m. USAF A/3c W. F. Vain [and Parker?] saw a yellow ball which lengthened and narrowed to plate shape, fly straight and level. 5 mins. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 4, 1952; Mt. Vernon, New York (BBU 1813)
11:37 a.m. Woman and 2 children saw an object, shaped like a lifesaver or donut, emitting black smoke from its top and making a 15° [?] [reciprocating?] arc in 1.5 mins. 2 hrs. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 5-6, 1952; Washington, D.C. area
During the night two to ten unidentified objects flying at speeds from 30 to 40 miles an hour were seen on radarscopes at Civil Aeronautics Administration headquarters at Washington National Airport. The blips were also reported on radar at nearby Andrews AFB, where an aircraft was sent up to 15,000 feet to investigate but returned because of the overcast. (Dan Wilson)

Aug. 5, 1952; Bet. Lima and Huacho, Peru (BBU)
5:13 a.m. Panagra DC-3 pilot Sullivan and crew saw 3 saucer-shaped objects in a V-formation maneuver around the plane. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 5, 1952; Baltimore, Md.
Experienced amateur astronomer observed two copper-like discs. [UFOE, VI]

Aug. 5-6, 1952; Haneda AFB, Japan (BBU 1827)
11:30 p.m. USAF F-94 jet interceptor pilots 1st Lt. W. R. Holder, 1st Lt. A. M. Jones, and Haneda control tower operators. Airborne radar tracked a target for 90 secs. Control tower operators watched 50-60 mins while a dark shape with a light flew as fast as 330 knots (380 mph), hover, fly curves and perform a variety of maneuvers, at one point splitting into 3 targets [?]. 50-60 mins. (Berliner)

> Joel Carpenter:
> On 6 August 1952, a unit simulated combat mission was flown against Philadelphia by 19 wing B-36s (7-F and 12-H), nine of the 9th Bomb Squadron, five of the 436th Bomb Squadron and five of the 492nd Bomb Squadron. After launch, the bombers flew to Maine and encountered several Air Defense Command F-84, F-86 and F-94 fighters in the northeastern United States. From Maine the bombers attacked Philadelphia. Following this, the aircraft landed at Carswell on 7 August. Fighter opposition was very small during the mission, and did not affect the mission's effectiveness. Overall, the mission was considered very successful.

Aug. 6, 1952; Tokyo, Japan (BBU 1841)
Continuation of Haneda AFB sightings. (NARA)

Aug. 6, 1952; Belleville, Mich. (BBU 1843)
Military witness(es). (NARA)

Aug. 6, 1952; Port Austin, Mich. (BBU 1845)
Case missing. (NARA)

Aug. 6, 1952; Andrews AFB, Maryland (BB)
10:00 p.m. An unidentified object was observed on the radar scope at a distance 2 1/2 miles away on a bearing of 116 degrees, moving in a southerly direction. At 2223 hours three unidentified objects were observed on the radar scope. The first object was at 4 1/2 miles away at a bearing of 80 degrees. The second object was at 3 miles at a bearing of 100 degrees. The third object was at 4 1/2 miles at a bearing of 113 degrees. At 2232 hours one object was observed at 5 miles away at a bearing of 93 degrees. At 2239 hours two targets appeared on the radar scope at a bearing of 53 degrees. At this time a B-25 aircraft was returning to Andrews AFB and when the B-25 approached the unknown radar targets they disappeared. Earlier at 2115 hours a civilian man observed two bright objects high in the sky over SE Washington D.C. The two objects were flying towards Andrews AFB, one in a straight course and the other circling the first. The objects were circular in shape and appeared to be the size of a fifty cent piece. According to the witness the objects were flying faster than any jet he had ever seen. The Andrews AFB case is not listed in the Project Blue Book Master Index. (Dan Wilson)

Aug. 6/7, 1952; Kerkrade, Holland
Marine engineer designer saw two disc-shaped objects with superstructures. [UFOE, X]

Aug. 6-7 [7?], 1952; Port Lyautey [Mina Hassam Tani?], French Morocco (BBU)
7:51 p.m. Control tower personnel and 3 USN officer pilots [one named Dobos?] while flying R5-D saw a brilliant white disc-shaped luminous object with red blinking light, leaving a smoke trail, traveling straight and level at high speed then shut up vertically to 15,000 ft at high speed, then hovered, descended. When aircraft tried to climb towards object it started moving at high speed and chase was abandoned. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 7, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 1855)
9:08 a.m. Mrs. Susan Pzuhl observed 4 round, unidentified flying objects that gave off color similar to white-hot metal. Objects appeared approximately 18" in diameter, actual size, and all 4 objects similar. Objects were observed singularly with exception of 2, and at intervals of approximately 20 minutes. No aerodynamic features were noted. No trail, exhaust, or visible propulsion system was noticed. Speed unestimated but observer stated, that with the exception of 1 object that moved slowly, the speed must have been 3 times as fast as a prop driven aircraft. No sound was heard. Maneuver consisted of radical directional change by first object; straight and level flight by second object, slight directional change by third object and fourth object navigated a large circle. An aircraft passed under the fourth object with no apparent reaction by plane or object. Object disappeared by vanishing suddenly, like an extinguished light. 70 mins (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 8, 1952; Warren AFB, Wyoming (BBU)
7:48 p.m. Pollack and another witness saw an object immediately stop without appearing to decelerate. 2-1/2 mins. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 9, 1952; Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana (BBU 1870)
10:50 a.m. USAF A/3c J. P. Raley while walking to work saw a disc-shaped object fly S at 5,000 ft at high speed, turn W then [?] hover for 2 secs. 5-6 mins. (cf. HynekCUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldric)

Aug. 9, 1952; K-3 area E. of Pohang, Korea (BBU)
8:57PM. The pilot of Richman 18 (USMC aircraft) reported that he had sighted a long streamer of flame with a ball of fire at the front. This object passed him 500 yards off his starboard wing, and 1000 feet above. The pilot requested that Lt. Nagrodsky, the officer reading the radar scope at a radar ground station to verify his sighting by radar. Lt. Leo N. Nagrodsky did observe blips of the object on the scope and he estimated that the speed of the object to be 600-800 miles per hour. (Dan Wilson, Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 10, 1952; Japan (BBU)
9:45 p.m. USMC Major flying aircraft saw an object moving downward from 8,000 to 1,500 ft then hovering and abruptly vanishing. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 11, 1952; Rockford, Ill.
"Speedy Jets Are Alerted In Vain Hunt". Many "flying saucers" were sighted streaking over Rockford Sunday evening by at least 14 persons. Two U.S. air force F-86 Sabre jet interceptors based at O'Hare International Airport near Chicago came here seeking the strange objects, but the pilots didn't see them. (Rockford Register-Republic)

Aug. 11, 1952; Hampton, Virginia (BBU)
9/10 p.m. USAF Capt. and wife driving to town saw a series of 7 yellowish-orange low-flying objects climb away. 5 mins. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 12, 1952; Near Cape May, New Jersey (BBU)
5:43 a.m. USAF pilot of F-94B saw stationary glowing object lose brightness and diminish in size. [Star?] (Weinstein; BB files??)

Aug. 12, 1952; Big Spring, Texas (BBU)
4:49 p.m. USAF pilot of T-6 saw a light flying at 500 mph and 15,000 ft pass his aircraft. (Project 1947)

Aug. 12, 1952; 70 miles W of Wink, Texas (BBU)
10:48 p.m. [?] USN? pilot and copilot of SNB aircraft saw several pie-pan-shaped aluminum colored objects pass ahead of their aircraft and ascend. (Project 1947)

Aug. 13-14, 1952; Washington, D.C.
7:57 p.m. Suddenly, a group of seven strong stationary targets became visible in an area about 15 miles north-northeast of the radar antenna. During the next two or three antenna revolutions, the area on the scope between Washington and Baltimore became heavily sprinkled with stationary targets in a belt about 6 miles wide. A group of additional targets became visible in an area approximately 10 to 15 miles south of the radar antenna. For the next four and one-half hours, many unidentified targets were carefully plotted with a grease pencil on the face of the Type VG scope. The time for each was entered on these plots in order to calculate ground speeds. To secure a permanent record, time data and track plots were transferred from the scope face to a sheet of frosted acetate. Targets disappeared at 0030 Aug 14. (Dan Wilson)

Aug. 13, 1952; Tokyo, Japan (BBU 1889)
9:45 p.m. U.S. Marine pilot Maj. D. McGough saw an orange light fly a left orbit at 8,000 ft and 230 mph, spiral down to no more than 1,500 ft, remain stationary for 2-3 mins and went out. Attempted interception unsuccessful. 2-3 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 13, 1952; Dallas, Texas
Airlines Chief Pilot chased maneuvering light. [UFOE, V] Cat 11. Jacoby/McNaulty (AL)

Aug 13, 1952; Tucson, Arizona
Air Force officer reports formation of bright UFOs. [UFOE, III] Cat 11, Stanley Case (M)

August 14, 1952; Kelly AFB, Texas (BB)
3:45 p.m. CST. Seven Air Force employees observed a round object that appeared to be of aluminum construction flying over Kelly AFB. Maneuvers consisted of slow sweeping turns and reversing direction. The speed of the object was estimated at 1500 mph at an estimated altitude of 20,000 to 30,000 feet. The object was observed over a period of 30 minutes. The object appeared and disappeared at times. (Dan wilson, BB files)

Aug. 15, 1952; Napa, California (BB)
5 p.m PDT. A GOC observer saw a silver colored cigar-shaped object the size of a large aircraft overhead at an estimate altitude of 10,000 feet moving on a SW course at an estimated speed of 800 -1000 mph. The winds in the area were from the SW. No sound was heard from the object. The object was observed for 30 seconds. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Aug. 17, 1952; W of Athens, Alabama (BBU)
12:47 p.m. USAF pilot of T-6G saw an intensely bright bright white round object hovering then disappear suddenly. (Project 1947)

Aug. 17, 1952; E of Abilene, Texas (BBU)
4:49 p.m. CST. Capt. James H. Perry flying a T-6 aircraft at 8000 feet observed an object that appeared to be of highly polished metal, oblong in shape traveling at a terrific rate of speed well over 500 mph just below the clouds and was climbing. The object was slightly smaller than a B-25 aircraft. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 18, 1952; Fairfield, Calif. (BBU 1920)
12:50 a.m. 3 policemen saw an object change color from redgreen-orange-blue, shaped like a diamond, and change directions [?] traveling in a straight line "sideways" [?] gaining altitude. Military witnesses [?]. 30 mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 18, 1952; Duncanville, Texas (BB)
8:45 p.m. CST (19/0245Z). Ground visual sightings were made of a slow moving object and reported to Carswell AFB. Red and green lights changing to white were noted. Object moved up and down, hovered and then moved off at a rapid rate of speed. At 8:47 p.m. CST, objects were picked up on radar by the 147th AC&W squadron, at Duncanville, Texas. The objects were at approximately 265 degrees at approximately 28 miles distance and in the same direction as the visual sightings. The object changed directions several times and had an estimated speed of 300 mph. The objects were observed for approximately 40 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Aug. 18, 1952; West Palm Beach, Florida
Cat 6. Desvergers Case/Florida Scoutmaster. Probable hoax, but with some degree of strangeness.

Aug. 19, 1952; West Palm Beach, Florida
Evening. Ronny Desvergers saw a large, round, dark object above him in a clearing. It had a turret on top. Red balls of light were emitted by the object and burned him. He also observed a "hideous" creature aboard the craft. Grass roots were scorched at the site. (Ruppelt 222; Magonia)

Aug. 19, 1952; Red Bluff, Calif. (BBU 1928)
2:38 p.m. GOC observer Albert Lathrop saw 2 objects, shaped like fat bullets, fly straight and level, very fast. 25 secs. (Berliner)

> Brad Sparks:
> Blue book listed both these cases under the same number even though five hours apart.

Aug. 19, 1952; Boron, Calif. (BBU 1928)
8 p.m. (PDT). Pilot of USAF aircraft saw tailless object greatly accelerate away to the E and disappear, with airborne radar tracking [?]. No ground radar tracking due to ground clutter. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 20, 1952; Dayton (WPAFB), Ohio
Cat 8. More gun camera photos or wrong date? NICAP files.

Aug. 20 [19?], 1952; Neffsville [Lancaster?], Penna. (BBU 1938)
3:10 a.m. Bill Ford and 2 others saw an un-described object flying at 500 ft altitude. No further data in files. Sev. mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 20, 1952. W Fresno, Calif. (BBU)
6:30 p.m. (PDT). Aeronautical engineer DeMay and civilian pilot Paxton, commercial artist, heard loud jet-like sound, saw object at relatively high speed approach from S with fast “jerky” motions. 1 min. (Sparks; BB files)

Aug. 20, 1952; Congaree AFB, S. Carolina

10:00 p.m. Air Defense Command radar tracked UFO 60 miles from base, speed 4000 mph. One "ball" was observed by military witnesses at an airfield. [UFOE, VIII].

Aug. 21, 1952; Dallas, Texas (BBU 1944)
11:54 p.m. Jack Rossen, ex-artillery observer, saw 3 blue-white lights hover then descend, 1.5 mins [30 secs?] later one [2?] of them descended further. 1.5 mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 22, 1952; Ontario, Calif. (BBU)
3 p.m. Pilot Irvin of aircraft saw 2 teardrop shaped objects cross his flight path 1/2 mile away in high speed straight level flight creating severe turbulence that rocked his aircraft. 2 secs. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 22, 1952; Elgin, Illinois
USAF jets, guided by Ground Observer Corps, chased a pulsating yellowish light. [UFOE, VII]

Aug. 23, 1952; [not out of order by GMT/UTC]. Sinuiju, North Korea (BBU)
1:04 a.m. USAF 19th Bomber Group weather recon B-29 crew saw an orange-red cigar-shaped object. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Aug. 23, 1952; Akron, Ohio (BBU 1956)
4:10 a.m. USAF 2nd Lt. H. K. Funseth, a ground radar observer, and 2 U.S. Navy men saw a pulsing amber light fly straight and level. 7 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 24, 1952; Frontenac, Kansas
6:00 am. A man driving through a woods encountred a strange object and stopped to observe it. It looked like two turtle shells glued together, about 25 m long, with a humanoid creature in what ap peared to be a control cabin in front. Windows lighted by an intense blue light and a throbbing sound were also reported. The object was oscillating and suddenly flew straight up with a strong humming noise. The middle section supported what looked like propellers. The object hovered 3 m above ground. (Atic)

Aug. 24, 1952; Bet. Hermanas, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas (BBU 1961) [CCL Item # 32]
10:15 [10:20?] a.m. Georgia Air National Guard F-84G jet fighter pilot Col. G. W. Johnson saw two 6 ft silver balls in abreast formation, one turned grey rapidly, the other slowly. One changed to long grey shape during a turn. 10 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 24, 1952; Tucson, Ariz. (BBU 1964)
5:40 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. George White saw a large round, metallic, white light with a vague lower surface, fly slowly, then fast with a dancing, wavering motion. 1 min. (Berliner)

Aug. 24, 1952; Levelland, Texas (BBU 1969)
9:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sharp saw an object, shaped like a spinning top, changing color from red to yellow to blue, with a fiery tail, hover for 20 mins with whistling [shrill?] sound, then fly away on a NNW course in 3 mins. Same or similar object returned 1 hr later repeating maneuvers. 23 mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 25, 1952; Frontenac-Pittsburg, Kansas (BBU 1972)

5:35 a.m. (CST). Radio station musician William Squyres saw 70-75 ft inverted platter-shaped dull aluminum color object to right side of road about 40° elevation and 750 ft away with a "man" inside visible in a window. He stopped the car and got out to look from 300 ft away, object had "rocking motion" and deep throbbing sound, series of 6-7-inch "propellers" then after 1/2 min rose vertically at high speed from 10 ft height and disappeared in a gap of broken clouds but not behind clouds. Later found 60 ft circle of grass matted down in the field. 1/2 min. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 200-3; Battelle Unknown No. 12; Vallée Magonia 98)

Aug. 25, 1952; Delaware, Ohio (BBU 1915)
Stanger. (NARA; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 25, 1952; Holloman AFB, New Mexico (BBU 1979)
3:40 p.m. Civilian supervisor Fred Lee and foreman L. A. Aquilar saw a round silver object fly S, turn and fly N, make a 360° turn, fly away vertically. 3-5 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 26, 1952; Lathrop Wells, Nevada (BBU 1986)
12:10 a.m. USAF Capt. D. A. Woods saw a large spherical very bright object with a V-shaped contrail, a dark cone in the center, approach at 1,000 mph, hover briefly, make an instant 90°-180° turn, then a gentle climb and final sudden acceleration leaving blue-white contrail which evaporated immediately. No sound. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 26, 1952; Biloxi, Miss. (BBU 1987)
(NARA)

Aug. 26-27, 1952; Veracruz, Mexico (BBU 1994)
2:15 a.m. Many witnesses of object traveling in straight line out to sea with buzzing noise. Sighting on Aug. 30. 8 secs. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 27, 1952; Lamberton, North Carolina
A saucer-shaped craft, 3 by 2 m, landed on the witness's property after hitting a chimney. A little man, about 70 cm tall, emerged and was asked whether he was hurt, but he did not answer. The craft took off with a whistling sound. (Wilkins A 268)

Aug. 27, 1952; Pittsburg, Kansas [CCL Item #25]
ATIC states basic details and soil sample forwarded from town where sighting occurred. Object reported hovering over open field; bluish lights seen through ports; swift ascent when observed. Soil sample broken up, unable to analyze for radioactivity. (Chop clearance list)

Aug. 28, 1952; Chickasaw & Brookley AFB, Mobile, Alabama (BBU 2006)
9:30-10:20 p.m. 3 civilians in Chickasaw reported to duty officer USAF Capt. at Brookley AFB seeing multiple red stationary and maneuvering objects to the S and one moving from S to W, all over the direction of Brookley. AFOSI agent arrived in Chickasaw at 9:50 to investigate and saw the same 4 objects to the S and SW estimated 8-12 miles distance, one fiery red object stationary for 15 mins then drifted 15°-20° to the right then stationary again. Radar operator visually spotted red-green object over Chickasaw to the N. USAF duty officer and control tower operators saw one object to the SW at 240° azimuth to the right and lower than the moon [which was at about 214° azimuth 22° elevation], and another object to the W at 280° azimuth at 10°-20° elevation the latter was confirmed by GCA's MPN-1 radar as a stationary target at 280° azimuth 4 miles range 4,000 ft altitude [= 11° elevation]. AFOSI officer, and others saw one object explode, one do a figure-8 maneuver, etc., 4 6 objects larger than a star or planet varying

from fiery red, red-blue, red-green and sparkling diamond appearance, a civilian AF employee saw a flat oval shape. 50-mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files).

Aug. 28, 1952; Le Roy, New York
Disc circled airliner vertically. [UFOE, II]

Aug. 28, 1952; Atlanta, Ga.
Police watched maneuvering UFO. [UFOE, VII]

Aug. 29, 1952; W of Thule, Greenland, N. Atlantic (BBU) [CCL Item # 2]
10:50 a.m. 2 U.S. Navy pilots flying a P4Y-2 patrol plane saw 3 white disc-shaped or spherical objects hover, then fly very fast in a triangular formation. [May be same as Aug. 1952 sighting by P4Y-2 crew at 10,000 ft, pilot Lt. John C. Callaghan, copilot Lt JG Bill O'Flaherty, Merchant, following Skyhook balloon where 3 silvery discs briefly clustered on the Skyhook instrument package at 90,000 ft for several minutes then flew off with a vertical banking then climbed to disappearance in 3 secs. Naval History Magazine Oct 2004, web version.] (Berliner) 2-3 mins 2 witnesses [3?]

Aug. 29, 1952; Villacoublay, France
Unidentified bright blue light observed through theodolite; once appeared as luminous white bar edged with black. [UFOE, X]

Aug. 29, 1952; Colorado Springs, Colo. (BBU 2013)
8:35 p.m. Military [? USAF?] pilot C. A. Magruder saw 3 objects, 50 ft in diameter, 10 ft high, aluminum with redyellow exhaust, fly in trail about 1,500 mph. 4-5 mins. (Berliner)

Aug. 30, 1952; Santa Monica, Calif. (BBU)
8, 11:30 p.m. Hehr and another witness sitting in a park saw many horizontal bar-shaped objects appearing and disappearing, forming a formation, traveling laterally at 1,500 mph. 2nd sighting of light near moon. 10 mins. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 31, 1952; Pennsylvania, exact location unknown
Herbert Long saw an object land 15 m away from the road. He made a drawing of it. (Wilkins A 257)

Fall, 1952; NY to Puerto Rico
Three Pan American Airways pilots watched UFO hover, speed away. [UFOE, V]. Zammett/Harris/Hutchins (AL)

Aug-Sept, 1952; Delft, Netherlands (BB)
Hoax UFO photo by Luuk Nyhof (Nijhof). Date uncertain, several possible dates Aug. 5, 26, or 28, or Sept. 2, 1952.

SEPTEMBER
NARA-PBB1-81-83, September Sightings

Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command

Sept. of 1952, Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Afternoon. Radar detected a 700 m.p.h. target near Kirtland AFB which slowed to 100 m.p.h.. Two F-86's were scrambled. One fired on the UFO. Report ordered destroyed. Exact date unknown. (Ruppelt)

Sept. 1, 1952; Atlanta, Georgia (BBU)
9:43 p.m. Mrs. William Davis and 9 others saw a light, similar to the evening star, move up and down for a long period of time. (Berliner)

Sept. 1, 1952; Marietta, Georgia (BBU 2022)
10:30 p.m. Mr. Bowman (ex-artillery officer) and 24 others saw a red, white, and blue-green object which spun and shot off sparks. An unidentified witness using binoculars saw 2 large objects shaped like spinning tops with red, blue and green colors, fly side by side, leaving a sparkling trail for 30 mins. 15-30 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 1, 1952; Marietta, Georgia (BBU)
10:50 p.m. ExAAF B-25 gunner saw 2 large white disc-shaped objects with green vapor trails fly in trail formation, merge, fly away very fast. (Berliner)

Sept. 1, 1952; Yaak, Montana (BBU 2023)
4:45 a.m. Visual sighting by 2 USAF enlisted men, radar tracking by 3 men using FPS-3 radar set. 2 small, varicolored lights became black silhouettes [of "dark, cigar-shaped object"?] at dawn, flew erratically. 1 hours. (Berliner; cf. Ruppelt p. 194)

Sept. 2, 1952; Angmagasalik, Greenland
Danish colonists reported an unidentified aircraft travelling from west to east. Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command

Sept. 2, 1952; Tokyo, Japan (BBU)
Beginning at 2015 hours unidentified flying objects were picked up by the GCA unit at Haneda AFB and later contacted by GCI at Shiroi AFB. When first observed the target was 9 miles north of Haneda traveling at 40 to 60 mph on a heading of 90 degrees. During the next hour sightings were made on radar of targets ranging in number from 1 to 3. The targets produced a clearly visible echo on the PPI scope and about the size caused by a C-124 aircraft. (McDonald list)

Sept. 2, 1952; Chicago, Illinois (BBU 2025)
Sept. 2, 1952. Midway Airport, Chicago, lllinois (BBU 2025)
12:01-7 a.m. (CST). CAA radar controllers Robert L. Terneuzen (GCA), Ralph L. Frick, Dale E. Warner, Warren J. Weber, and Radar Mainenance Technician Gordon R. Coplenad, at Midway Airport tracked as many as 30 targets simultaneously, flying in various directions, “average” speed of 175 mph at about 2,000 ft ASL. ADC 755th AC&W radar station, Williams Bay / Elkhorn, Wisc., claimed Midway Airport Tower Supervisor called at 2:50 a.m. saying there were 40 targets plotted by Midway Airport radar from 3,000 to 6,000 ft, speed 120-150 mph, azimuths 180° to 300° (Midway Tower claimed the 755th was not alerted by Midway until 5:14 a.m., and that it was indirect, through Chicago ARTC). Targets were the size of blips from “light planes” or larger (best target quality in the 6-10 mi range) and moved in no particular pattern except, sometimes “erratic” and sometimes in straight lines up to 15 miles long and in at least one instance of “flying formation” with an aircraft. [See more details at link above] (Sparks; BB files; Martin Shough; Berliner)

Sept. 3, 1952; Tucson, Ariz. (BBU)
9:00 a.m. Mr. Donald L. McCraven, an instructor pilot at Marana Air Base, and Mr. N. D. Thomas, observed an elliptical shaped object, dark in color which freely reflected sunlight. The object made three well-coordinated turns and made no perceptible sound. Tremendous speed was shown by the object while in a slight climb. The object was observed for approximately one and a half minutes. Project Blue Book evaluation: UNIDENTIFIED. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Sept. 6, 1952; Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana (BBU 2045)
1:30 a.m. T/Sgt. J. E. Wilson and 2 enlisted men saw a bright star-like light move about the sky. 2 hrs. (Berliner)

Sept. 6, 1952; Tucson, Ariz. (BBU 2048)
4:55 p.m. Ex-Congresswoman Mrs. Isabella King and Bill McClain saw an orange teardrop-shaped object whirl on its vertical axis, descend very fast, stop, retrace its path upwards, while whirling in the opposite direction. 1.5 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 7, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 2049)
10:30 p.m. Chemist J. W. Gibson and others saw an orange object or light (color temperature 2,000° F.) explode into view. 3-20 secs. (Berliner)

Sept. 7, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 2052) (NARA)
No details.

Sept. 9, 1952; Rabat, French Morocco (BBU 2062)
9 p.m. USAF Intelligence civilian illustrator E. J. Colisimo saw a disc with lights along part of its circumference, fly twice as fast as a T-33 jet trainer, in a slightly curved path. 5 secs. (Berliner)

Sept. 9, 1952; Portland, Oregon
Two oval objects observed in searchlight beam. [UFOE, XII]

Sept. 12, 1952; Allen, Maryland (BBU 2077)
9:30 p.m. GOC observers Mr. and Mrs. David Kolb using binoculars saw a white light with red trim and streamers fly NE. 35 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 12, 1952; Flatwoods, West Virginia
Sunset. A group of young people saw a "meteor" land on top of a hill and went to the site with Kathleen Hill and three men. They observed a globe as large as a house making a throbbing or hissing sound and a huge figure with glowing orange eyes nearby. About 4 m tall, the figure had a red face and "floated" toward the witnesses, who fled in terror. A lingering smell and skid marks were found. (Humanoids 52)

Sept. 13, 1952; Frametown, West Virginia
8:00 pm. The car of a married couple with their daughter suddenly stalled. They saw a bright light in the woods and smelled sulphur or ether, which made them feel nauseated. After leaving the car to check the immediate surroundings and finding nothing, they were returning to it when a 10-foot tall humanoid appeared nearby. The humanoid inspected their car, then left slowly, after which time the light rose into the sky, leaving a glowing trail. The car could be restarted then. (Passport to Magonia, Vallee)

Sept. 13, 1952; Near Allentown, Penna. (BBU 2085)

7:40 p.m. Private pilot W. A. Hobler, flying a Beech Bonanza at 10,000 ft from Allentown to the Caldwell-Bright Omni station, saw a 3 ft object, shaped like a fat football, flaming orange-red color, at his 11 o'clock high position about 450-600 ft away descend at a 30° angle on a collision course, Hobler made a sharp climb to avoid it, object then pulled up in a 65° climb in front of Hobler's airplane, Hobler made a rapid 180° right turn but lost the object traveling at about 700 mph. 15 secs. ? (Berliner; NARCAP)

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Sept. 13, 1952; SW of Enterprise, Utah (BBU 2093)
9:35 PM (MST). Pilot of Flying Tiger Airlines airplane N67977 saw a blue light fly very fast on a collision course with the airliner. (Sparks BB files) 1 witness

Sept. 14, 1952. Olmstead AFB, Penna (BBU)
-3:35 a.m. (EST). Civilian guards at Olmstead AFB saw blue watermelon-shaped object maneuvering like a helicopter, headed S. (Sparks; BB files) 3 mins, 2 or 2+ witnesses

Sept. 14, 1952. Santa Barbara, Calif. (BBU 2086)
8:40 p.m. USAF C-54 transport pilot Tarbutton saw a bluewhite light travel straight and level, then fly up. 30 secs. (Berliner)

Sept. 14, 1952; North Atlantic between Ireland and Iceland. (BBU 2087)
Military personnel from several countries aboard ships in the NATO Operation MAINBRACE exercise. Sightings include a blue-green triangle flying 1,500 mph and 3 objects in triangular formation giving off white light exhaust at 1,500 mph. (Berliner, Wilosn, Ridge, BB files)

Sept. 14, 1952; White Lake, South Dakota (BBU 2089)
7 p.m. GOC observer L. W. Barnes, using binoculars saw a red, cigar-shaped object, with three puffs behind it, fly W, then S, then was gone. 30-40 mins. (Dan Wilson, Don Berliner)

Sept. 14, 1952; El Paso, Texas. (BBU 2092)
At 11:30 p.m., three civilians (1 engineer) observed six groups of luminous spherical or disc-shaped objects traveling in an arc to an inverted "Y" formation at an estimated speed of 4,000 mph at an estimated altitude of 10-12 miles. Maneuvers were erratic and included hovering and extremely high speed. Project Blue Book Evaluation: UNIDENTIFIED.

Sept. 14-15, 1952; Ciudad Jaurez, Mexico (BBU)
11:30 p.m. - 1:20 a.m. Consulting engineer R. J. Portis and 3 others saw 6 groups of 12-15 luminous spheres or discs, which flew in formations varying from arcs to inverted-Y's, very fast. 1 hr. 50 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 16, 1952; Portand, ME (BBU 2099)
6:22 p.m. Crew of U.S. Navy P2V Neptune patrol plane saw a group of 5 lights in circular formation at the same time a long, thin blip was tracked on radar. Note: Possible

USAF KC-97 airplanes involved in a refueling operation. 20 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 16, 1952; Warner-Robbins AFB, Georgia (BBU 2100)
7:30 p.m. 3 USAF officers and 2 civilians saw white lights fly abreast at 100 mph. 15 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 16, 1952; Belle Glade, Florida. Circular object with row of lights on underside passed low overhead; cattle bolted. [UFOE, XII]

Sept. 17, 1952; Tucson, Ariz. (BBU 2105)
11:40 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hollingsworth saw 2 groups of 3 large, flat, shiny objects fly in tight formations, the first group slow, the second faster. 2 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 20, 1952; Denmarrk & Norway (BBU)
4:00 p.m. +. Spherical UFO photographed from U. S. Navy aircraft carrier participating in "Operation Mainbrace," NATO maneuvers. [UFOE, XII] Personnel of the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt, an aircraft carrier participating in the Mainbrace maneuvers, observed a silvery, spherical object which was also photographed. (The pictures have never been made public). The UFO was seen moving across the sky behind the fleet. Reporter Wallace Litwin took a series of color photographs, which were examined by Navy Intelligence officers. The weather man aboard said a balloon was launched at 3:30 p.m. and it rose up and out of sight in the overcast in about 50 seconds. (Richard Hall, Dan Wilson) [incorrect date in UFOE as Sept. 19]

Sept. 20 [19? 21?], 1952; Topcliffe RAF Station, Yorkshire, England, UK. (BBU)
10:53 a.m. [4:14 p.m.?] Operation MAINBRACE Meteor jet fighter (flown by Flight Lt. John W. Kilburn and Flight Lt. Cybulski ?) was descending to land at 5,000 ft when they saw a slow-moving circular silver [or white?] object about 5 miles behind them at about 15,000 ft following a similar course then swinging like a "falling sycamore leaf" or pendulum and began descending. As the Meteor turned towards Dishforth the object followed, then stopped falling leaf motion and descent, began rotation on its axis, suddenly accelerated at "incredible speed" faster than a meteor to the W then turned to SE [and disappeared]. Ground ? observers included Flying Officer Paris, Master Signaller Thompson, Higgins ? and 5 other aircrew [on the ground?]. (Jan Aldrich; Ruppelt pp. 195-6; 15-20 secs + ( NICAP; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 21?, 1952; North Sea near England, UK. (BBU)
Operation MAINBRACE sighting by 6 British pilots in a formation of Meteor jets who pursued shiny spherical object but lost it in 1-2 mins then it reappeared following one of the jets which turned to pursue but the object outmaneuvered the jet. Several mins. (Ruppelt p. 196; BB files??; FUFOR Index ?)

Sept. 22, 1952; Fairfax County, Va.
Police observed 3-4 UFOs maneuvering erratically. [UFOE, VII]

Sept. 23, 1952; Gander Lake, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU 2119)
No time shown. Pepperrell AFB operations officer and 7 other campers saw bright white light, which reflected on the lake, fly straight and level at 100 mph. 10 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 24, 1952. Aurora, Colo. (BBU)
3:15 p.m. USAF T/Sgt. B. R. Hughes saw 5-6 circular objects, bright white but not shiny, circle in trail formation. [Same as Denver Sept. 30 case?] 5-6 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 24, 1952; Charleston, West Virginia (BBU 2124)

3:30 p.m. Crew of USAF B-29 bomber saw a lot of bright, metallic particles or flashes, up to 3 ft in length, stream past the B-29. 15 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 24, 1952; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (BBU)
7:45-8:10 p.m. (EDT). USN crew of TBM bomber, pilot William N. Straughan, and G. W. Turnbow and Alan Morris, chased a maneuvering white light with greenish tail, changed color to red on rapid ascent from 25,000 to 35,000 ft, appearing as “brilliant white light” 15 ft diameter at closest approach [less than ½ mile?] when it was “so close that the bright light blanked out all view of the lights on McCalla Field.” At 8-10 miles distance appeared to be size of SNB aircraft (48 ft wingspan). ~25 mins (Sparks; BB Maxwell Microfilm Roll 16, pp. 150ff.; Weinstein; Ruppelt pp. 43-44; Menzel 1963)

Sept. 26, 1952; 400 miles NNW of Azores Islands (BBU 2126) [CCL Item # 22]
11:16 p.m. Pilot, copilot, engineer and aircraft commander of USAF C-124 transport plane saw 2 distinct green lights to the right and slightly above the C-124, at one time seemed to turn toward it, the lights alternated leading each other. 1 hr + (Berliner)

Sept. 27, 1952; Hempstead, Texas (BBU)
2 USAF T-33 pilots saw a white-silver circular flat disc flying erratically at 600-700 mph. (Weinstein)

Sept. 27, 1952; Inyokern, Calif. (BBU 2128)
10 p.m. 2 couples, using a 5x telescope saw a large, round object, which went through the color spectrum every 2 secs, fly straight and level. 15 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 28, 1952; TsuShima Island, Japan (BBU)
[34:24N; 129:20E] Carlton L Hall, USAF was a scope (TPS-1B plan 12 and 7) operator at Tsutsu Seki, Japan. He reported that between 2035 and 2209 hrs local time, on six separate occasions, each time for a duration of 2-4 sweeps, he noted unusual scope presentations. Specifically, that on two separate outbound tracks from Itszuke AFB [33:18N; 130:27E], a series of targets appeared directly behind aircraft, when entering the area 050 to 070 degrees from Tsutsu Seki. The objects appeared as normal aircraft, but rounder in shape, trailing about 2-3 miles to the rear of the aircraft. The weather was CAVU, scattered clouds. Warren D Grovenstein, USAF observed four of these anomalies, with Hall. Grovenstein stated that the scope was normal with minor sea clutter and visual PE. The PBB conclusion was ‘appears to be due to atmospheric changes caused by passage of the target aircraft through this particular area, resulting in ionization and extraneous echoes.’(Basterfield, Fold3; Sparks; McDonald list.)

Sept. 28, 1952; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU)
An object resembling an aircraft traveling north to south at approximately 120 mph, was seen on GCA radar as it passed 1 1/2 miles east of runway 27. The object had to be at an altitude of less that 4000 feet due to the limitations of the GCA unit. The signal on the scope was strong and clear. (McDonald list)

Sept. 29, 1952; Denmark
Large cigar with several disc shaped objects below it. (Source unknown)

Sept. 29 [?], 1952. Aurora [Denver?], Colorado (BB)
3:15 p.m. USAF T/Sgt. B. R. Hughes saw 5-6 circular objects, bright white but not shiny, circle in trail formation. 5-6 mins [Same as Denver Sept. 30 case?] (Sparks; Berliner)

Sept. 29, 1952. Rochester, England, UK [?]. (BBU 2136)

3:55 p.m. Witnesses unknown, but report came via the Rochester Police Dept., of 2 flat objects hovering then speeding away. 3 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 29, 1952; Southern Pines, North Carolina (BBU 2140)
8:15 p.m. U.S. Army Res. 1st Lt. C. H. Stevens and 2 others saw a green ellipse. with a long tail, orbiting. 15 mins. (Berliner)

Sept. 30, 1952; Edwards AFB, California
Aviation photographer, others, observed two discs alternately hovering and darting around. [UFOE, VI]

Sept. 30, 1952; Denver, Colo. (BBU 2138) Same as Sept. 29 Aurora case?] (NARA)

OCTOBER

NARA-PBB1-84-85, October Sightings

Oct. 1, 1952; Shaw AFB, South Carolina (BBU 2142)
6:57 p.m. USAF 1st Lt. T. J. Pointek, pilot of RF-80 recon jet, saw a bright white light fly straight, then vertical, then hover, then make abrupt turn during attempted intercept. 23 mins. (Berliner)

Oct. 1, 1952; Pascagoula, Mississippi (BBU 2143)
7:40 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McLean and another heard a loud blast and saw a round, milky-white object, shaped like a powder puff, hover for 5-10 mins then fly away very fast in an arc. 22 mins (Berliner)

Oct. 7, 1952. Provence near Draguignan, France (BBU)
7:28 p.m. Air France pilots Francis Cavasse and in flight sighted white egg-shaped object, larger thn transport aircraft [200 ft?] in level flight traveling NE to SW in 230° heading pass about 3 km above traveling estimated 2,000 to 3,000 kph (1200 to 1800 mph) with bluish-white exhaust trail about 25x length of object. 30 secs.

Oct. 7, 1952; Alamogordo, New Mexico (BBU 2150)
8:30 p.m. USAF Lt. Bagnell saw a pale blue oval, with its long axis vertical, fly straight and level covering 30° of sky. 4-5 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 10, 1952: Germany, Sweden, Norway
A cigar shaped object with smaller discs in attendance. (Last two Flying Saucer Review, Vol 2 #4)

Oct 10, 1952; North Atlantic
A Pan American Airways pilot reported a sighting of an unidentified aircarft at 16,000-17,000 feet on a SE heading. As the two a/c closed, the unidentified aircraft performed a 180 turn and disappeared in a NW direction. Sept 1952; History of the NE Air Command

Oct. 10, 1952; Otis AFB, Mass. (BBU 2155)
6:30 p.m. USAF S/Sgt and 2 other enlisted men saw a blinking white light move like a pendulum then shoot straight up. 20 mins. (Berliner)

Oct. 11, 1952; Newport News, Va.
Ground Observer Corps spotter saw disc-shaped UFO with "dome". [UFOE, XII]

Oct. 12, 1952l Palo Alto, Calif.
V-formation of six apparent discs. [UFOE, V]

Oct. 13, 1952; Oshima, Japan
Air Force pilot and engineer saw round object in cloud formation; object became elliptical in appearance, sped away disappearing in seconds. [UFOE, III]

Oct. 14, 1952. Zuni, New Mexico, to Winslow, Ariz. (BBU)
9:50 p.m. (MST). Pilot Col. [deleted], Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of Secretary of Defense, pilot Col. [deleted], USAF HQ, Chief, Senate and White House Liaison, and copilot Lt. Col. Albert L. Cox, USAFR contract pilot with Travis AFB, while flying in B-25 at 190 knots TAS (~220 mph) at 10,000 ft heading 260° sighted bright white-metallic dirigible shaped luminous object ~30° to the left (at 230° azimuth [or 30° right at 290° azmith]) elevation 40° above aircraft level, possibly 500 ft in size with 2 red lights attached, at 50-500 miles distance possibly 30,000 to 60,000 ft altitude, making zigzag flight path at high speed 1000-2000 mph, forcing aircraft to change course to 200°. Object disappeared in NW at 320° azimuth 20° elevation above flight level. 35 mins. (Sparks)

Oct. 15, 1952; Le Vigan, France
7:10 pm. Approximate date. Figures with and masks were seen through lighted windows inside a bright yellow, cigar-shaped object on the ground. Length 30 m, diameter 6 m. Forward section was rounded, and a sort of fog was noted at both ends of object. (Quincy; Anatomy 62)

Oct. 15, 1952; Ashiya, Japan (BBU)
11:00 p.m., 15 October and at 2:00 a.m., 16 October, unidentified objects were sighted on GCA radar scopes at Ashiya Air Base. The objects presented targets similar to light planes traveling from north to south at 50-70 mph at altitudes from 200 to 500 feet. The objects appeared at a distance of two miles or less north or west of the runways. As many as as five targets appeared at one time. The objects were observed with radar set AN/MPN-1 (GCA) on both the two and ten mile precision scopes. (McDonald list)

Oct. 17, 1952; Taos, New Mexico (BBU 2171)
9:15 p.m. 4 USAF officers saw a round, bright blue light move from N to NE at an elevation of 45° then burn out. 2-3 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 17, 1952; Killeen, Texas (BBU 2172)
10:15 p.m. Ministers Greenwalt and Kluck saw 10 lights, or a rectangle of lights, move more or less straight and level. 5 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 17, 1952; Tierra Amarilla AFS, New Mexico (BBU 2173)
11 p.m. Military witness [at USAF radar site] saw a white streamer move at an estimated 3,000 mph in an arc. No further details in files. 20 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 19, 1952; Momence, Illinois (BB
At 10:15 a.m. CST, a CAP pilot and observer while on a search mission saw a round silver ball flying at great speed at 1000 feet altitude. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

Oct. 19, 1952; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 2177)
1:30 p.m. Ex-USAF aircrewman Woolsey saw 3 circular aluminum objects, one olive-drab colored on the side, fly in a rough V-formation. One object flipped slowly, another stopped. 3-4 mins. (Berliner)

Oct. 19, 1952; (Pacific) 500 miles S of Hawaii (BBU 2175)
6:58 p.m. Crew of USAF C-50 transport plane saw a 100 ft diameter round yellow light, with a red glowing edge, fly at 300-400 knots (350-450 mph). 20 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 21, 1952; Knoxville, Tenn. (BBU 2179)
No time given. Witnesses at airport weather station saw 6 white lights fly in a loose formation, make a shallow dive at a weather balloon. 1-2 mins. (Berliner)

Oct. 21, 1952; Nr. Gloucestershire, England
RAF Meteor encounters UFO which was tracked by ground radar. 'They were circular and appeared to be stationary. But as we continued to climb they did in fact change position arid to make sure of that we very carefully checked and these things moved across to the right-hand side somewhere. The higher we got, [the more] they lost this circular effect [which appeared] when looking at them from underneath. As they came down to your level they lost the circular effect and took on a ""flat plate" appearance.' (Ridge/Aldrich)

Oct. 22, 1952. Laurinburg-Maxton AFB, North Carolina (BBU)
10:10 p.m. Air policeman Airman 2nd Class Bernard F. DeMonte sighted large 100-150 ft football-chaped object with 2 steady red lights in front, 8-12 steady green lights in rear, approaching from the S then pass overhead as DeMonte guarded height-finder radar of 757th AC&W Sq (no detection) then circle around for another pass [map shows distances of ~1-2 miles], heard loud unfamilar droning noise of “ear-splitting pitch.” Object disappeared in SW [SE?] at “terrific speed.” Two other airmen, A/1C [deleted] and A/2C Frank L. Donnelly, heard unfamiliar noise and saw red/green lights from about 2 miles away. sev mins. (Sparks)

Oct. 23, 1952; RadTelex

A BB UFO briefing for the entire Los Alamos Scientific Lab. Afterwards Dr. Crew pulled together a group of Los Alamos personnel to meet privately with Ruppelt and Col. Bower to discuss radiation UFO evidence and info they had from Palomar, Los Alamos, and Oak Ridge on possible and actual UFO radiation incidents there. (See also Dec. 2 memo)

Oct. 24, 1952; Elberton [Elberta?], Alabama (BBU 2184)
8:26 p.m. USAF Lt. Rau and Capt. Marcinko, flying a Beech T-11 trainer, saw an object, shaped like a plate, with a brilliant front and vague trail, fly with its concave surface forward. 5 secs. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

FBI Memo dated Oct 27, 1952: Newhouse film "extremely credible".

Oct. 27, 1952; Gaillac, France
Hundreds of citizens saw 16 UFOs in formation surrounding a cigar-shaped object. "Angel's hair" fell. [UFOE, VIII]

Oct. 27, 1952; Marignane Airport, France
2:03 am. Customs officer Gabriel Gachignard observed a cigar-shaped object land briefly on the airfield 100 m away, producing a dull sound. The object was dark with four lighted windows. It took off with a "swish" and a shower of sparks when the witness ran toward it. (Challenge 6)

Oct. 29, 1952; Erding Air Depot, Germany (BBU 2196)
7:50 a.m. USAF S/Sgt. Anderson and A/2c Max Handy saw a round object, silhouetted against a cloud, fly straight, level and smooth at 400 mph. 20 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 29, 1952; Hempstead, Long Island, New York (BBU)
2 a.m. 2 USAF F-94 jet fighter crews saw a white luminous object maneuvering at high speed, tracked on airborne radar. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Oct. 29, 1952; Richmond, Virginia
Venezuelan Airlines pilot watched luminous UFO speed past plane. [UFOE, V]. Rivas Case (AL)

Oct. 31, 1952; 4 miles S of Fayetteville, Georgia (BBU 2200) 7:40 p.m. USAF Lt. James Allen saw an orange, blimp-shaped object, 80 ft long 20 ft wide, appear to the N at treetop level about 600 ft away, traveling towards him about 60-70 mph, cross over his car (when his radio faded out) at about 500 ft height. He got out of the car and watched object linger overhead about 20 secs, then point its nose at 45° angle, accelerate and climb to disappearance in 3040 secs to the E and slightly to right of the full moon (96° azimuth 35° elevation) at tremendous speed.1 min.  (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 191-2)

Oct. 31, 1952; Fayetteville, Georgia
7:40 p.m. Lt. Col. Charles Smith, Jr. observed a strange "air blimp" while driving towards Atlanta. It was an orange-colored object which came down close to the road. As Smith's car passed underneath, the car radio went dead--no static, no noise of any kind. He stopped his car to observe the UFO, which hovered overhead for 20 seconds and then climbed out of sight in 30-40 seconds. (Rodeghier, Blue Book)

## NOVEMBER

NARA-PBB1-86 87, November Sightings

Nov., 1952; Dublin, Ireland
A child was burned when a strange disk, 25 cm in diameter, landed near Dublin. (Personal)

Nov. 3, 1952; Laredo AFB, Texas (BBU 2202)
6:29 p.m. AF 1923-9 AACS Detachment Control Tower Supervisor A/1c William R. Malloy and Tower Operator A/2c Charles A. LeMaster, viewing through open tower window, saw a long, elliptical or rounded football shape, about size of medium bomber [150 ft], shiny metallic or bluish-white-gray light with fuzzy/blurred edges at an estimated altitude of 4,000 ft approach very fast from the SW or 200°-210° azimuth (about SSW) elevation about 10°-20° possibly 10-20 miles away. LeMaster saw it first, in front of a dark cloud bank. Object slowed and paused to the S at about 180° azimuth 5°-10° elevation, and then increased speed to disappear in the SE or 140° to 175° (155°-165° in diagrams) azimuth (about SSE) elevation about 10°-20°. (Sparks; BB Files; Berliner)

Nov. 4, 1952

> Capt. E. J. Ruppelt and Lt. R. M. Olsson visited Col. Hood, Chief of Nuclear Powered Aircraft Branch of WADC. Col. Hood had contacted ATIC in regard to certain sightings of UFO's at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in which he and a Naval officer had attempted to obtain correlation between sightings and peaks in radiation backgrounds.There are indications that

> there may be some correlation present between unknown radar pickups and rises in radiation

Nov. [Dec.?] 4, 1952; Congaree AFB, Columbia, South Carolina (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Nov. 4, 1952; W Hokkaido, Japan (BBU)
(FUFOR Index)

Nov. 4, 1952; Caribou, Maine (BBU)
5:28 p.m. (EST). USAF pilot of T-6G at 2,500 ft heading 360° Mag, 1st Lt. Charles E. Young, rear cockpit pilot Capt Leon H. Pagan, both of 74th FIS, Presque Isle AFB, Maine, saw a slow moving light changing colors behind them. Young sighted light in the W above low bank of clouds at about 10° elevation, changing colors from red to blue to white, notified Pagan in the back who also saw it, and described it as a white light like aircraft navigation light or star or planet, about 25° elevation. T-6 was turned into direction of light for about 40 miles and pilots noted 250° Mag azimuth from Limestone AFB and 245° Mag azimuth from Presque Isle AFB, before they returned course. Senior Control Tower Operator, A/2c Earl S. Goldsen, 1974th AACS Sq Detachment 1, notified at 5:36 p.m. and sighted light in the W that stopped and moved to the NW. Northwest Airlines Flight 12 landing at Presque Isle AFB also reported seeing the “star.” (Sparks; BB files; Project 1947)

Nov. 4, 1952; Vineland, New Jersey (BBU 2206)
5:40 p.m. Housewife Mrs. Sprague saw 2 groups of 2-3 whirling discs of light fly toward the SE. 30 secs. (Berliner)

Nov. 8, 1952; Tierra Amarilla AFS, New Mexico (BBU)
At 6:05 p.m. MST, an unidentified radar target first appeared at 143 degrees and 45 miles from the radar station of the 767th AC&W Squadron heading outbound to a point 100 miles from the station. The object was traveling at an estimated speed of 600 to 1500 mph and an estimated altitude of 40,000 feet. The object then returned on the reciprocal heading to a point 65 miles from the station. The object then stopped and hovered for approximately 2 minutes and then proceeded outbound to a point 100 miles from the station. At this point radar contact was lost. The radar was an FPS-3 radar. The object was under radar surveillance for approximately 10 minutes. (McDonald list, FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 12, 1952; Los Alamos, New Mexico (BBU 2219)
10:23 p.m. AESS security inspector saw 4 red-white-green lights fly slowly over a prohibited area. 15 mins. (Berliner)

Nov. 18, 1952; Castelfranco, Italy
Nello Ferrari, 41, a farmer, found himself flooded with a reddish light and saw a large plate 10 m above him, between gold and copper in color. At the center of the bottom surface, 20 m in diameter, was a cylinder of 5 m diameter made of rapidly rotating parts, producing a noise similar to that of an electric motor. On the upper surface was a turret inside which three occupants were visible, looking directly at the witness. They looked perfectly human, wore rubber coveralls and transparent face masks. They spoke a few words, which were not understood; a loud metallic noise was heard; and the top part of the object lowered itself toward the lower plate. The sound gained intensity, and the craft flew vertically at very high speed. (102)

Nov. 13, 1952; Ophiem, Montana (BBU 2220)
2:20 a.m. (MST). Crew of USAF 779th AC&W station tracked an unidentified target on FPS-3 search radar at altitude 15,000 ft [typo in teletype reading 158,000 ft was not caught by BB which did not investigate] at distance 85 NM (98 miles) at 47°48'N, 108°05'W [to the SW from the radar station] traveling at 210 knots (240 mph) heading straight ESE [actually closer to E] until disappearance at 47°38'N, 105°05'W [also about 100 mi range] at 2:48 a.m. [not the 3:48 a.m. and mistaken 1+ hr duration that BB did not catch as another major typo in the Opheim AFS teletype]. Apparently was an unscheduled civil aircraft (IFO) flying from Kalispell, Mont., to Fargo, ND, or Duluth, Minn. (flight path is a close match to the radar target). 28 mins (Sparks; BB files)

Nov. 13, 1952; Glasgow, Montana (BBU 2220)
2:43 a.m. U.S. Weather Bureau observer Earl Oksendahl saw 5 oval-shaped objects, with lights all around them, fly in a V-formation for about 20 secs. Each object seemed to be changing position vertically by climbing or diving as if to hold formation. Formation came from the NW, made a 90° turn overhead, and flew away to the SW. 20 secs +. (Berliner)

Nov. 15, 1952; Near Pyongyang, North Korea (BBU)
USAF pilots flying T-6 aircraft was circled 3 times by a 10 ft silvery sphere. (Weinstein)

Nov. 15, 1952. Washington, DC (BBU)
2:40 a.m. (EST). AFOSI Special Agent, 4th Dist., pilot Capt. Martin J. Dawson, and wife, Frances C. Dawson, heard the sound of what seemed to be a flight of a half dozen jets at very low altitude, but when looking out the window they saw a much higher altitude single white / pale-blue light at an estimated 4,000 ft heading S [SW?] which passed nearly over their home slightly offset path to the E at high speed, faster than ever seen before, with none of the green, red or white running lights or wing lights required on night flights. After 7-8 secs, the light made a normal left turn to the S then an "abnormal" climb at about a 45 angle then the light went out. 7-8+ secs (Sparks; BB files)

Nov. 15, 1952; Wichita, Kansas (BBU 2224)
8:25-8:33 p.m. (CST). USAF senior pilot Maj. Robert L. Wallander, CO of B-47 Transition Section, 3520th Flying Training Sq, Air Training Command, and Capt. Ammon L. [G?] Belleman, B-47 airborne observer, A/3c Dewey J. Phipps, were standing near the Kansas National Guard Hangar, Wichita Municipal Airport, when they saw an elliptical object, blue-white when stationary, moving erratically from 290°-295° True azimuth 20° elevation, traveling on a heading of about 45° (NE) to disappear at 360° azimuth 50° elevation, about 1 mile away, red-orange-glow trailing end of object when moving. Phipps estimated object was about 3 ft size at about 1,400 to 1,500 ft above center of runway, as it made jerky 40 ft upward sweeps with 10-15 sec pauses; with each leap an orange trail appeared behind the object. Moved at high speed then stopped, reversed direction then stopped again NNW of Wichita at azimuth 350° elevation 40°, for 2 mins, then moved 10° to North 360°-005° then climbed to disappearance at 50° elevation. 8 mins. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner)

Nov. 15, 1952; Wichita, Texas (BBU)
8:25 p.m. USAF B47 crew and passengers saw an elliptical blue-white object with orange or red tail, moving erratically. (BB Status Rpt?) [Same case as above??]

Nov. 15, 1952. McAndrew AFB, Newfoundland (BBU)
9:15 p.m. (AST). Officer-of-the-Day (OD) Lt and Tech Sgt sighted brilliant white egg-shaped object approach rapidly from the SW, then make a sharp flat 90° degree turn

when nearly overhead, with no noise, then an “angling” turn climbing back to the SW while making a rapidly undulating, bouncing or skipping motion “like a bobbing cork,” until disappearing. Tech Sgt covered his face at one point to brace for impact (according to Ruppelt also the OD “ducked”). 5-6 secs. (Ruppelt papers; BB files)

Nov. 16, 1952. McAndrew AFB, Newfoundland (BBU)
1:15 a.m. (AST). Air Police Airman/3C Smith on guard duty at the AF Dock at McAndrew AFB sighted bright green oval object moving N to S then made a sharp turn to the E and dropped from sight. (BB files)

Nov. 16, 1952; Nr. Landrum, S. C.
Hundreds of people saw a huge disc, watched through binoculars by air-traffic controller. (UFOE)

Nov. 20, 1952; 10 miles E of Salton Sea, California (BBU)
8:05 p.m. MST. A USAF pilot flying a B-50 at 16,000 feet on a heading of 275 degrees sighted an object at 11 o'clock to his position. The object was stationary and was ranging in color from white to red to green. The object then started in motion in a NW heading and disappeared like turning out a light. (Project 1947)

Nov. 21, 1952; Belle-Ile, France
At a place alled "La Butte" a luminous sphere, which seemed to spin, its color changing from orange to white, was seen at low altitude. It oscillated left and right, then took off toward the southwest, according to the witness, Mr. Gauci. (Challenge 56)

Nov. 21, 1952; Carribbean Sea (BB)
5:10 a.m. EST. A large object, light red in color, too large and too bright to be another aircraft flew parallel to plane (Lacsa Airliner?) same altitude and air speed and disappeared after about 20 minutes. A CIRVIS Report was made. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 24, 1952; Annandale, Virginia (BBU 2246)
6:30 p.m. L. L. Brettner saw a round, glowing object fly very fast, make right angle turns and reverse course. 1 hr. (Berliner)

Nov. 25, 1952; White Sands, New Mexico (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Nov. 25, 26, 1952; Panama Canal, Panama [CCL Item # 41] (BB)
6:06 P.M. to 11:47 p.m. Two objects traveling at an estimated speed of 275 mph were detected by radar attached to antiaircraft guns. The objects remained over the Canal Zone for 5 1/2 hours. Three Air Force bombers and a Navy patrol plane were sent up but were unable to catch the elusive objects. Maneuvering from 1000 feet to 28,000 feet in altitude. [NARA-PBB92-585; UFOE, VIII].

Nov. 26, 1952; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU)
5:56 p.m. (AST) USAF 59th FIS, Goose Air Base, F-94B chased maneuverable object that changed color from white [orange?] to red, heading 180° (S) to SW. Brief F-94 radar lock-on. 15 mins. (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 9, p. 45; McDonald list; NICAP; Project 1947)

Nov. 27, 1952; Albuquerque, New Mexico [S of Prescott, Ariz. ?] (BBU 2249)
12:10 p.m. Pilot and crew chief of USAF B-26 bomber saw a series of 20 ft black smoke bursts (4-3-3-4-3), similar to antiaircraft fire. 20 min. (Berliner)

Nov. 30, 1952; Washington, D.C (BBU 2253)
12:30 a.m. (EST). CAA Senior Airways Specialist Austin M. Stapf (not a radar operator or controller) at Washington National Airport CAA Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) claimed that numerous slow-moving 90-100 mph radar targets appeared on the MEW VG-2 radar. Suggestive of anomalous propagation, but contrary to Stapf and BB, were not "similar" to the July 19/26, 1952, unexplained radar targets: They were unlike the July 1952 cases since there was no visual confirmation, no other radars confirming, and no fighters scrambled. Pilot at 6,000 ft at 12:30 a.m. saw nothing. Stapf claimed "same" thing was observed at same time previous night (12:30 a.m. Nov. 29??) and that Andrews AFB watch supervisor could not visually confirm targets over Andrews displayed on the ARTCC radar scope. Military witness(es) [?].5 hrs ?? (Sparks; Berliner; Saunders/FUFOR Index; BB files)

DECEMBER

NARA-PBB1-88 89, December Sightings

December 2, 1952; CIA Memo

An EOTS Moment for the CIA. Chadwell told Brad Sparks they concluded that UFO's were extraterrestrial -- that was what he was telling the CIA Director in this Dec. 2, 1952, memo.

Dec. 4, 1952; Colorado Springs, Colo. (BBU)
Bet. 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. USAF Sgt and civilian sighted round aluminum colored object traveling E to W, made several right-angle turns while overhead without slowing, then changed shape as it disappeared in the W. 1 min. (Sparks; BB Status Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 13; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Dec. 4, 1952; Congaree AFB, South Carolina
At 8:42 a.m. EST, an object was sighted on an AN/MPS-5 radar set. The object was approx. 100 miles NE of Congaree AFB and traveling at 6000 mph on a southern course. The object stopped for one minute and then came directly back in the path it was moving, according to a statement by A/1C Clarence W. Ives. The length of the observation was 5 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

Dec. 4, 1952; Laredo, Texas (BBU) [CCL Item #1]
8:46-8:56 p.m. (CST). USAF pilot Lt. Robert O. Arnold, 3640th Pilot Taining Wing, Laredo AFB, flying T-28 trainer aircraft at 6,000 ft and 180 knots air speed saw a bright bluish-white glowing object below him at about 1,500-2,000 ft rapidly climbing to his level, showing no navigation lights. Arnold tightened his left turn to keep object in view, object suddenly climbed to 9,000 ft in several secs then dropped down to his altitude again headed E to 6 miles SE of AFB where it stopped and hovered. Arnold pursued on SE heading but after 2 secs object suddenly headed towards him on collision course at high speed at 8:53 p.m., wavering slightly at about 300 ft as if determining which side to pass the aircraft then heading off Arnold's left wing at 150 ft distance, at which point he could see object as a blurred reddish-bluish haze smaller than his T-28, all of which happened too fast for evasive action. Object rapidly ascended to 15,000 ft then circled left as if positioning for another pass at T-28. Arnold in fear turned off running lights, spiraled down to 1,500 ft while keeping object in sight as object continued to head towards him in a dive then pulled up and climbed S out of sight. Lighted weather balloon launched at 8:53 p.m. from Laredo AFB but was not observed by US Weather Bureau

observers near any aircraft. 8 mins. (Sparks; BB files; NARCAP; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 15 [BB date error Dec. 5]; Project 1947)

Dec. 5, 1952; Lackland AFB, Texas (BBU)
8:48 p.m. USAF pilot of T-28 saw a blue light maneuver in a counterclockwise orbit then climb. BB date and location error; case is duplicate of Laredo AFB case above. (Sparks; Project 1947)

Dec. 6, 1952; About 100 miles S of Louisiana in Gulf of Mexico (BBU) [CCL Item #8]
5:25-5:35 [5:37?] a.m. (CST). USAF crew of B-29 bomber, based at 3510th Flight Training Wing (Medium Bomber), Randolph AFB, Texas, radar observer 1st Lt Norman Karas, radar observer/Instructor Navigator 1st Lt. William W. Naumann, Jr., Staff Sgt B. R. Purcell, Staff Sgt. William J. De Rause, 2nd Lt. Robert J. Eckert, Staff Sgt. Harry D. Shogren. B-29 flying at 20,000 ft, course 320° true ground track (315° heading with wind from 276° 24 knots), 186 knots (214 mph) ground speed, 204 knots true air speed, tracked on radar one or a few high speed targets at a time moving in a straight line at about 5,240 stat. mph, followed by more targets [one or one new group about every minute for 5 minutes] also moving SE [ESE] typically at about 5,000+ mph. Initial targets, about 4 small blips in a group, approached from 330° true on a SE [ESE] heading moving 12-14 NM per 2.25 sec radar sweep [about 22,000 to 26,000 mph] passed B-29 at 15-20 (naut.) miles range at 70° true azimuth when stopwatch timing began, and disappeared at true azimuth 150° at a timed speed of 5,240 mph [apparently slowed]. (See more details at link above)

Dec. 6, 1952; Angoon, Alaska (BBU)
At 1915 hrs Z, (10:15 a.m. local) an Air National Guard pilot (surname Spain?), near Angoon, Alaska reported an object travelling south in clear sky. It was described as consisting of two shiny globes connected by a solid rod. At times, it assumed a flattened shape. There were no lights, no vapor trail and no exhaust smoke. The pilot chased it, until it accelerated away and disappeared in the Sun, at 8 degrees' elevation, 158 azimuth (about the SSE.) The object was at about 2,000 feet, doing 150 knots; at an estimated distance of 1-2 miles. Size comparable to a Grumman Goose aircraft (wingspan 49 feet), making the angular size about the full Moon. Total duration was three minutes. (Basterfield, Fold3; Sparks; McDonald list.)

Dec. 8, 1952; Ladd AFB, Alaska (BBU 2266)
8:16 p.m. Pilot 1st Lt. D. Dickman and radar operator 1st Lt. T. Davies in USAF F-94 jet interceptor (s/n 49-2522) saw a white, oval light which changed to red at higher altitude, fly straight and level for 2 mins on 240° course, then climb at phenomenal speed on an erratic flight path. After landing object could still be seen moving erratically, no noise, for 3 mins then took up 160° heading gaining speed while descending, becoming brighter red. 10 mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Dec 8, 1952; Chicago, Illinois
Aircraft paced by row of unidentified lights. [UFOE, V]. Thorpe/Plowe (M)

Dec. 9, 1952; About 10 miles S of Madison, Wisc. (BBU 2267)
5:45 p.m. Capt. Bridges and 1st Lt. Johnson in USAF T-33 jet trainer saw 4 bright lights, in diamond formation, fly at 400 mph heading 130° or about SW at about 8,000 ft. They followed objects at 450 mph until passing (overtaking) them near 10 miles NE of Janesville, Wisc. (at 42°47' N, 88° 55' W) at 5:50 p.m., at which time they radioed the ADC 755th AC&W radar site "Soapberry," which could not detect objects, only the T-33. Objects continued on 90° E heading and T-33 followed until breaking off due to low fuel at 5:55 about 10 miles W of Racine, Wisc. (at 42°45' N, 88° 0' W). No silhouette

visible even when objects seen against Milwaukee city lights. 10 mins. (Berliner; cf. Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 10, 1952 - CIA Followup Memo

Natural and manmade explanations were eliminated and UFO performance was beyond earth technology. The Director was unhappy with the skimpy evidence in these memos and wanted more documentation, according to recently released TOP SECRET CIA meeting minutes. As Chadwell was quick to tell Brad Sparks, the Robertson Panel "overturned" his ET conclusion the following month, in Jan 1953. (See Dec. 2 memo)

Dec. 10, 1952; Pope AFB, South Carolina (BBU)

9:20 a.m. (EST). USAF Capt Albert F. Perna, Chief Controller, controller Capt Duane Ulstad, and radar operators MSgt R. DeGordin,Capt Ralph E. Coburn, and Capt Stephen Lesko, at 728th AC&W Sq using CPS-5D (1250 MHz) search radar, and height-finding MSQ-1 (2730 MHz) and MPQ-10 radars tracked almost stationary target of ordinary aircaft shape and size on the scopes, at 8,700 ft slowly descending to 4,400 ft and 8½ miles S of station (or at 155° azimuth?) not eliminated by movingtarget indicator (MTI). F-51 and 3 other aircraft investigated but found nothing; 8 transient flights saw nothing. Same (?) target observed on Dec. 11; also on Dec. 9 but at about 7 miles range ~170° azimuth. 7 hrs 55 mins. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 20)

Dec. 10, 1952; Hungnam, Korea (BBU)

USN pilot flying aircraft in near-collision with orange fireball. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Dec. 10, 1952; Odessa-Hanford, Wash. (BBU)

7:15-7:30 p.m. (PST). F-94 crew spotted a light while flying at 26,000-27,000 ft and approached to identify it. Object appeared large, round and white with reddish light coming from two "windows," came at F-94 on collision course, F-94 banked to avoid impact, radar contact and/or lockon made multiple times on airborne ARC-33 radar. 15 mins. (Ruppelt p. 43; NARCAP)

Dec. 11, 1952. Leonardo, NJ (BBU)

11:43 p.m. (EST). Two schoolteachers with military backgrounds at Croydon Hall Academy, Francis J. Auermuller and Elmer W. Inglesby, were observing the constellation Orion in the S and sighted a red metallic sphere from the right of Orion headed left into the sword of Orion at about 45° elevation about due S at 180° azimuth, pass through to about 135° azimuth then reverse course with almost no turn radius then gradually lower elevation to 35° till reaching 180° azimuth and disappearing due to distance. Estimated size possibly 200 ft at 25,000 ft distance traveling 2,000 mph [45° azimuth or about 30° arc at 45° elevation, at 25,000 ft range in 15 secs, is about 600 mph]. 30 secs. (Sparks; BB files)

Dec. 12, 1952

Brad Sparks:

Top CIA officials (Chadwell, Robertson, Durant) visited ATIC Project BLUE BOOK to obtain the withheld UFO investigation reports that Ruppelt indicated in phone conversation with CIA missile intelligence officer Frederick C. Durant III on Dec. 9 were being held back from CIA by orders of his boss ATIC Technical Analysis Division Chief, Col. Donald L. Bower, evidently acting at the behest of the AF Intelligence leaders, Gen. Garland and Dr. Stefan Possony. In other words an AF coverup to help conceal evidence of UFO reality from the CIA.

Col. Bower was blocking Ruppelt's planned visit to CIA in Washington, DC, to prevent him from delivering these reports showing them to be sensational cases (movie film, theodolite triangulation, landing case with burn injuries) but IFO's and not UFO Unknowns or best of the best, as the AF had falsely claimed in the briefing given to CIA on Nov. 25. Ruppelt's investigative reports would have undone too soon the false pro-UFO impression the AF had given to CIA -- the false "UFO" reports were intended to be revealed as IFO's at the CIA Robertson Panel to embarrass the CIA to stay out of AF business, and not sooner. Col. Bower himself had given the deliberately misleading AF briefing to CIA on Nov. 25, falsely promising CIA the AF's "full cooperation," and bringing along the lower-ranking pro-ETH advocate Maj. Fournet whose participation was calculated to reinforce pro-ETH conclusions on the CIA. The AF briefing convinced the leaders of CIA/OSI (Office of Scientific Intelligence) that UFO's were extraterrestrial spacecraft.

Ruppelt gave the CIA team led by Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell (director of CIA/OSI and now convinced of the ET origin of UFO's) dozens of additional "best UFO" reports to study but in fact they were all IFO cases designed to blow up in CIA faces at the Robertson Panel. Ruppelt completely withheld from CIA, and concealed the existence of, his special file of more than 63 Best Unexplained UFO cases, no doubt by direct orders of Col. Bower, whose name keeps popping up in the story of devious AF coverups on UFO's in 1952. (Brad Sparks)

Dec. 12, 1952. McGuire AFB, Trenton, NJ. (BBU)
12:25-12:31 a.m. (EST). Two airmen in the 568th Motor Vehicle Sq, McGuire AFB, sighted object to the ESE heading WSW towards the base until passing overhead then change course heading S, observed 1+ min until it disappeared, then regained it at 12:30 a.m. in the ENE headed towards base course to WSW, observed 40-50 secs. (Sparks; BB files)

Dec. 14, 1952; Charlottesville, Virginia (BBU)
11:45 a.m. (EST). Aeronautical engineer former test pilot saw a light orange elliptical shaped object, hovering then move NE at extreme speed, 1,000+ mph estimated. Object gave off discharge that changed brightness when object moved; debris lofted in the air apparently by the object. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 15, 1952; Memo For The Record

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt's call to Homer T. Gittings, Jr. concerning visual sightings of UFOs and radiation of unknown sources, reference to Mt. Palomar. A Mr. W. W. Carter of Los Alamos, New Mexico, was the person who knew people at Mt. Palomar who had seen unidentifed aerial objects at the same time they had detected some radiation.

Dec. 15/16, 1952; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU) [CCL Item #7]
Dec. 15, 1952. 10-20 mi W of Goose AB, Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada. 7:15-7:40 p.m.

(AST). After alert by Goose Bay GCA radar, USAF 59th FIS, Goose Air Base, F-94B pilot Capt. E. T. Johnson and radar observer Lt. H. S. Norris, chased maneuverable object at a speed of 375 knots [430 mph] on a heading of 270° to 280°, altitude of 14,000 to 24,000 ft. Object changed color from white to red, was tracked on airborne radar 1 minute with momentary lock-on. Unable to overtake object. T-33 crew also sighted it. 25 mins (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 27; NICAP; Saunders/FUFOR Index) [This was a USAF Intelligence Report and was item #7 on the official clearance list of sightings to Major Donald Keyhoe from Al Chop, Air Force Press Desk - Fran Ridge]

Dec. 15, 1952; Honshu, Japan (BBU)
8:54 p.m. local time. An unidentified track appeared on the Early Warning Ground Radar Site #24. It was a large blip and estimated to be more than one target. The estimated speed of the target was 1320 mph. The radar being used was the AN/TPS-1C. The target was seen on the first, second and fourth sweeps of the antenna. The antenna speed was 2 rpm. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

Dec. 15, 1952; Greensboro [Hartsville), South Carolina (BBU)
9:15 a.m. (EST). Major Ruffin W. Gray, USAF pilot of RF-80, 363rd Tactical Recon Group, Shaw AFB, headed W at 300 mph at 15,000 ft saw a bright circular or spherical silvery object about 10+ miles away at 11 o'clock High position, at 30,000+ ft, losing and gaining 3,000 ft altitude at rate of about 5,000 ft/min [ft/sec]. 10-15 secs (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 25; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Dec. 15, 1952. Greensboro, North Carolina (BBU)
9:25 a.m. (EST). Lt. Robert H. Williams, USAF pilot of RF-80, 363rd Tactical Recon Group, Shaw AFB, plus flight leader of the other RF-80, heading N at 300 mph at 25,000 ft saw a bright circular or spherical silvery object with 2 projections on top, which circled around them from 11 o'clock to 6 o'clock position. 45 secs (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 26; Project 1947; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Dec. 17 (approx), 1952;  Philadelia, PA
3:05 AM EST. Again a color change from one color to metallic.  Some similarities to the April 1943 incident at Long Beach, CA.  One person report.  However, in this case, the color change was due to a change in aspect from the witness point of view. (Jan Aldrich) 5-mins

Dec. 17, 1952; San Diego, Cal. (BBU)
Four members of the U.S. Navy Electronics Laboratory at San Diego, observed  two or more objects described as cigar or disc shaped that emanated bright light in smooth flight. The speed of the objects was described as being from the speed of a present day jet aircraft to 1500 miles per hour. One witness said he saw later five of six of these things orbiting in a small area.

Dec. 18, 1952; Itazuke AFB, Japan
8:28 a.m. local time. Five plots were observed on an AN/MPS-5 radar scope with an average speed 710 knots. The course from initial plot was 270 degrees varying to 312 degrees. The target size was approximately that made by a B-29 type aircraft. Successive tracks indicated an increase of speed ranging from 300 knots on initial pickup to an estimated 1040 knots on the 4th pickup. The length of the observation was 9 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

Dec. 18, 1952; Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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Brad Sparks:
Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, director of the CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI), notifies the DCI (Director of Central Intelligence) Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, that the Robertson Panel was being postponed (indefinitely or to at least March 1953 or later) in order to give the AF contractor Battelle Memorial Institute enough time to complete its statistical study of all of Blue Book's UFO case files. In meeting with Chadwell at Blue Book on Dec. 12 Battelle's Dr. Howard Cross had pleaded with CIA to postpone the Robertson Panel so Battelle would have time to finish its study and Chadwell and Robertson agreed to do so. (But within days, evidently after getting pressure from the AF, the DCI overruled the postponement and put it back on the fast track for the AF-manipulated rush to judgment.) (Brad Sparks)

Dec. 19, 1952; Anderson AFB, Guam (BBU)
6:50 [8:50?] a.m. USAF crew of B-17 bomber and ground witnesses saw a silvery cylindrical object. (BB Status Rpt)

Dec 22, 1952

Brad Sparks:
Ruppelt found out the CIA Robertson Panel was back on again after being shelved the previous two weeks. Apparently under pressure from the AF which was setting a trap to embarrass the CIA with sensational IFO cases dressed up as "best" Unknown UFO cases, the CIA Director, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, reversed CIA/OSI's decision to postpone the Panel meeting till March 1953 or later. DCI Smith ordered the Robertson Panel to be carried out immediately (as the AF had ordered through the IAC). Thus a rush-to-judgment Panel would have no time to reflect on the AF trickery involved in the IFO's-as-UFO's deception and would just react in dismissive skepticism that there was no scientific evidence for UFO reality, and hence no reason for CIA to intrude into the AF's jurisdiction over air intelligence matters such as unidentified aerial threats (UFO's). Ruppelt called ADC (Air Defense Command) to say that he would not be able to conduct the ADC UFO briefing tour as previously scheduled, due to the CIA meeting now tentatively set in early Jan. 1953 (he confirmed the call by teletype Dec 23). (Brad Sparks)

Dec. 22, 1952; Larson AFB, Moses Lake, Wash. [??] (BBU)
7:30 p.m. Instrument technician stopped his car to watch a hat-shaped glowing object rising vertically in odd spurts right and left, then level off at high speed, glowing white with a red side when rotated, and halfway through a roll no light, then held stationary in the sky with jumpy movements, S of Jupiter (which was to the SSE at about 151° azimuth 53° elevation). 15 mins. (Battelle Unknown No. 6)

December 23, 1952 Letter

Letter from Office of Naval Research, Pasadena Branch to Chief of Naval Research. Details on old report of unusual phenomena concerning erratic equipment behavior at Palomar.

Dec. 24, 1952; Camp Carson, Colorado (BBU)
4:17 p.m. MST. Three airmen observed a silver circular object hovering at an estimated altitude of 2,000 feet at an estimated 4 miles distance for approximately 2 or 3 minutes. The object then disappeared at a high rate of speed. All three airmen were assigned to the 3924 Air Police Squadron. (McDonald, Dan Wilson, BB files)

Dec. 24, 1952; Dallas, Texas
At 12:15 p.m. CST, an object was observed on an AN/APG-41 gun laying radar and AN/APS-23 navigation radar on an airborne B-36 aircraft at 40 miles east to 80 miles NE of Dallas, Texas. The target was detected on both north and south headings at 40,000 feet and on a descent to 15,000 feet. The target was tracked at a distance of 2000 to 4000 yards. The AN/APS-23 presentation of the phenomenon was similar to recent release of PPI photographs of sightings made over Washington D.C. The AN/APG-41 radar was instrumented with an 0/15 camera. Film was taken, although not clear, it does indicated the presence and trackability of the phenomenon. The Air Intelligence Information Report on this incident states, "Its behavior of attempting to remain 2000 to 4000 yards in front of the B-36 during descent from 40,000 to 15,000 feet was unexplainable, and seemed to indicate that something intelligent was guiding it." The total length of observation was 30 minutes. The operator of the AN/APS-23 radar said on several occasions he detected other targets and they were very sharp. (Dan Wilson, BB Files)

Dec. 27, 1952; Borger, Texas & Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
10:09 p.m. (MST). Military pilot saw an elongated cigarlike object the size of a medium bomber traveling E to W. Probable near-simultaneous meteor IFO with severalminute clock time errors. 4-20 secs (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 34 [erroneous BB date Dec. 28]; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Dec. 28, 1952; Franklin, Indiana and other cities
Starting very early in the morning (at about 4:48 AM?) and lasting about four hours and 15 min, three objects were observed by many witnesses, including police from Edinburgh, Columbus, Connorsville, Seymour, Fort Wayne and Madison, Indiana. One object was reportedly larger than the other two. The area over which the objects were seen and the period of time observed indicates a logical explanation of the astronomy category. [Letter 521228 Franklin IN.pdf handwitten after the event and transcribed by Lara Elliott] (Mike Swords, Robert Marler, Lara Elliott)

Dec. 28, 1952; Marysville, Calif. (BBU 2302)
Civilian witness(es). Case missing. (NARA)

Dec. 29, 1952

Subject: Preparation for trip to Los Alamos, N.M., and the West Coast. Capt. Ruppelt had called Lt. Col. Paul H. Butman, Division of Military Applications, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C. Col. Butman had previously been briefed on the possible correlation between detection of radiation from unknown sources and unidentified flying objects by Capt. Ruppelt during a visit to AEC. Col. Butman was requested to contact Los Alamos laboratories and request that Mr. Carter, Mr. Gittings, and Mr. Simmons come to Albuquerque for an interrogation.

Dec. 29 [28?], 1952; Chitose AFB [Misawa AFB? Hokkaido?], Japan (BBU) [CCL Item#13]

7:30 [7:39? 7:48?] p.m. USAF crews of B-26 (Ashley and Wood) and F-84G (Col. Howard Blakeslee) saw object emitting 3 beams of light and tracked on airborne radar. 7 mins. (Weinstein; FUFOR Index)

Dec. 29, 1952; 35 miles W of Amarillo near Vega, Texas and ESE of Tucumcari, New Mexico (BBU)
9:05 p.m. (CST). USAF Capt. William T. Bowley and Capt. Herbert T. Lange, both of Perrin AFB, Texas, piloting a B-26 on a training flight headed W at 257° at 6,000 ft altitude and 250 knots (300 mph) saw a extremely large and intense bright round bluish-white light with frequent green tints, no trail or exhaust or aerodynamic features, about 3x the size of a C-54 (or about 350 ft) at a distance of possibly 40 miles at their 11 o'clock position paralleling their course at about the same altitude 6,000 ft heading forward but closing with the B-26. After 5 mins object suddenly climbed vertically 7,000 ft in 5 secs [1,400 ft/sec average, or peak velocity about 2,000 mph at about 17 g's] to disappear in thin broken overcast clouds at 13,000 ft and causing the clouds to glow as if lit by searchlight. Bowley radioed the CAA controller in Tucumcari, N.Mex. Shortly after, the object reappeared under the clouds, the CAA controller was told to look for it but couldn't see it [probably because he was told to look in the wrong direction, to the SW, or it was obscured by clouds], after 2 mins it climbed to the W and disappeared. 7-10 mins. (Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 30, 1952; Terrigal, New South Wales, Australia (BBU)
12 noon. RAAF Wing Commander Tomkins and wife and child [Alexander?] saw an extremely brilliant carbon-arc bright object to the E about 7.5° elevation in very slow level flight to the left or N for about 1 min over about 8° of arc, estimated at about 2,000 ft height and 2 miles away. Object suddenly turned E and departed away from the observers at high speed disappearing in about 20 secs. 1 min 20 secs. (Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Dec. 31, 1952; NE of Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. (BBU)
4:45 a.m. local time. An Aircraft Commander, Capt. Robert P. Gennrich, the First Pilot, 1st Lt. John C. Moore, and the left scanner, A/1C Anthony A. Eakovich, of RB-36 #2007, sighted an unidentified flying object. The object was first seen by the Aircraft Commander and First Pilot on the horizon and was observed to approach the aircraft which was flying on a course of 73 degrees at 8,000 feet altitude. The object was spherical in shape and reddish-orange in color and approximately 8 feet in diameter. It appeared to pass over the the left wing of the aircraft at a distance of approximately 300 feet or greater and travel away from the tail of the aircraft at a high rate of speed and then commence to climb until out of sight. The left scanner, A/1C Anthony A. Eakovich, stated then when he saw the object it was directly behind the RB-36 at a distance unknown, and it veered off to the right and began to climb sharply at a high rate of speed until it was out of sight. At the time of the sighting the aircraft was flying straight and level. (Weinstein; FUFOR Index

Winter of 1952-1953; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada
11:00 PM+- A target appeared on the radar screen. It was located about ninety miles out and approaching from the north at an approximate speed of ninety mph. The radar in use was not equipped with any method of measuring altitude, so the height of the target could not be determined. The fact that the target was approaching from due north (0 degrees on the radar screen) was very unusual since no military or civilian airfields were located in that direction. Its slow speed of travel was equally strange. Most aircraft that approached Goose Bay from a northerly direction were flights coming in from Thule, Greenland. where the United States was building an air base and radar site. The azimuth

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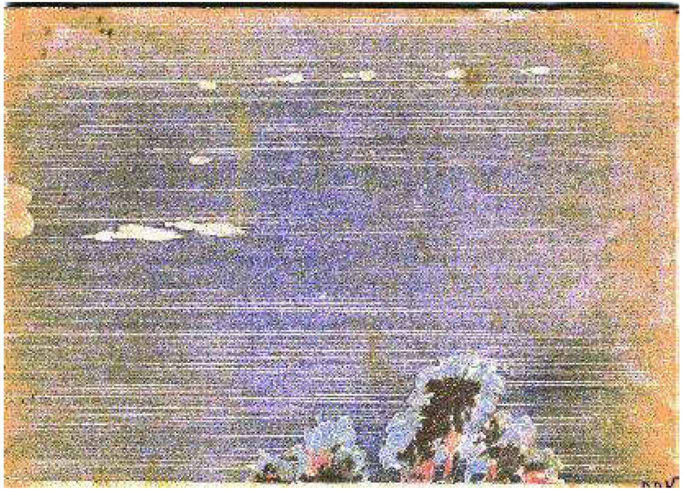

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Map of sightings, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database at http://www.larryhatch.net/YDAY52.html

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1953 Greenland Cases (Joel Carpenter)

NARA-PBB1-90-91, January Sightings

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1953; Anaco, Venezuela
Avensa Airlines pilot reported round gray object paced plane. [UFOE, X]

Sometime in 1953: Mediterranean Sea off S. Italy
A coastal vessel in the Mediterranean only a few miles off southern Italy, carrying a load of passengers, reported seeing a disc-shaped thing rising from the water in 1953. (Flying Saucers Serious Business, 129).

Sometime in 1953; Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri
The General Manager and Chief Engineer of a St. Louis broadcasting station, state that they were starting out to fish one morning in 1953 on the famed Lake of the Ozarks. Out some three or four hundred yards from shore, they were sitting there in the fog, listening for a passing boat which might help them, when they heard a heavy humming sound. They could see nothing until the fog parted briefly; then about a hundred feet from them, and not more than five feet above the still waters of the lake, they saw a shiny, disc-shaped thing. It was oscillating slowly, and both men noticed that directly beneath it the water was dancing in thousands of tiny sharp pointed waves. A moment later the fog closed in and my friends waited no longer for help; they began paddling back toward the dock, using their hats for paddles. (Flying Saucers-Serious Business by Frank Edwards, pp. 175-176, © 1966)

Early, 1953; Salisbury Plains, Great Britain
Daytime. This incident, witnessed by none other than George Townsend Withers, is very impressive. It involves an object following a stripped-down Canberra jet, then being chased by the canberra only to accelerate upward at high speed. Within this report, as told by GTW to Jenney Randles, there is evidence indicating a more serious interest by the British and also their early knowledge of the Estimate of the Situation, which most people knew nothing about at that time. Reference is also made to an FBI document, stating "some Military officials are seriously considering the possibility of interplanetary ships". (Jenny Randles)

1953; Exact date and location unknown
Navy Carrier-based squadron of attack planes approached by rocket-shaped UFO. [UFOE, IV]

Jan. 1, 1953; Mobile, Alabama (BBU)
Brookley AFB USAF Capt. and senior pilot saw to the W from a drive-in theater a bluish-white object 1 2 ft size with a short exhaust trail in rapid level flight left to right through 80° arc about 2,000-3,000 ft altitude, 1 mile distance, 250-300 knots speed, started climbing turn at the end and suddenly disappeared like turning off a light. (Hynek-CUFOS Willy Smith files)

Jan. 1, 1953; Bet. Wolf Creek & Craig, Montana (BBU 2315)
8:45 p.m. (MST). While diving in car on Hwy 91 about 10 [20?] miles SW of Cascade, Warner E. Anderson, manager of photo shop with wartime air spotter experience, Mrs. Greta C. Wills, manager of women's apparel store, teenager Marlene Wills, saucer-shaped object above horizon about 5 miles away to the SW. Object estimated 25-40 ft long and 6-8 or 18-25 ft thick, like two soup bowls joined at rims with a red glowing bottom, portholes or windows. UFO dove low at varying 10-50 or 100-200 ft height over Missouri River to within 150-300 ft distance then climb fast in a horizontal attitude at estimated 3,600 mph to the NE. (Sparks; BB files; BB Report 10, Feb 1953, p. 37 [BB date error of Jan. 3]; Berliner)

Jan 4, 1953-The Aircraft Flash, Official_G.O.C._Magazine,_Vol_I,_No. 4

"Unidentified Aerial Objects" Receive Careful Analysis by Air Force Experts. "It is the responsibility of the United States Air Force to be aware of anything that does or can happen in the skies. The Ground Observer Corps shares this responsibility, since it is "the eyes and the ears of the Air Force." (Courtesy of CUFON)

Jan. 6, 1953; Duncanville, TX [and Oklahoma City, OK?] (BBU) (Item # 6 on Chop Clearance List)
1/1:05 a.m. (CST). The 147th AC&W Squadron, Duncanville, Texas, was notified by the CAA ARTCC at Meecham Field, Fort Worth, Texas, that they received numerous calls of an unidentified flying object northeast of Dallas, Texas. The AC&W unit at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, reported that they had picked up a target by radar twenty miles southwest of Paris, Texas. This target was moving moving west at an estimated speed of 600 knots at 7,500 feet in altitude. An arrowhead-shaped object was seen by some witnesses. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 8, 1953; Larson AFB, Moses Lake, Wash. (BBU 2323)
7:15-7:30 a.m. (PST). USAF ADC 82nd Fighter Interceptor Sq personnel, including Lt Col squadron commander, all on the ground, saw a green, discshaped or round object about the size of large weather balloon, flying to the SW, with a vertical bobbing motion and sideways movements, at about 8,000 ft, below scattered clouds at 9,000 ft and overcast at 12,000 ft, moving away against the wind from 240° until disappearance due to distance not entering clouds. Also observed by base personnel at Ephrata, Wash., about 10 miles WNW of Larson AFB, driving to work at the base. F-94 airborne at 7:43 a.m. searched for 30 mins but UFO had already disappeared at 7:30 a.m. No radar tracks. (Sparks; BB files; Berliner; McDonald 1968)

Jan 9, 1953 SECRET letter to Miles Goll from H.C. Cross (PENTACLE MEMO)

Large-scale military plan recommended to ATIC to entrap UFOs to secure evidence at high incident areas. This just a week before the CIA-sponsored meetings of Jan 14-16.

Jan. 9, 1953; Misawa, Japan (BBU)
6:50 p.m.The F-94 aircraft made radar contact with the object at a range of 24,000 yards. The radar locked on at 5000 yards and contact was broken at a range of 200 yards. The radar observer reported unusual interference on the set throughout the mission but the set appeared to be operative before and after contact. The radar contact was for approximately 2 minutes. (McDonald list, UFOE)

Jan. 9, 1953; Santa Ana, California (BB)
The crew of a B-29 bomber watched a V-formation of blue-white lights bank near the bomber, then climb away. (UFOE, III)

Jan. 1953; Merrville, Texas
Odd "roaring" interference on radio as UFO circled town. (NICAP original list).

Jan. 10, 1953; 8 miles NW of Sonoma, Calif. (BBU 2326)
3:45 or 4 p.m. [4:45 p.m. PST?] Retired AF Col. Robert McNab, and Mr. Hunter of the Federal Security Agency saw a flat object to the NW at 45° elevation traveling about 2,400 mph make three 360° right turns in 2-3 secs each in about 1/8 radius required for jets [i.e., about 1/4 mile radius and 300 g's], two abrupt 90° turns to the right and left, each turn 5 secs apart, almost stop, accelerate to original high speed, almost stop again, speed up again and finally fly out of sight vertically. Sound similar to F-86 at high altitude. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 115-6)

Jan 14-17, 1953:_Robertson_Panel_Convenes

Report of Scientific Advisory Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects Convened by Office of Scientific Intelligence, CIA. (Credit: Brad Sparks obtained the full declassification of the Robertson Panel Report and Durant Memo by the CIA with all sanitized redactions filled in, in 1974.Copy by CUFON)

Jan. 16, 1953

Maj. Dewey Fournet presented his "motion study" to the Robertson Panel. This study is significant and it is similar to the earlier 1948 "Estimate of the Situation" and illustrates once again the reason why the

> Extraterrestrial Hypothesis was seriously considered. And as always, the study was not stopped as it went up, but was rejected at the top.

Jan. 17, 1953; Near Guatemala City, Guatemala (BBU 2337)
3:55 p.m. Geologist/salesman J. J. Sackett saw a brilliant green-gold object, shaped like the Goodyear blimp with length/height ratio 2:1, fly 400 mph straight and level, stop, then fly straight up with one stop. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Jan. 20, 1953; Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska (BBU)
At 9:35 p.m. local time, a highly experienced Rawin Crew while tracking a Rawin Target observed three unidentified targets on a SCR-584 radar. The largest object was tracked for approximately 9 minutes. The object's radar return was significantly larger than the Rawin Target. When the object were first detected the Rawin Target was at 55,000 feet and the object was at 46,300 feet. (McDonald, Dan Wilson)

> January 22, 1953
> Santa Fe New Mexican: "A fireball expert said today Russia may be scouting the United States and other parts world with strange new guided missiles. Dr. Lincoln LaPaz said a good many shreds of evidence point to green fireballs sighted throughout the world being a type of missile - possibly of Soviet make." (Associated Press)

Jan. 22, 1953; Harmon AFB, Newfoundland
An unidentified flying object described as red, white and blue and oval-shaped, was observed visually from the weather station, control tower, base operations office, and a nearby AC&W site at Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, at 0040 Z. An attempt to contact the object by radar met with negative results. NARA-PBB85-815

Jan. 22, 1953; Patrick AFB, FL
At 2400 Z four airmen at Patrick AFB, Florida, visually observed for three minutes a fiery red-orange ball traveling soundlessly from north to south at high speed. (NARA-PBB85-813)

Jan 23, 1953; Bergstrom AFB, TX (BBU)
3:40 p.m. (CST). (McDonald list; FUFOR Index) Unidentified return on AN/NPM-1 GCA radar set. Size of blip was 3/16" in width and 3/4" in length. Speed was from stationary to as fast or faster then a jet aircraft. Length of observation was 19 minutes. The observer was T/Sgt Gerald Kelly, Aircraft Landing Control Technician, and he is stated to be fully qualified by his commanding officer. (Dan Wilson)

Jan. 26, 1953; Continental Divide, NM
At 2115 MST Air Force personnel stationed at an AC&W station in this area observed an aerial phenomenon simultaneously by electronic and visual means. To the naked eye the object appeared as a very bright reddish-white object estimated to be 10 miles west of the radar site. The object passed behind a hill and then reappeared apparently heading in a northerly direction at a slow speed. The airman making this visual observation reported it to personnel manning the radar equipment. They stated that they had an unidentified blip on the radar scope, appearing west of the station approximately 9 miles away. The scope showed the object to be on a 270 azimuth at an altitude of 10-15,000 moving away from the site at 12-15 mph. It was eventually lost on radar at the 18 mile range. The object was under visual and radar observation intermittently for 45 minutes. (NARA-PBB85-814)

Jan. 26, 1952; Sampson AFB, NY
At 2320 Z an airman at Sampson AFB, New York, visually observed one large luminous rectangular shaped unidentified flying object. In one minute the object traveled through an arc of 70 or 80 degrees, while emitting a humming sound. (NARA-PBB85-816)

Jan. 27, 1953 CIA letter to Julius Stratton from Marshall Chadwell

Jan. 27, 1953; Mather AFB, California (BB)

At 10:40 a.m. PST, while flying in a T-29 aircraft, 1st Lt. Cukar saw a round flat object like a pie tin. It was very bright; a brilliant silver. He watched the object for a minute to a minute and a half and then four more objects appeared and then disappeared. The one object was seen to move towards the aircraft and then move away. Capt. Madley in the same T-29 originally saw four objects and one was particularly bright. The objects appeared to be tumbling within themselves; a barrell roll effect, passing inside of each others orbit. Madley saw one object move towards the T- 29 and then move away and had thought they were going to have a midair collision. He estimated that the disks were at 12,000 feet in altitude and 30 to 60 miles away. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Jan. 27, 1953; Livermore, Calif.
Pilot watched shiny circular object in high-speed climb. [UFOE, V]

Jan. 28, 1953; Point Mugu, Calif. (BBU 2361)
1:06 pm. R.W. Love, owner of Love Diving Co., and Mr. Ferrenti, while engaged in retrieving radio-controlled drones on a boat 1,100 yards offshore S of the Pt. Mugu Naval Air Missile Training Center, saw an 18-20-inch [18-20 ft?] white, flat disc with fuzzy or shimmering edges rapidly approach from about 305° azimuth (about NW) fly straight and level overtaking a jet aircraft flying at 150-200 knots in 3 secs, pass overhead, disappearing in haze to the E. (Don Berliner, Jan Aldrich) 2 witnesses

Jan. 28, 1953; St. Georges, Delaware (BBU)
5:18 p.m. (EST). 4 witnesses driving S on St. Georges Bridge, 3 of whom were members of UFO investigation group, Mrs. Gene Thropp, Mrs. Lucille T. Nichols and Mrs. W. Forman, saw a rose-orange 7-inch [?] shiny disc-shaped object with a "white tail" at their 8 o'clock position heading S at about 10° above the horizon traveling about 100 mph, no sound no trail. Object seen through binoculars reversed course to the N then continued alternating heading N to S. (Jan Aldrich)

Jan. 28, 1953. Corona, Calif. (BBU 2364)
6:05 p.m. USAF T/Sgt. George Beyer saw five 25 ft green spheres fly in V-formation, then change to trail formation at which time the end objects turned red. (Berliner)

Jan. 28, 1953; Albany, Ga. Air Force F-86 pilot saw a definite circular UFO pass below his plane, confirmed by radar. [UFOE, VIII]

Jan. 28, 1953; Stuttgart, Germany (BB)
7:52 p.m. local time. Lt. Col. Max O. Mitchell was flying north in a C-47 aircraft on top an overcast at 7,500 feet, sighted a very bright light passing in front of the aircraft at a slight elevation above him from left to right. Mitchell called the pilot, Major David W. Pearsall's attention to the light which was moving at an extremely high rate of speed. In a few seconds the light turned to the north and then turned again in front of the C-47. The light made several violent maneuvers from just above the horizon to 15 degrees above the horizon. The light was observed for approximately 1-1/2 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Jan. 28, 1953; Between Stuttgart and Rhein Main Air Base, Germany (BB)
8:20 p.m. A C-47 aircraft (No. 3734) piloted by 1st Lt. Marlowe B. Sorge, was returning to Rhein Main AFB, Germany, from the vicinity of Stuttgart, Germany, when Sorge noticed a light ahead and slightly to the right of his aircraft. The light was bright white with green around the edge. The light appeared to be traveling the same heading (300 degrees) as the aircraft and at approximately the same speed. It appeared to be at a distance of about 3 to 5 miles and at the same altitude as the aircraft The light drifted to the right a distance estimated to be 1/2 mile and then returned to its original position. It also dived approximately 1000 feet at about a 75 degree angle and then climbed perpendicularly to its original position. This maneuver took approximately 4 to 5 seconds. Overall the light was visible for approximately 10 minutes. At approximately 8:30 p.m. local time, another light appeared ahead and slightly to the left of the aircraft. The light appeared to vary in distance from 3 to 5 miles as evidenced by the fact the light would grow brighter and then dimmer and the relative positions would change from 11 o,clock to 10 o'clock and then back to its original position. Both the first light and the second were visible at the same time, but shortly after the second light appeared, the first one disappeared. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Jan. 28, 1953; El Toro Marine Air Base, Calif.(BB)

9:00 p.m. PST. A bright object was first observed at the El Toro Marine Air Base by a tower operator who then ordered an all weather jet fighter which was coming in for a landing to make an investigation. (Dan Wilson)

Jan. 28, 1953; Turner AFB, Dobbins, Georgia (BBU 2365)
9:40-10:00 p.m. (EST). USAF senior pilot at Moody AFB, Major Hal W. Lamb, apparently saw the setting planet Venus changing color and shape (at 267°-270° azimuth 3° elevation dropping below horizon, his estimates varying from 250° to 295°-310° azimuth) while flying a T-33, also seen by Turner AFB tower operators (with time errors of about 10 mins). At about 9:40-9:48 (reported as 9:50-9:58) 2 GCA radar maintenance men at Turner AFB radar tracked 3 moving targets and a stationary target (at due W 270° azimuth 26 miles?). At 10:00 (reported as 10:10), the GCA reported 2 stationary targets at 17 and 27 (or 23 27?) miles both 300° azimuth. No visual confirmation though binoculars used. (Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 29, 1953 Conway; South Carolina
Hearing a commotion in his barn, a farmer observed an object about 7 m long and 4 m wide at treetop level. It was light gray in color and lit up inside. It resembled a half egg. The witness fired his gun at the object. Numerous livestock died "mysteriously" in the area after the sighting. (Magonia database)

Jan. 29, 1953; Presque Isle AFB [Caswell?], Maine (BBU)
[9:55 a.m. (EST) ?] Three or more fighters (at least one F-94) saw gray oval UFO (from 7th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and other squadrons). Radar tracking ? by Air Defense Direction Center. (Hynek UFO Rpt p. 58)

Jan. 29, 1953; Malibu Beach, Calif. (BB)
At 2:20 p.m. PST, four metallic disc-shaped objects the size of a B-36 flying in squadron formation in a vertical plane at approximately 20,000 feet at an estimated speed of 1200 mph were observed by a three man crew of a Northrup Aviation Corp. plane. These men were Rex Hardy Jr., a Northrup aircraft test pilot, Chester Mathews, another test pilot and Jim Wilkinson, a Northrup photographer. The objects were observed for approximately 5 minutes. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

Jan 29, 1953; Conway, So. Carolina (BBU)
11:30 p.m. Mr. Boothe heard commotion of animals, grabbed gun, saw oblong-shaped lighted object 10 ft above trees slowly moving or stationary, low humming sound. Boothe shot at the object 2x, first bullet bounced off with metallic sound, at second shot object tilted slightly went up at 65° angle to the W at 600-700 mph and disappeared. Cattle deaths claimed connected by townspeople. (Jan Aldrich/CUFOS files)

Jan. 30, 1953; Yuma, Ariz.
Gyrating light ascending steeply, observed by scientist. [UFOE, VI]

Jan. 30, 1953; CIA Memo on ONE Briefing

> Briefing of the Office of Naval Estimates Board by CIA on Unidentified Flying Objects, included the showing of the Utah and Montana films.

NARA-PBB1-92-93, February Sightings Listing

Feb. [deleted], 1953; Finland AFS, Minn. (BBU)
At 6:29 a.m. CST, an unknown object appeared on a CPS-3 radar scope on a heading of 155 degrees at the 140 mile range moving outbound at an estimated altitude of 15,000 feet. The object appeared on the scope as being twice the size of an ordinary aircraft. On the RADAR OBSERVATION DATA SHEET, Lt. Kenfield, S/SGT Duffy and Operator A/2C Cline gave the opinion; unknown or a flying saucer. The length of observation was 48 seconds. (Dan Wilson)

Feb. 1, 1953; Terre Haute, Indiana
2130 EST. A military aircraft on a 270 heading 10 miles west of Terre Haute sighted a close group of moving lights changing color from red to blue, to green to yellow. The T-33 pilot estimated their altitude to range between 30,000

ft. to 15,000 ft. flying in a manner similar to conventional aircraft. Searchlights from the St. Louis area seemed to be following the unidentified lights. (Dan Wilson)

Feb. 3, 1953; Keflavik Airport, Iceland (BBU 2384)
At 5:25 p.m., unidentified radar plots were observed on radar scopes of the 932nd AC&W Squadron. The first plot was observed at 5:25 p.m., bearing 345 degrees, range 90 nautical miles. The second plot was observed at 5:27 p.m., and faded after remaining motionless for two minutes. The third plot was observed at 5:36 p.m., bearing 341 degrees, range 112 nautical miles. The fourth was observed at 5:49 p.m., bearing 348 degrees, range 118 nautical miles. There were no aircraft operating in the area according to all military and civilian sources contacted. The apparent lack of motion indicated during two full minutes is still unexplained. (Dan Wilson)

Feb. 4, 1953; Yuma, Ariz. (BBU 2388)
1:50-55 p.m. U.S. Weather Bureau observer Stanley H. Brown, using a theodolite, tracked to the E [W?] at 107° [270°?] azimuth 53° elevation a white, oblong object almost round, with a solid dull pure white color and a thin white mist completely edging it, flying straight up, leveling off. After 20 secs 1st object was joined by a 2nd similar object that twice flew away and returned to the 1st. Both lost to sight behind clouds to the SSW at 204° azimuth 29° elevation after 5 mins timed with stopwatch. (Berliner; McDonald 1968)

Feb. 6, 1953; Rosalia, WA [CCL#34] (BBU)
1:34 a.m. PST. A B-36 report, very accurate sighting description, showing object circled as the aircraft approached it, and light commenced flashing at short intervals. The B-36 aircraft was in flight in the vicinity of Spokane, Washington, when one round white omnidirectional light was sighted. The light was at an altitude of approximately 7,000 feet on a southeast course circling and rising as it proceeded. It was visually observed for a period of three to five minutes. The B-36 made 180 degree descending turn toward the light which was estimated to be moving at a speed of 150 to 200 knots. The aircraft was inbound to Spokane 15 miles out and located over Rosalia, Washington. (Project 1947; McDonald list)

Feb. 6, 1953; Truk Island (BB)
11:10 p.m.local time. An Air Force Officer in charge of the Weather Bureau Station on Truk sighted a bullet-shaped shiny object traveling at 150 mph at an approximate altitude of 400 to 500 feet. The object appeared to be larger than a C-47 aircraft.

Feb. 7, 1953; Okinawa (BBU)
9:22 p.m. USAF F-94 crew and other witnesses saw a bright orange object change color to red and green at intervals, disappear behind a cloud, ground radar tracking. (UFOE, III, VIII, Project 1947; McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 8, 1953; Barter Island, Alaska (BBU)
4:50 a.m. (AHST). Military pilot [and another witness?] working at airstrip heard a deep heavy sound and saw brilliant round white object with small ray-like appendages descending in a falling-leaf motion but without the upward swings, then hovered, moved about 50 ft against the wind to original position, after 45 secs began to climb using reverse falling-leaf maneuver, picked up speed changing color to orange tint. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 9, 1953; Virginia, N.C.
Border. Marine Corps pilot chased rocket-like object. [UFOE, IV]

Feb. 9, 1953; Nr. Washington, D.C.
Evening. A Marine Corps fighter pilot, alerted by a Navy facility in Norfolk, searched for a silver, maneuvering object that had been seen from the ground near the Virginia-North Carolina border. The F9F Panther pilot at first saw nothing and was returning to the base. He then saw "what looked like an airplane with red lights which appeared below me... What caused me to look back at the object," said 1st Lt. Ed Balocco, "was the fact that it moved from below me 10,000 feet vertically in a matter of seconds." He turned to investigate and chased the object at speeds over 500 mph for 3-4 minutes, but could not close in on it.

Feb. 10, 1953; Misawa AFB, Japan (BBU)
6:45 PM. Unidentified radar targets spotted on GCA scope. Objects seen on both 2 and 10 mile azimuth scopes. Targets were solid and definite. The objects were reported flying at 50 knots. An F-94 was scrambled. The objects were not plotted or seem visually by the F-94. The F-94 reported radar interference.(Dan Wilson, McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 11, 1953; Bet. Tunis, Tunisia & Tripoli, Libya [CCL #37] (BBU)
8:45 p.m. (GMT). USAF C-119 transport crew saw a disc pass the plane. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 13, 1953; Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, TX (BBU)
2:35 a.m. (CST). Pilots and crew of B-36 aircraft (one named Ruth) saw 3 bright lights of equal intensity in stacked vertical echelon formation approaching at moderately high speed (cruise speed of F-86), one object suddenly accelerated then came to complete halt and the other 2 objects did the same, then returned to original formation and repeated the maneuver, ending in a horizontal echelon with center object the pivot, then all climbed steeply in "swinging" motion at high speed. Possible ground radar contact. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 12, 1953; Vichy, Missouri (BBU)
8:30 p.m. USAF Capt. Robert Bailey, his FO, and crew chief of C-47 transport at 7,000 ft, 170 knots (200 mph) airspeed, heading 43° (NE), saw a small round light as they neared the Vichy Radio Range Station. Light changed intensity and looked like it was on collision course at 238° bearing [heading? from behind or in front??]. Bailey turned on landing lights to try to signal it, light then stopped its approach, flew off their left wing at about 1 mile while changing color from red to amber to green. After 5-10 mins the light dropped back, increased speed, made 3 dives and zooms on a parallel course before disappearing. (NARCAP; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 16, 1953; Ramer, Alabama (BBU)
5:30 p.m. (EST). Hawk and Stern. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 16, 1953; Willow, Alaska (BBU)
11:50 p.m. 12:05 a.m. [11:45 p.m. (AHST) ?]. C-47 crew pursued nocturnal light which was below horizon, then ascended, hovered, maneuvered, disappeared. Initially to the E, after hovering, C-47 turned to pursue on 345° heading, object accelerated, brightened and decreased in size, C-47 chased at 270°-290° heading to disappearance in 45 secs. (Willy Smith pp. 43-48; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 17, 1953; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska (BBU)
6:55 p.m. (AHST). Ground observers and fighter interception. Nocturnal light with rapid vertical takeoff. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 17, 1953; Port Austin, Mich. (BBU 2419)
10:04-10:25 p.m. 2 officers and 3 airmen of USAF AC&W squadron saw an object larger and brighter than a star, changing color, moving slowly until 10:09. Radar tracked a target at 10:08 moving in a similar direction for 17 mins, at similar speed. (Berliner)

Feb. 20, 1953; Pittsburg-Stockton, Calif. (BBU 2426)
Sighting #1 time unknown; #2, 10:30 [11:30 PST?] p.m. USAF B-25 bomber pilots. Sighting #1, a bright yellow light seen for 8 mins. Sighting #2, a bright light flew on a collision course, dimmed and climbed away fast. (Berline; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 22, 1953; Erie, Pennsylvania (BB, CCL #40)
At 3:30 p.m.EST, Claire Range on duty station with GOC at Lake Erie reported to the Buffalo Filter Center the observation of a silvery chrome object saucer like in shape 100 to 150 feet in diameter about 1 and 1/4 miles out over Lake Erie going west. No propulsion system observed and no sound was observed. The object was reflecting light brightly. Claire Range was a former Navy gunner. (Blue Book, Dan Wilson)

Feb. 24, 1953; Sherman, Texas (BBU 2441)
7:43 p.m. Warrant Officer and Mrs. Alden saw 2 bright red, round objects with big halos fly in small circles, climb

and fade. (Berliner)

Feb. 25, 1953; Charleston, West Virginia (BBU)
At 3:30 p.m. EST, an unusual target (oblong, 2 miles wide and 7 miles long) was sighted on an FPS-3 radar of the 783rd AC&W Squadron. Fade-out occurred in like appearance to the gaining or losing altitude. The length of observation was 15 minutes. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Feb. 26, 1953; Thule AFB, Greenland
At 1:50 a.m. local time, an unidentified radar track on the GCA Planned Position Indicator (PPI) scope was reported. Sgt. Lucas while tracking a MATS C-124 at a position of 5 miles NE of Thule Air Base, a prominent blip emerged from the normal clutter area on the scope. The speed of the object was estimated at 180 knots or better. The altitude of the object was estimated at 5000 to 6000 feet. The object was tracked for three minutes before it faded from the scope. (Dan Wilson)

Feb. 27, 1953; Great Falls AFB, Montana(BBU)
3:16 AM. (MST). Object appeared on radar scope, type AN/ FPS-3, fading and reappearing for a period of 11 minutes. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 27, 1953. Shreveport, Louisiana (BBU 2543)
11:58 a.m.- 12:02 p.m. USAF airman/private pilot saw 5 yellow discs make circular turns, flutter, 3 vanished first, then the other 2 flew erratic square turns. (Berliner)

NARA-PBB1-94-96, March Sightings

March 3, 1953; 130 miles W of Luke AFB, Phoenix, Ariz., near Blythe, Calif. (BBU)
1:25-1:32 p.m. (MST). USAF Capt. Roderick D. Thompson, 3600th Fighter Training Group, Luke AFB, instructor pilot in an F-84 at 25,000 ft 500 mph TAS heading 305° Mag spotted 300-500 ft wide aircraft leaving contrail crossing his path at 2 [10?] o'clock high position from left to right at about 35,000 to 45,000 ft and about 400 mph TAS, visible only by condensation vapor emitted from manta-ray shape flat surface. Student pilots of two F-84's, Lt. Jack E. Brasher and Lt. Thomas W. Hale, saw the object but did not follow the pursuit. When Thompson turned (right?) to pursue object climbing at full power at about 560 mph, object made slight dipping turn to NW and began climbing at about 20° angle and object appeared to be very thin, and immediately began to form a heavy condensation trail behind it for roughly 1,000 ft and split in two for about 1,000 ft but which ended abruptly and moved with the object, the trail not being left behind. Thompson reached 30,000 ft and closed to within roughly 5-10 miles of object to a point over Colorado River N of Parker Dam, about 70 miles N of Blythe, when he took 151 frames or about 30 ft [6 ft?] of gun camera film of object, 16 mm N-9 camera, apparently at 16 fps 1/40 sec exposure setting. (BB Rpt 11; NICAP website; McDonald list; Ruppelt pp. 229-230; FUFOR Index)

March 5, 1953
Letter to Air Defense Command about 4602nd doing UFOI Investigations

March 5, 1953; Congaree AFB, South Carolina (BBU)
At 3:45 p.m. (EST), the assistant director of security at the Savannah River Project, Mr. J. Howard Jones, observed a silver crescent-shaped object at a very high altitude over the project. The 727th AC&W Squadron at Congaree, South Carolina, was notified of this sighting. They picked up an unidentified plot on their AN/ASP-5 type radar at 5:07 p.m. (EST), that was approximately 65 miles SW of Congaree over the Savannah River Project. An ANG F-51 attempted interception until 5:25 p.m., when the blip faded northwest of Congaree. At 5:52 p.m. another detachment of the 727th AC&W Squadron at Camden, South Carolina, picked up a blip on their AN/TPS-1B type radar. An F-80 type aircraft was scrambled to attempt interception. This blip was due west of Congaree. The radar operator had the F-80 do an identification turn. This proved that he did not have the F-80 on the scope. When the blip was first observed it was approximately 100 miles west of Congaree. The blip then reversed its direction and was 85 miles out heading in a NW direction, then headed east, then west, and again to the east, fading at 115 miles and 8 degrees from Camden. For a total of 68 minutes during both radar sightings, aircraft attempted to intercept the unidentified object with negative results. At all times the object stayed at an estimated 20,000 feet altitude and

was doing 200-220 mph. (Dan Wilson, footnotes.com)

March 5, 1953; Shaw AFB, South Carolina (BBU)
5:07 p.m. (EST). (McDonald list)

March 7, 1953; Yuma, Arizona
Air Force officers at a gunnery meet observed about 12 disc-shaped objects that dove down and hovered over the base during the meet. [AP story, Mar. 9th; UFOE, III]

March 9, 1953; Ashiya AFB, Kyushu, Japan (BBU)
6:30 a.m. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

March 10-11, 1953; Hackettstown, New Jersey (BBU 2490)
4 [2?] a.m. (EST). Mrs. Nina Cook, an experienced private pilot and wife of a Pan Am flight engineer, saw a large light blinking at 10-15 times per minute, move up and down along a mountain range. Earlier sighting at 9 p.m.? (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

March 12, 1953; east at RCAF Station Chatham in New Brunswick
12:55 Atlantic Standard Time. Similar to occurrence ( Presque Isle, Maine Jan.29,53), this event occurred about 125 miles to the Brunswick. The sighting took place from the base by one officer in the tower and one airborne Harvard (Harvard =T-6 Texan-USAF or SNJ-USN) pilot. Brilliant silver disc travelling at 500 knots. Transitioned from level flight to steep climb. Spotted from both the ground and in the air. Photos taken from Harvard but did not turn out. Observed continuously for estimated four minutes. See the attached doc (March 1953 RCAF Chatham ufo sighting.doc [25.5KB]) from Maritime UFO Files as I wrote it up in 1998. (Don Ledger)

March 14, 1953; N. of Hiroshima, Japan (BBU 2496)
11:45 p.m. USN pilot Lt. Wooton, copilot Lt. J. S. Rose, navigator Lt. D. W. Carey, Capt. G. E. Truelove, radarmen G. F. Delmel and R. D. Kelly, radiomen J. Schaefer and J. L. Chavers, other crewmen L. B. Brown and G. E. Noiseux of U.S. Navy P2V-5 patrol plane saw groups of 5-10 colored lights, totaling 90-100, slowly move aft of the left side of the airplane at a range of 3-7 miles as estimated by copilot. Unidentified target tracked at 7 miles range by airborne APS-20 radar from 45° to 250° relative bearing. (Jan Aldrich; NICAP)

March 20, 1953; Pork Chop Hill, [Old Baldy?] Korea (BBU)
11 p.m. "AP radio news service summary of April 5, 1953, indicates that luminous objects traveling at supersonic speeds have been observed and tracked on radar within the past few days in Pork Chop and Old Baldy Hills area, Western Korean Front." (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

March 21, 1953; Elmira, New York (BBU 2511)
3:05 p.m. (EST). 4 GOC observers at GOC observation post saw 6 discs in a group fly high and fast. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

March 21, 1953; Prescott, Arizona
Sighting from aircraft. Beers case (P)

March 23, 1953; Pasadena, Texas (BBU)
9:55 p.m. Lt. Robert K. Smith observed a object with a red light traveling in large circles over Pasadena. Information on the sighting was passed on to the 747th AC&W Squadron. They radar scanned the area and could not locate the object. Members of the 747th AC&W Squadron went outside and saw the object over the area of Pasadena. At around 10:12 p.m the unknown object was sighted on the radar screen and held there for 25 seconds. The total length of the observation was 30 minutes. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index).

March 25, 1953; Nouasseur AFB, Rabat, French Morocco (BBU)
9:23-10:15 p.m. (GMT). Majors Radin and Rend plus 1+ crew of C-47 at 5,000 ft saw white light above at 7,000 to 8,000 ft maneuvering in spiral pattern over airfield, descend and land on airbase S of runways at 9:28 p.m. visible

until suddenly blinked out on the ground at about 10:15. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 83-87; FUFOR Index)

March 25, 1953; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 2521)
At 11:15 p.m. CST (0515z). USAF Captain & Mrs D E Cox, plus two other adults and two teenagers, were standing outside a home. Facing SE, Captain Cox noted a moving light in the sky to his north, travelling on a circular course. Over time, all saw an uncounted number of yellowish lights, appear to their north, travel overhead, to their south at a very high rate of speed and gradually fade away. Although observed over a total period of up to 105 minutes, there is no estimate as to how long it took an individual light to traverse the sky. The lights were generally described as star-like in size and intensity (Captain Cox reported an angular size of 0.5 degrees.) There were never more than three lights visible in the sky at any one time. Occasionally (and up to half of the lights did this), one would circle the city before resuming their southerly trajectory. All were soundless. At one point, one light passed through the halo light of the Moon and left a short-lived trail. (Moon at 2315hrs was at 63 degrees elevation, and 241 azimuth.) Personnel at the control towers at both Brooks and Kelly AFB were also said to have observed the lights. An attempt was made to detect the objects on radar, with a negative result. The sky was clear, dry, with nil to slight breeze at the surface, from the SE. Some witnesses used 6x binoculars and said they saw three lights close together, where the naked eye showed one star like light.(Basterfield, Fold3; Berliner; Sparks; Saunders/FUFOR Index.).[This is a 63 page report generating a large PDF (see link above].

March 27, 1953; Mount Taylor, New Mexico (BBU 2524)
7:25 p.m. (MST). Pilot of USAF F-86 jet fighter at 600 knots (700 mph) saw and chased a bright orange circle flying at 800 knots (900 mph), and executing three fast rolls. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

March, 29, 1953; 6.5 miles East of Spooner, Wisconsin (BBU 2526)
At 3:45 p.m. a civilian named Robert C Gilette, age 46, reported seeing one, silver coloured, solid, sharply defined object in the sky. It was circular in shape, and 0.25 degrees' angular diameter. Its size and shape never varied. Duration 15 seconds. During this time it is reported to have travelled at high speed from south to north; then returned to the south; reversed and then was last seen travelling north (elevation given as approx. 60 degrees.) The sky was generally clear with some cirrus clouds. There was no associated sound. Three other persons with Gilette, were said to have also seen it. One was named George Riegal (sp?) The PBB conclusion was 'unidentified.' (Basterfield, Fold3; Berliner; Sparks, MAXWPBB; FUFOR index.)

March 31, 1953; 16 miles west of Williams AFB, Arizona (BB
1:45 p.m. MST. A civilian test pilot in an aircraft traveling in a NW direction at 4,000 feet at 175 mph observed a silver disc-shaped object traveling from north to south at a terrific rate of speed. The size of the object was estimated at 3 feet or larger. A pibal weather balloon was scheduled to be launched at 2:00 p.m. MST (2100Z) 15 minutes after the sighting. The length of observation was 10 seconds. DATE - TIME GROUP 31/2045Z CIRVIS Report. (Dan Wilson)

March 31, 1953; Honshu, Japan (BBU)
7:35 p.m. local time. Major Eugene S. Williams flying an F-84 aircraft at 30,000 feet at a speed of 300-350 mph observed a very bright light about 20 degrees above the horizon on a magnetic bearing of 330 degrees. It appeared to be a round white object with a red leg protruding from the lower left side and a blue leg protruding from the lower right side. During the sighting the object seemed to drop to a lower altitude and grow bigger and brighter. It seemed to "pull off and leave" the pilot who had attempted to pursue the object after it had move from 330 degrees to 290 degrees. Major Williams chased the object for a period of 10 minutes, but it appeared to move out of sight. The total length of observation was 30 minutes. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

NARA-PBB1-97, April Sightings

April 1953; The Aircraft Flash, Official G.O.C. Magazine, Vol I, No. 7

> Intelligence - a New Role for the Ground Observer Corps. The latest addition to the air defense team - the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron - creates another important job for ground observers. (Courtesy of CUFON)

April, 1953; Laredo, Texas

A jet pilot instructor watched distinct "solid brown" circling cigar-shaped object leaving a contrail as it passed over his T-33, turned sharply, circled the base and sped away at an estimated 1,200 mph. [Report to NICAP; UFOE, III]

April 8, 1953; Fukuoka, Japan (BBU 2535)
7:55 p.m. 1st Lt. D. J. Pichon, pilot of USAF F-94B jet interceptor, saw a bright blue light descend, accelerate, fly parallel to the F-94, increase its speed and blink out. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

April 8, 1953; Bet. Goose Bay, Labrador, and Sondrestrom AFB, Greenland (BBU)
7 p.m. (AST). USAF MATS transport pilot Swenson and copilot saw a white light at 15,000 ft on a steady course in a shallow descending turn. (NARA-PBB85-860, Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

April 12, 1953; Torbat Airport, Newfoundland
At 10:31 a.m. local time, an unidentified target appeared on the GCA radar scope on a magnetic course of approx. 270 degrees. One of the observers looked outside and saw what he thought was a B-29 a/c. When the object disappeared, the observer returned to the radar set where he observed the object making a 180 degree turn 8 miles west of the airport. It faded from the radar scope 30 miles away in a northeast direction. This sighting was phased into a vital intelligence sighting incident. (Dan Wilson)

April 12, 1953; Sweetwater, Nevada (BBU)
4:10 p.m. (MST). Ten round flat metallic colored objects changing formation traveled at an estimated high rate of speed on a heading of 110 at an estimated altitude of 7,500 ft. No trail, sound, or exhaust were noted. Objects passed under the right nacelle of the observers C-47 type aircraft, and were observed by the co-pilot. He took control of the C-47, and turned to the right in a tight 300 degree turn for a better view of the objects. Objects were then picked up unassisted by two more members of the crew. The objects were observed in a right turn of greater radius than that of the C-47, and at a lower altitude. The object were observed for approximately 120 degrees of their turn, and disappeared on a heading of 300 degrees. Observers were unable to estimate the speed of the objects because of the distance and the objects" large radius of turn. (BBU, Sparks; McDonald list)

April 14, 19, 21, 23, 1953; Antung, Manchuria, China (BBU)
(McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

April 14 [?], 1953. Sea of Japan (BBU)
9:23-11:50 p.m. (Japan time UTC+9). Navy Pacific Fleet P2V Neptune [probably P2V-3W electronic ferret ELINT spy] aircraft flying at 9,000 ft [and ~200 mph] observed 2 bright lights flashing in [Morse?] code letter "D." The 2 unidentified aircraft paced the P2V from a position [radar-tracked] about 12 miles away to a point (at 41°45'N, 132°20'E heading towards N Korea) where 3 additional unidentified aircraft joined. All unidentified aircraft closed to 3 miles when the P2V descended to 2,000 ft. At 10:43 p.m. the P2V turned (SE and away from N Korea) and flew towards Japan to 39°05'N, 136°33'E, descending to 400 ft above the ocean. At least 5 more unidentified aircraft joined making a minimum total of 10 UFO's. Night was extremely dark with ceiling and visibility unlimited. No recognition features on the unidentified aircraft were observed except [what was interpreted as] an occasional jet glow. From 10:43 p.m. until about 11:50 p.m. the P2V was the target of at least "70 aggressive non-firing passes." Unidentified aircraft formed a group and departed when the P2V was about 100 (NM?) miles off Niigata, Japan [thus at about 38°45'N, 137°12'E]. UFO tactics were to have one UFO on the P2V's quarter at about 7 miles away. The other UFO's made "high speed runs," some from abeam of the P2V but most from astern (behind the P2V) all passing under the P2V still flying at 400 feet. At least 10 passes were made by 4 UFO's in formation with runs from astern all passing below the P2V. The P2V was on an ECM mission [=ELINT mission] at the time of the interception. Five cuts [= ELINT Direction-Finding D/F intercepts] were obtained with at least 3 of these emanating from UFO's confirmed by radar. UFO Signal characteristics: frequency 2790 MHz, PRF 500 - 550 Hz (or pulses per second) and PW (pulse width or duration) 11.5 microseconds. See similar incidents on Jan. 12, 1950, March 14, 1953; also RB-47 case July 17, 1957. (Sparks; McDonald files; BB files)

April 15, 1953; Tucson, Ariz. (BBU 2542)
5:45 p.m. (MST). S/Sgt. V. A. Locey saw 3 orange lights. (Berliner)

April 16, 1953; East Prairie, MO (BB)
3:10 CST. Several persons observed UFOs for 25 minutes at estimated 40,000'. Appeared to be in trail of a B-36. Objects were circular, about 230' feet in diameter, and silver in color. Speed estimated at 400-600 mph. (See Air Intelligence Information Report).

April 19, 1953; Pork Chop Hill, Korea (BB)
Four American Army Airmen reported seeing a white, rounded, delta-shaped object flying at 60 - 80 miles per hour today over Communist Territory on the Korean Western front. An official G-2 Intelligence Report said the object was reported seen in the old Baldy-Pork Chop Hill area. A spokesman for an American Division released excerpts from the official report. The report said: "At approximately 1:00 p.m. today aerial observers in two separate planes flying routine reconnaissance missions observed a white, rounded, delta-shaped object." (AP, BB files, Dan Wilson, Mike Swords & Barry Greenwood [pdf])

April 19, 1953; Calumet, Mich. - Lake Superior are (BBU)
7:18 p.m. (CST). Between 8:18 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. EST, a series of targets were sighted by the 665th AC&W Squadron at Calumet, Michigan The plots originated at approximately 50 miles from their station from 50 degrees clockwise to 251 degrees. The speed of the target was from 1800 mph to 8400 mph. The sighting was radar only, an AN/FPS-3 Search Radar. Several individual targets were noted and appeared as normal targets except for the speed. (McDonald list)

April 29, 1953. Pacific
5:05-5:12 p.m. Army and AF officers on a ship Brewster en route San Francisco to FEAF Hq, Japan, sighted metallic silver round object size of F-80 fighter but lacking jet control surfaces flying in jagged path, distance ½ mile at 2,000 ft. (Sparks; Loren Gross)

Lt. April or May, 1953; waters of N. Pacific off Tinian
A flying object with no entities on board, and remote controlled from some unseen source, reportedly was rammed and sunk by a specially equipped American plane. The affair occurred in the waters of the North Pacific off Tinian, one of the Marianas Islands formerly mandated to Japan. In the last weeks the ships and aircraft had sighted numerous flying objects of unknown origin. Their flight courses were plotted and permitted conclusions about their take-off and landing bases. Near the island of Tinian, one of these projectiles was rammed by a specially equipped airplane and sunk in the sea (Report of the Chief of the U.S. Defense HQ., D., Tokyo, May 9, 1953; Flying Saucers - Serious Business by F. Edwards, p.129)

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May 1953 - CAA Report on Radar Targets
(Actual doc starts on page 2. CAA Technical Development Report 180. A Preliminary Study of Unidentified Targets Observed on Air Traffic Control. This flawed report states the July 1952 objects were weather targets. (Courtesy of CUFON)

AFM 200-3, May 1953 Promulgated
Handbook for Intelligence Officers. The manual's theme is the importance of having high grade air technical intelligence in order to avoid "technological surprise" from a foreign power. Although UFOs are not specifically mentioned, the illustration of "flying saucers" above an Air Force bomber appears on page 9-3 of the manual, and this chronology shows the timing/context of its publication. (Richard Hall)

May ??, 1953; Loch Raven Reservoir, Towson, Maryland
Bt. 7:30 and 8:00 o'clock on a night in May of 1953, two men, on their way to meet two college women for a date, had their plans interrupted by a craft of unknown origin. As they approached one of the bridges that span a portion of the Loch Raven Reservoir, their car suddenly came to a stop without their control. This was followed by the headlights and car radio ceasing to function. Then they both saw an orange glowing object with an ultraviolet band which divided what appeared to be two saucers lip to lip. At this point they were approximately between 50 to 100

feet from the bridge and about 300 feet from the object. This stretch of road looks straight out onto the water, and then the road turns very sharply to the right and onto the bridge. Terrified, the two men left the car as rapidly as possible, the driver to the left, up an embankment into a wooded area, and the passenger over the back seat and the rear of the car, over a guardrail and into a ditch next to a shear drop-off into the lake. (Click on link to view more details)

May 1, 1953; 10 miles S of Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada (BBU 2555)
11:35 [11:20?] p.m. (AST). USAF 59th FIS pilot Capt. R. L. Emberry and radar operator 1st Lt. J. R. Morin of F-94 jet interceptor flying at 24,000 ft, and control tower operator, saw a white light or unidentified aircraft with afterburner but unlike any known aircraft, about 10,000 ft below the jet, evaded interception by F-94. Both object and F-94 climbed to 40,000 ft but object outpaced the jet and continued climb until out of sight. (Berliner; Joel Carpenter)

May 4, 1953; Goose Bay AFB? Harmon AFB? Labrador, Canada (BBU)
Canadian civilian woman saw a football-shaped light metal colored object reflected in a rotating beacon traveling S at high speed, low altitude, disappearing in stratus cloud over the base. Sound like tins striking together. (Joel Carpenter)

May 5, 1953; Yuma, Arizona
9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Scientist observed silvery disc; concentric rings visible through Polaroid glasses. [UFOE, VI]

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> 34th Air Defense Division Regulation No. 200-1, Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects. Including: 34ADD Form 127: Unidentified Flying Object Report (FLYOBRPT) supercedes May 9, 1952 directive.

May 12 [13?], 1953; [39 miles NW of ?] Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada (BBU)
[Unidentified radar tracking by pilot Lt. D. C. Rogers and radar operator Lt. J. A. Lane who attempted interception but unable to make visual contact.] (McDonald list; Joel Carpenter)

May 12, 1953; Pacific Northwest, Washington & Oregon States
8:15 p.m. PST. Several unidentified blips occurred on both airborne and ground radar sets. Aircraft attempted interception but none could make any visual contact. One fighter aircraft (Pronto Red) reported that it made many contacts and lock-ons. The total length of observation was 2 hours and 21 minutes. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

May. 20, 1953 Brush Creek, California
6:30 pm. Two miners, John Q. Black, 48, and John Van Allen, reported that an object, silvery, 2.5 m in diameter, 2 m thick, with a tripod landing gear, landed on a sand bar 50 m away from them. An occupant described as a broad-shouldered dwarf wearing clothing that covered the head and the trunk was also seen. His arms and legs were covered with tweedlike cloth fastened at the wrists and ankle. He filled a shiny pail with water and handed it to someone inside the craft. He then appeared to notice Black and jumped into the craft, which made a hissing sound and departed. (Magonia database)

May 20, 1953; Kingman, Arizona
Though considered a hoax by some UFO investigators, there is an interesting account of a UFO crash that comes to us from Arizona. The facts are certainly worth a look. Famed researcher Raymond Fowler first broke the details of this event of May 20, 1953 in 1973, although it was known to UFO investigator Richard Hall as early as 1964. Fowler stated that his information came from engineer "Fritz Werner," later identified as Arthur G. Stancil. [See details at link above] (Ray Fowler).

May 21, 1953; Prescott, Arizona
Eight disc-like objects were observed maneuvering in the sky for an hour or so beginning at around 10 AM. There were three observers, Bill Beers, a pilot, Ray Temple, and O.Ed Olson. Two of the discs were stationary, while the other six discs participated in maneuvers not unlike a dog-fight. They said the six swooped around in formation,

"peeled off ", and shot directly up and down in a maneuver that could not be duplicated by a plane. When they moved, they varied from very slow to speeds faster that a jet plane, the observers said. (Dan Wilson, UFOE, V}

May 23, 1953; Lackland AFB, Fla.
8:43 a.m. CST. Five or more radar targets were observed from a radar site at San Antonio, Texas. The radar targets appeared to be orbiting over Monclova, Mexico. When first detected the targets were at approximately 35,000 feet at approximately 240 knots flying in a northerly direction for 40 to 50 miles and then began to orbit. The formation faded off the radar screen in the same locale. The observation lasted for one hour and five minutes. The radar in use was the AN/FPS-3. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

May 23, 1953; Union of S. Africa
South African headquarters announced in November that on May 23, radar had tracked an unidentified object near the Cape at over 1000 mph. [Prescott Evening Courier, May 22; UFOE, VIII]

May 27, 1953; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 2577)
8:30 p.m. Many unidentified civilians, including Jacobson, saw 9 separate meandering lights. (Berliner)

## NARA-PBB1-99 - June Sightings

Summer of 1953; Near Cincinnati, Ohio
Dawn. Each of the four photos show an object about 200 feet above a ridge of trees....Picture #1 shows a blackish cloud of smoke encompassing an apparent metallic object. The tapered basal portion of the object is illuminated by a bright light while at the opposite end facing skyward is another illumination.......The smoke behaves anomalously, which, according to the observer, "seemed to be coming from the bottom of the object and being suctioned in at the top. The smoke drifted away, but not as smoke usually does, but towards the ground and hung together in sort of an egg-shaped cloud.".....Picture #2. shows the smoke having cleared. In view is a flat octagon-shaped object about 40 feet in diameter. In the center of the octagon's under surface is a bright light from which is suspended a small. ovate device. The octagon swung "like a. pendulum." in its curved upward course......The observer adds, he thought he heard a strange humming noise. (Barry Greenwood) [More information and photos still being sought - Fran Ridge]

Summer 1953; Muskogee, Oklahoma (BB)
2:00 p.m. The photo was allegedly taken in the Summer of 1953 by Mr. X of Tulsa, Oklahoma. According to Air Force report, at 1400 hours he took a photo of an unidentified flying object which appeared in the sky on the eastern outskirts of Muskogee, Oklahoma. (Blue Book, Dan Wilson)

June, 1953; Otis AFB, Cape Cod (12 miles E. of Buzzard's bay), New Jersey
This is an account of the disappearance of an F-94C jet fighter-interceptor which has puzzled investigators for many years. The airman who reported the incident, which started out as a UFO intercept mission, had personal knowledge of the circumstances because he was directly involved in the resultant investigation. The case involved E-M effects, the pilot bailing out, and the F-94 and radar officer never found.

June 10-11, 1953; Goose AFB, Labrador (BBU)
11:34 p.m.-2 a.m. (AST). GCA radar tracking of 25 separate unidentified objects near base traveling about 30-100 knots (35-115 mph) in no specific pattern. [Anomalous propagation?] (McDonald list)

June 16, 1953; Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas (BBU)
7:45 pm. (McDonald list)

June 17-18: 1953; 15 miles from Iwo Jima, Japan
11:45 pm. (McDonald list, Saunders/FUFOR index)

June 18, 1953; Iwo Jima Islands (BBU)
AF Pilot on round-robin flight from Yokota AFB to Iwo Jima observed an unidentified radar target 15 miles from

Iwo Jima traveling 600 knots on a 35 dogree bearing. Pilot called Iwo Jima and was advised that no a/c were in area. On his return trip pilot observed same object 10 miles N and 20 miles N on radar screen. Pilot reported 100 miles N at 0006K (time) that object appared to follow him and that it closed within 1 mile from him and then disappeared from radar scope. (Hynek, McDonald list)

Jun. 18, 1953 Houston, Texas
2:30 am. Howard Phillips, Hilda Walker, and Judy Meyers saw in a garden at 118 East Third Street a strange "shadow" on the lawn which resembled a "flying man," and they watched it take off. (Wilkins A 261)

Jun. 20, 1953 Brush Creek, California
6:30 pm. John Q. Black, witness of the May. 20 incident, observed an exact repetition of the scene, including the "little man." Van Allen saw only the landing marks, about 30 cm wide and resembling elephant tracks. (Magonia database)

June 21, 1953; Naha, Okinawa (BBU)
7 p.m. Nine Japanese and Okinawan weather observers saw an unidentified light move slowly. No further data in files. (Berliner)

June 22, 1953; Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada (BBU 2601)
2:10 a.m. Pilot and radar operator of USAF F-94 jet interceptor saw a red light, flying at 1,000 knots (1,100 mph) elude the chasing F-94. (Berliner)

June 24, 1953; Hampton Bays, Long Island, New York (BBU)
12:18-12:21 a.m. Civilian woman Madelaine Ward saw "a large aircraft" of exotic design with a lighted red band around the middle, 100 ft diameter, flying very slowly and low, coming straight toward her house with an oscillating motion, then stop near her, 80 ft above ground, fly backward over the water, hover, making the noise of a swarm of bees. Object's top section supported a series of red lights and a cabin with 4 portholes through which a control panel was visible, no occupant seen. The cabin rose above the object, rotated, then glided back. Object tilted toward the W, rose toward the SE, disappearing within 3 secs at an 80° angle of climb. 2 days later a yellowish moss was found at the site. (Vallée Magonia 112; McDonald files; Jan Aldrich; FUFOR Index)

June 24, 1953; Simiutak, Greenland (BBU 2606)
11:30 a.m. USAF weather observer Airman/2nd Richard A. Hill saw through a theodolite a rotating red deltashaped or circular object 3x the size of the weather balloon being tracked at 18,000 ft [object size 30 ft ??] collide with and disintegrate the balloon as the object traveled SE to NW. After hitting the balloon it hovered and rotated for 15 secs, then climbed for 5 mins into the wind at 300°. (Berliner; Joel Carpenter)

June 24, 1953; Iwo Jima, Borin Islands (BBU 2605)
11:30 p.m. Crew of USAF KB-29 aerial tanker plane. Radar tracked an unidentified target that twice approached to within 0.5 mile of KB-29, and once to within 6 miles. (Berliner)

June 30, 1953; Ramore, Ontario, Canada; Pinetreeline Radar Site.
2345 hours. An unidentified flying object was observed for, a period of twenty minutes in the northern sky moving to the southeast by at least 10 personnel of the 912th AC&W Squadron. The first person to observe this object was an airman who came out of the maintenance room to inspect the power unit which caused a minor breakdown of the search radar set. He called two other airmen to witness the object. One of the two thought the object was the moon. The airman who originally observed the object got hysterical and called the Charge of Quarters at the Domestic Area three miles to the southwest. At least seven witnesses at the Domestic Area saw the object and two of them reported that the moon was visible at the time and that the object was distinct and separate from the moon. The object was described as orange-colored and oval shaped. It was described as moving from the north to southeast and then fading back to the north. No great speed was attributed to the object by any of the witnesses who said they saw movement. It was reported that the object had no visible means of propulsion and that there was no similarity to any known flying object.

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Summer 1953; Yaak, Montana
Radar-visual sighting of six UFOs in formation. [UFOE, VIII]

Jul. 02, 1953 Villares des Saz, Spaine
1:00 pm. on approximate date. A literate boy cowherd, Maximo Munos Olivares, 14, saw a "big balloon" on the ground behind him when a faint whistling attracted his attention. Shaped like a water jug, it was metallic. Through an opening came three dwarfs 60 cm tall, with yellow faces, narrow eyes, and oriental features. They spoke in a language he could not understand. They were dressed in blue, had a sort of flat hat with a visor in front and a metal sheet on their arms. One of them smacked the boy's face, then they reentered the machine, which glowed very brightly, made a soft whistling sound and went off "like a rocket." Footprints and four holes 5 cm deep forming a perfect square 36 cm in side were found by police. (Humanoids 29)

July, 3, 1953; Tipp City, Ohio (BBU)
6:45 pm. EST. For four minutes, in bright twilight, four witnesses (main witness Wilbur H Focht– male, aged 55), reported seeing a solid, brilliant silver, soundless object in the sky, emitting irregular 'rays.' It was initially seen in the south, at 75 degrees' elevation, azimuth 200 degrees (true), and appeared stationary. It was last seen to the south, at 0 degrees' elevation, azimuth 210 degrees (true – although a sketch indicates the elevation was about 70 degrees), after the witness thought it ascended at speed. The weather was scattered clouds, with a slight breeze, on a warm/hot evening. PBB concluded it was a balloon. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks; Saunders/FUFOR index.)

July 9, 1953; Columbus, Ohio
Circular, silver UFO seen at North American Aviation plant. [UFOE, VII]

July 13, 1953; Shaw AFB, South Carolina (BB)
9:20 p.m. An elliptical-shaped bright orange object approximately 150 feet in length was observed by 2nd Lt. Philip J. Bury while flying an RF-80 jet aircraft at 5000 feet at a speed 300 knots. The object appeared to be at the same altitude as the aircraft and moving on a heading of about 45 degrees in straight and level flight at an estimated speed of 350 knots. The object had no visual gaseous or vapor trail. The light was also observed by 1st Lt. Ashely Eledge who was on duty at Mobile Control at the approach end of Runway 4 at Shaw AFB. The object was observed from 5 to 7 seconds. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

July 19, 1953; Oak Ridge, Tenn.
At approximately 3:00 P.M., an F-86 aircraft was observed flying over the Oak Ridge residential area, making circles at what appeared to be approximately 2,500 or 3,500 feet. The F-86 flew over the area in this manner for approximately ten or fifteen minutes. The witness, together with his wife, observed the aircraft through a pair of six power field glasses. After the aircraft flew in what appeared to be the direction of Knoxville, Tennessee, a black object moved out of a high white cloud, directly over the area the F-86 had been flying. This object began to travel, at a tremendous speed, in a large circle. This action on the part of the unknown object continued for at least five minutes. During the circle of this object, it appeared at times to be in the shape of a cigar and at other times round. (Army document)

July 20, 1953; Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska (BBU)
9:35 pm CST. Sgt George Dupray, and Kenneth F Smith reported seeing three unidentified radar (SCR-584) blips, while conducting a RAWIN observation (a method of observation of upper-air winds using a weather balloon attached to a reflective target.) The strongest of the blips was tracked until 9:44 pm. They reported that the target's radar strength was greater than the return of the RAWIN target. The RAWIN target was a five feet square of cardboard covered with aluminium foil. At 9:35 pm, the RAWIN target was at 55,000 feet, while the unknown was at 46,300 feet. Comparison of speed of the unknown, versus wind data, suggested that the object was falling and drifting with the wind. The P-31 aircraft AC &W unit was contacted at 9:40 pm, but were unable to get a radar return from the object. There were no known aircraft in the area at the time. PBB concluded that the object was foil from the RAWIN target. The largest object was tracked for approximately 9 minutes. (Basterfield, Fold3; Sparks; Mcdonald list; Saunders/FUFOR index.)
(McDonald list)

July 24, 1953; Mt. Vernon, Ohio
Large silver object circled over town. [UFOE, VII]

Jan 25, 1953; Key West, Florida
An "EMERGENCY" message was sent to the Secretary of Defense and other official agencies from the Fleet Sonar School at Key West, FL, describing an object south of Key West. The main point of the message is that the "object changed from 45 degrees to 90 degrees in a matter of seconds over the schedule B facility." (Department of the Army Staff Communications Office, Com Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, 25 July 1953; italics added)

> July 25, 1953 - Restricted AF Document - How to Make FLYOBRPTS (68 pages)
> This guide, written in 1953, was intended for US Air Force intelligence officers and others who might have to make UFO reports ("Flying Object Report = FLYOBRPT".) It cites as its authority Air Force Letter 200-5 (AFL 200-5) which preceded Air Force Regulation 200-2. This guide contains all the different report forms and also some statistics that may have not seen the light of day for many years) until now (Jim Klotz, CUFON; Michael Swords, Jan Aldrich)

Probably July 27, 1953; in the waters off Korea
It was in the evening, around 8 or 9 p.m. The traumatic event occurred aboard the aircraft carrier USS Lake Champlain. General quarters was sounded, so the ensign or Lt.J.G. at the time went below decks where the Special Weapons group he was in was stationed. Nobody could tell them what was going on, except that the ship's radar had picked up bogies all over the sky. By about 10 or 10:30 p.m., the all-clear was sounded. There never was any explanation for the event given and never heard anything more about it. The carrier had nuclear weapons onboard. (According to Russian docs TF 77 detected a large number of targets on the last day of the war, July 27. - Jan Aldrich)

July 31, 1953; Port Clinton, Ohio
Unidentified white light viewed through field glasses. [UFOE, VII]

Jul. 31, 1953 Wolin, Poland
7:00 pm. A metallic object 30 m in diameter was observed by five Polish and two German workers as it landed in a field close to a railway. It was shaped like a sphere with a flat disk around it, showing numerous openings at the periphery. (Intelligence Digest Nov., 53)

NARA-PBB1-102 - August Sightings

Aug. 1, 1953; Toledo, Ohio
UFO, changing color, flickered and jumped in sky. [UFOE, VII]

Aug. 2, 1953; Saraland, Alabama (BBU)
Between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Woman in her backyard looking to the NE saw a highly polished spinning top or cone-shaped object reflecting the sun at low altitude traveling from NW to SE. (HynekCUFOS-Willy Smith files

Aug. 3, 1953; Amarillo, Texas (BBU 2663)
12:04 p.m. Airport control tower chief C. S. Brown saw a round and reflective or translucent object fly straight, stop for 7 secs, speed along, stop again, joined by a similar object, then both fly off in different directions. (Berliner)

Aug. 5-6, 1953; Near Rapid City, South Dakota (BBU)
8:05 p.m. – 12:23? a.m. (MST). GOC observer in Black Hawk, S.D., (about 8 miles NW of Rapid City), reported to Ellsworth AFB bright [red?] object first stationary to the NE then heading S [SE?] 30° to the right, toward Rapid City. Radar controller found 2 targets heading S, had difficulty tracking due to ground clutter, 3 airmen sent outside to look saw a high speed light heading S. A few minutes later GOC observer reported the object had returned. An F-84 was vectored and made visual contact then directed to stationary radar target about 15 miles NE of Black Hawk,

target started moving 320° magnetic out to 70 miles range and F-84 intercept was called off. F 84 pilot was about to land in Rapid City when he noticed silvery object like the brightest star he'd ever seen, to the NW, which he pursued on 350° magnetic keeping it at 11 o'clock high, 30°-45° elevation, it disappeared after 30 secs, reappeared for 30 secs then faded from sight. A 2nd F-84 was scrambled from Ellsworth AFB, and on a N 360° magnetic heading at 15,000 ft he saw a target 30° 40° to his right and at level elevation which "jumped" in elevation to 15°-30°, changed color from white to green, was much brighter than a star and was moving in relation to the stars (3 specific stars he picked out for reference). Pilot turned on radar gun sight which showed possible target beyond maximum range of 4,000 yards (2.3 miles) and GCI ground radar tracked target 5-10 miles ahead of the F-84 out to 80 miles for 5 mins [960 mph?] when intercept was broken off and target went off scope [about 11:42 p.m.?]. About 20 miles from base F-84 pilot, now at 12,000-14,000 ft, saw a red and white pair of lights 10° below the horizon at 180° magnetic and height-finder ground radar showed a target at 8,000 ft. Lights visible for 30 sec periods. Radar scope photos and gun camera photos reportedly malfunctioned. (NICAP; Ruppelt pp. 232-5; CR pp. 132-6)

Aug. 9, 1953; Moscow, Idaho (BBU)
Three F-86 fighters pursued a large glowing disc reported by Ground Observer Corps. [UFOE, VII, BB files].

Aug. 12,1953, Texas
Reportedly a UFO was seen by two jet pilots and ground observers, and simultaneously tracked by ground and airborne radar. There was no explanation for it at the time. Later the Air Force confirmed that gun camera photographs of the UFO were obtained, but denied that they could be analysed. The date and location are incorrect. See Aug. 5, 1953; Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Aug.14, 1953; Columbus, Ohio
Lighted object came straight down out of sky, stopped, then sped out of view. [UFOE, VII]

Aug.15, 1953; Crestline, OH
Circling light changed color, white, red, green. [UFOE, VII]

Aug. 16, 1953 Tours, France
8:30 pm. Claude Pasquier saw two disks flying very low, quite slowly, along a straight course, with a "hard" sound. (Anatomy 65, 141)

Aug. 18, 1953, Ciudad Valleys, Mexico
Approximate date. Evening. cab driver Salvador Villanueva, 40, observed two creatures 1.2 m tall wearing coveralls with wide, shiny, per forated belts, metal collars, and small, black, shiny boxes on their backs. They had helmets under their arms. The witness thought they were pilots of Indian race. One of them spoke to him in Spanish, "stringing the words together" in a strange accent. Trivial matters were discussed until dawn, when they returned to their craft, 13 m in diameter, through a staircase under the lower disk. The witness ran away when invited to follow them. The object rose with a pendulum mo- tion and shot up vertically. (Humanoids 32; FSR 56, 2)

Aug. 20, 1953; Near Castle AFB, Calif. (BBU 2686)
9:05 p.m. Crew of TB-29 bomber/trainer plane saw a grayish oval object make 4 passes at the airplane (3 times at 10-20 miles distance), then dive vertically as if two objects [?].(Berliner)

Aug. 21, 1953; Maumee, Ohio
Black oval with green and red lights around perimeter. [UFOE, VII]

Aug. 23, 1953; Columbus, Ohio
Red and white object moving very slowly upward, observed by Ground Observer Corps. (UFOE)

Aug. 23, 1953; Port Moresby, New Guinea (BBU)
Movie film taken by Drury. (McDonald list) Motion picture film purporting to show saucer-like object climbing steeply, taken by aviation official. [Wrong date Aug. 31 given in UFOE, VIII]

AFR 200-2, Aug 26,1953

Air Force Regulation issued by Secretary of AF Harold E. Talbott: procedures for reporting UFOs, restrictions on public discussion by Air Force personnel.

Aug. 27, 1953; Greenville, Mississippi (BBU 2692)
9:45 p.m. USAF pilot, M/Sgt., others, all on the ground, saw a meandering light. No further details in file. (Berliner)

NARA-PBB1-103 - September Sightings

Sept. 1953; London, UK
Radar case (G)

Sept. 1953, Santoña (Santander), Spain
On a clear night one witness,saw an object rise from the sea 3500 m. away at a 75-degree angle. The object appeared solid and was bright blue in color. It rose sharply towards the NE for 1 minute and was lost to sight. Firsthand, Félix Ares, BOF. (Catalogue of 200 Type-1 UFO Events in Spain and Portugal by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, #013, p. 3.)

Sept. 2, 1953; Sidi Slimane AFB, French Morocco (BBU)
9:14 p.m. Lt. Col. William Moore and 1st Lt. J. H. McInnis. (Berliner). An unidentified flying object (light) was sighted by the crew of a USAF C-47 on a routine training flight at 2114 hours. The light was first observed at an estimated altitude of 4,000 feet above the C-47. The object's rate of closure was very fast and followed a near collision course in relation to the C-47. The approaching object, when level with the C-47, executed a 180 degree descending turn at high speed. The object then made a second 180 degree turn to an altitude of approximately 700 feet. The object then made a 90 degree turn toward the main highway that parallels the Sidi Slimane AFB at which point it appeared stationary. The light then disappeared. The observers flew the C-47 in a 360 degree circle in order to continue the observation of the object. The light was seen for approximately three minutes. There were no reported aircraft in the area.

Sep. 04, 1953; Tonnerre, France
9:30 pm. A woman saw two objects on the ground and three 1.5-m-tall men running toward the craft. They had oversized heads and wore helmets and boots. One entered the elongated object, 5 m long, 1.5 m wide, which spread "wings" that made it look like a butterfly. It then took a vertical position, resting on a tripod, and took off with the spherical object into which the other two creatures had gone. Traces were found at the spot. (GEPA 68, 1)

Sept. 7,1953; Cleveland, Ohio
Technical writer watched rotating triangle pass overhead (cf., May 22, 1960, Majorca sighting). [UFOE, VII]

Sept. 7, 1953; Vandalia, Ohio
Two Navy fighter pilots saw a brilliant white object speed below their planes, then climb rapidly out of sight. [UFOE, IV]

Sept. 7, 1953; Tangmere Airport, Sussex,England
A large saucer hovered briefly over the field. Seen by scores of Royal Air Force pilots and ground men, the machine suddenly accelerated, vanishing over the English Channel. (Jan Aldrich; Keyhoe Flying Saucer Conspiracy, page 49).

Sep. 12, 1953; Brovst, Denmark
Brovst was the scene of an attempted abduction of a girl by two humanoids emitting a golden light. Their hands were rugged and cold like a fish. (Guieu)

Sept. 11-13, 1953; Chiloquin, Ore
Police Chief, others, watched top-like UFOs three consecutive nights. [UFOE, VII]

Sept. 24, 1953; Bexley (Columbus), Ohio
Ground Observer Corps report: silvery disk followed plane. [UFOE, VII]

Sept. 28, 1953; Palmdale, Calif. (BBU)
7:10 p.m., PST. An unidentified object appeared on an F-94C radar scope for a period of 15 seconds. The object was traveling on a 60 degree course at an estimated speed of 2000 knots. Distance of object was 4 miles when first observed. The object compared with a C-47 in size on the radar scope. The F-94 was on a heading of 230 degrees at 300 knots at 21,000 feet. The same or another object was observed visually from another F-94C for six seconds at 7:00 p.m. The object was described as being round, orange in color and traveling on the same course as the as the first object. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list)

Sept. 29, 1953; Easton, PA
E-M case. Television picture "began going up and down real fast", as UFO passed overhead.

## NARA-PBB1-104 - October Sightings

Oct. 9, 1953; United Kingdom
4:30 p.m. Secret report. Three unidentified objects flying east to west flew over the Harwich area and were tracked on radar (track X.481). The objects then returned to the Continent (Europe). The objects were first seen near the Dutch Islands. The track was initially plotted as 3 at 36,000 feet, was reduced to 2 at 36,000 feet on closer range and again shown 3 at 32 - 34,000 feet on the outward flight. Ground speeds on the approach were 375 knots and increasing to 420 knots on the short leg over the U.K. and 490 knots on the return. (Documents from AIR 20/7390 M.O.D; Dan Wilson)

Oct. 12, 1953; Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska (BBU)
9:05 p.m. (CST). S/Sgt Harold A. Washington and Airman 2nd Harold M. [o W?] Napier, 1st Weather Group, Base Weather Station, Offutt AFB. Target appeared in SCR584 radar “A” scope in NE, 54° elevation, height 22,500 ft [~4 miles ground range] on a 250° heading for 10 minutes. Gradually changed heading to 70°, height increasing to 37,000 ft [~7 miles], disappearing at 10,000 yards slant [ground?] range [~6 miles] at azimuth 70°. Possible weather balloon IFO (radar size similar) drifting at about 10-17 [?] mph and rising at about 400 ft/min (very slow for normal 100 ft/min standard ascent rate). Initial heading opposite of wind direction from 190° to 240° at 20,000 to 30,000 ft (5-19 knots). (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) 36 min.

Oct. 13, 1953; Dobbins AFB, Georgia
At 10:35 p.m. local time, a mysterious round object emitting flashes of colored light was sighted north of the base. The object appeared to be stationary at an altitude of approximately 500 feet. The object appeared on the weather radar. The object was in sight for over 2 hours and 30 minutes. Aircraft were scrambled to investigate the object. (Dan Wilson)

Oct.15, 1953; Minneapolis, Minn. (BBU)
10:10 a.m. During tracking of Project GRAB BAG balloon launch, a 40 ft object leaving brief vapor trail was seen by 3 General Mills Aeronautical Lab research engineers traveling S in horizontal flight 10° in 9 secs at about 40,000 ft altitude and 25° elevation, 1,100 mph, went into vertical dive for about 10-15 secs, object glowed or flashed in the sun 2-3 times for 1 sec each, seen as a gray mass in the theodolite leveling off, vapor trail stopped. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 113-4; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 6, case DD-9)

Oct. 16, 1953; Presque Isle, Maine (BBU)
9:30 PM to 11:45 PM. Approximately twenty-five unidentified objects were observed on GCA radar. The objects were observed at irregular intervals in groups from three (3) to eight (8) at speeds from 80 to 100 mph. One F-89 aircraft was scrambled at 10:08 pm, to attempt interception. (McDonald list)

Oct.18, 1953; English Channel
Airline pilots, Capt. Peter Fletcher and First Officer R. L. Lemon saw a UFO "like two shallow saucers with their rims together." Airline was B E A enroute to France. Also described as a large, elliptical, highly polished metallic -

like flying at about 20,000 feet. Sky was clear. Duration about 30 minutes. (UFOE, page 35; APRO Bulletin 15 May 1954, page 12).

Oct. 25, 1953; Santa Fe, New Mexico
9:30 pm. Jim Milligan, 16, was driving through a park when he saw something fall in front of his car and stopped as the object landed in some bushes. He walked toward it, found a craft that looked like two ship hulls, about 3 m long, 2 m wide glued together. When he tried to touch it, the object flew away. (Wilkins A 223)

Oct. 28, 1953; Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska (BBU)
(McDonald List)

October 29, 1953

Lt. Col. F. K. Everest in F-100 Super-Sabre set speed record, 755.149 mph.

Oct. 30, 1953; Norton AFB, California (BB)
1:55 p.m. PST A pilot, Major Joseph P. Tracy, co-pilot Capt. John H. Moore, and observer 1st Lt. Raymond J. Gorman observed an object that was bright red on the leading portion and bright white on the trailing portion. The object passed directly below their C-45 aircraft and directly in the flight path of the aircraft and continued almost vertical climb until lost from sight. The C-45 was at an altitude of 7500 feet. The object appeared as large as a grapefruit held at arm's length and was in sight for 7 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Oct. 30, 1953; Mt. Vernon, Ohio
Round, silver object circled at low altitude. [UFOE, VII]

NARA-PBB1- November Sightings

Nov., 1953; Gjasjoen Bridge, Norway
Mr. Trygve, Mrs. Bufflot and a neighbor saw an object rise from behind a hill, oscillate over a lake, follow their car, and stop ahead of them just above the ground. They stopped, felt "pricklings" until the craft took off vertically. A watch stopped working, and numerous people vouch for the fact that the paint on the car changed from dark beige to bright green. (APRO Mar., 62; FSR 56, 5)

Nov. 3, 1953; London, England
A huge apparently metallic UFO, "completely circular" and white, was tracked on radar and observed visually through a telescope by the 256th Heavy Anti- Aircraft Regiment. [UFOE, VIII

November12, 1953 - Project MAGNET
Canadian Government announcement of flying saucer observatory near Ottawa.

Nov. 14, 1953; Nr. Toledo, Ohio
UFO flashing various colors observed climbing. [UFOE, VII]

Nov. 20, 1953; 36.55N 76.00W (Atlantic) (BBU)
At 4:30 p.m. EST, a Navy unit made an air visual observation of a small silver egg-shaped object moving on a northerly course at an estimated 55,000 feet at an estimated speed of 1000( mph? knots?) The length of observation was 15 minutes.(Dan Wilson)

Nov. 23, 1953; Kinross AFB, Michigan
Air Force F-89 vanished while pursuing UFO over Lake Superior. [UFOE, VIII, IX]

November 22, 1953 News article

"Operation UFO: The Official Truth about Flying Saucers", (The Milwaukee Sentinel, Wisconsin). The author of the article is Captain Walter Karig, Special Deputy to Chief of Information, U.S. Navy. This newspaper article discusses the UFO scene as of 1953.

Nov. 27, 1953; Keflavik AFB, Iceland (BB)
6:30 p.m. local. Major Charles C. Mack flying in a C-47 aircraft observed an oval-shaped bluish light at an estimated altitude of 1,500 feet and moving at an estimated speed of 500-600 mph heading east. The light was climbing at an angle of approximately 45 degrees until it reached an altitude of approximately 5000 feet when it seemed to brighten and then disappear.The light was observed for approximately 7 seconds. The sighting was confirmed by the co-pilot. (Blue Book files, dan wilson)

Nov. 28, 1953; Guapore River nr. Pedras Negras, Brazil
One witness reported an unusual aircraft passing over his head. It passed on and landed on the surface of the water about 150 feet from his location. It made no sound. Another witness was within 12 feet of the object when it stopped and his view was excellent. The bottom was in the shape of a basin and made of blue metal. The vertical structure, about 1 meter (40 inches) high, was made of glass or similar material. The covering was rounded, supported on the glass, and held by metallic bars existing on the inside with no rivets on the outside. On the rear there was also a kind of rudder, a system like a dolphin tail about 1 meter (40 inches) in length and about 50 centimeters in width (20 inches). The whole craft was dark blue in color. (Click on link to see more details. (Encounter with UFO occupants by C. J. Lorenzen)

Nov. 28, 1953; Oslo, Norway
Night. Couple in car encounter "saucer" with dome and wings over road. Driver stopped car and they watched the object for a while. Beamlike EM struck witnesses and they had some physiological effects afterwards. Saucer disappeared suddenly by going straight up. Watch was stopped and had to have extensive repair do to strong magnetism. Car changed color for a day. (NICAP, Bob Swiatek)

NARA-PBB1-106 - December Sightings

December 1, 1953
Air Force announced in Washington it had set up flying saucer" cameras around the country equipped with diffraction gratings to analyze nature of UFO light sources.

Dec. 3, 1953; North Truro, Mass. (BBU)
11:07 p.m. An Air Force fighter, call-sign "Mailbag Red," was diverted from combat air patrol to investigate a UFO over North Truro, Massachusetts. Only a file card on the case exists in BLUE BOOK records. (Loren Gross) (This object was tracked by ground radar at 700 mph and observed by a B-25 crew, then an attempted write-off as an "aircraft". - Fran Ridge)

Dec. 3, 1953; Holloman AFB, New Mexico (BBU)
1:00 p.m. Four objects were detected on ground radar PPI scope with three objects in a line equally spaced with a fourth in line but twice the space of the others. The objects were at 330 degrees at approximately 50 miles away. The objects stood still then moved to the west maintaining formation. The objects on radar screen were very large and bright for aircraft. The length of observation was 30 minutes. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list)

Dec. 3, 1953; Newark, New Jersey (BBU)
12:15-12:45 a.m. Amateur astronomer watching for meteors saw a tiny reddish-brown oval luminous object flying steady from N to S at high altitude without sound or trail, also observed through binoculars. Half the brightness of Jupiter [mag. –1 ?]. (Hynek-CUFOS reeval; Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 3, 1953; Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas (BBU)
5:12 p.m. (CST). Civilian ground observers saw a silver grey bright light with "skipping" motion, like a stone skipping on the water, with red trail, same or similar objects seen 3x. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 5, 1953; Houston, Texas (BBU)
8:15 p.m. Children saw yellow-orange ellipse with 40x telescope. (Hynek-CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 13, 1953; Central Ohio
Rocket-like UFO with white lights at both ends observed by Ground Observer Corps. [UFOE, VII]

Dec. 15, 1953 - AFR 205-1, Part 1 (Courtesy, CUFON)
Part 2 (CUFON)

Dec. 16, 1953; Mediterranean (BBU)
At 1745Z a ground radar station of the 737th AC&W Squadron started picking up radar returns of 1 to 12 objects. These objects were in formations varying in shape of "V", "M", and "W". Range was 20-40 miles from the station. These were in sight for several minutes. Targets appeared to be stationary. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list, Sparks BBU catalog)

Dec. 16, 1953; Ground site 3 miles WNW of Agoura, & a/c SW of Long Beach, Calif. (BBU)
4:58 5:05 p.m. (PST). Lockheed Skunk Works chief Clarence L. "Kelly" Johnson and wife near Agoura and top Lockheed crew aboard WV-2 aircraft near Long Beach, independently of each other, saw black flying-wing or ellipse or crescent-shaped object about 170-230 ft wide at about 15,000 ±2,000 ft altitude to the W hovering about 30-60 miles away (255° ±1° true to Johnson; 285°-290° true to WV-2 crew). At 5:04 p.m. after 4 mins (to the Johnson's) 6 mins (to WV-2 crew) object suddenly took off in a shallow climb accelerating (at about 130 g's) to approximately earth escape velocity (25,000 mph) to the W over the Pacific, disappearing in 10-13 secs (to WV-2 crew) in 90 secs (to Johnson using 8x binoculars) after reaching 90+ miles altitude. (Sparks)

Dec. 16, 1953; Toledo, Ohio
Group of lights changing from red to white, each appearing to revolve. [UFOE, VII]

Dec. 17, 1953; Hassleholm, Sweden (BBU 2838)
(NARA) Defense high command ordered a full scale investigation of sightings of a wingless circular object which sped over southern Sweden. [UFOE, X]

Dec. 23, 1953; Bismarck, North Dakota [?] (BBU)
3:20 a.m. Ground observer saw 4 yellowish-white oval objects in trail formation with pulsating light the main part of the object and a short ragged red streamer exhaust about 1/4 the size of the object, heading SSW. (Hynek -CUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 24, 1953; El Cajon, Calif. (BBU 2840)
8:04 a.m. U.S. Navy Lts. J. B. Howard and L. D. Linhard, flying F9F-2 jet fighters, saw 10 silver oval objects flying at 400+ knots (450+ mph), straight and level. (Berliner)

Dec. 24, 1953; Scott AFB, Illinois (BBU)
10:00-10:14 a.m. (CST). Ground observers using binoculars saw 2 oval extremely brilliant silver objects with mirror-like reflections hovering stationary until F-51's were vectored in and the objects disappeared. (HynekCUFOS re-eval; Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 26, 1953; CS 4859 (Mil Grid) North Korea (BB)
1625 Korean Time. Five minute-long UFO sighting. Lt. Barr was piloting a T-6 aircraft from K-16 to K-47 when he noticed an object crossing his course about three miles away. It was in a shallow dive (10 degrees) and travelling about as fast as a fighter airplane. Very soon its speed began to increase to an estimated 1,000 mph. Curious as to what this strange object could be he changed course, maintaining 3,000 feet altitude. See report. (Richard Haines, Dan Wilson, BB files)

Dec. 28, 1953; Marysville, Calif. (BBU 2844)
11:55 a.m. Yuba County Airport Manager Dick Brandt saw a saucer, with a brilliant blue light, reflecting on a nearby building, hovering briefly at one point. (Berliner)

Dec. 31, 1953; Quantico Marine Base, Virginia
Marines observed the landing of an unknown round object which throbbed and pulsated, emitting red lights. (Wilkins U 210)

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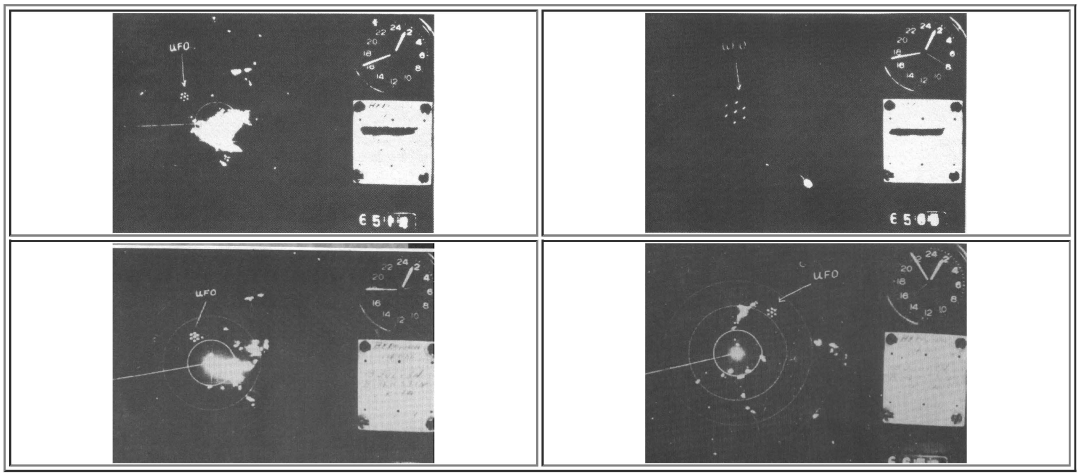

**Actual scope photos, near Bermuda (see July 3, 1954; Near Bermuda (BBU))**

Map of sightings for 1954, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database

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This is a comprehensive report listing on an on-going project involving a number of people. We wish to thank in particular, Rebecca Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Jean Waskiewicz (database), Dan Wilson (digging out the cases from my checklist), Brad Sparks' (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns).

This was the year of the Walesville crash, the BOAC case, the Sea Fury incident, and the famous Bermuda radar case, and many others. A significant number of unusual sightings occurred in Europe during what has become known as the "Great Wave of 1954" Much of this wave has already been documented in UFO literature, but what was not known until the release of the CIA files is the fact that the CIA collected many of the sightings through normal intelligence channels, something which they had supposedly fought to block with the Robertson Panel inquiry. (Clear Intent, 132) Examples of reports excerpted from official CIA information sheets are provided below in their chronological sequence. The CIA reports are mostly translated press clippings, newspaper and dates should have been included but were not available.

What may not be known is that the Anomalies Foundation: The Year In Photos (fotocat report #1) lists and documents 101 photographs in its 23-page report for that year alone. And just added to this chrono is The World-Wide Wave of 1954 by Don Johnson. A treasure trove for 1954 can be found in the Loren Gross collection below as well.

As to humanoid waves: Our understanding of the 1954 wave is that it begins to ramp up in Europe generally (Western Europe, not just France) in October and slows way down in November. Then there is a fairly brief but seemingly intense wave in South America, mainly Venezuela and Brazil in November//early December, which also quits pre-1955.

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NARA-PBB1-107 - January Sightings

1954 - Early 1954 (after Christmas 1953); Cruise from Naples to Malta
Bt. 9-10 p.m. Witnesses: USS Chase County LST 532 (LCDR Lloyd V. Sternberg, Commanding) Frank LucasSummary: Object off port bow. Illuminated with spotlight showed it was above the water. Remained stationary for about 5 minutes, then approached ship, veered off to 200 yards. Captain turned ship towards object and object backed off. Ship stopped, then object approached ship. Boat launched and ran at object which disappeared. Crew questioned by Naval Intel in Malta.Source (Report to CUFOS June, 1976 Malta UFO Research website).

1954; Bankstown NSW (33:53, 151:13) Australia
Two people were working late at the airport, just after dark, when they observed what appeared to be a flying saucer hovering over the control tower. There were ‘portholes’ around it and shapes inside that seemed to be moving around. There was a humming sound. It appeared to change colors then shot up into the air at great speed. (UFO Research NSW)

1954, Date Unknown; Dayton, Ohio.
Air Force Lt. Colonel saw two maneuvering UFOs. [UFOE, III]

Jan. 1,1954; Melbourne, Australia
10:15 hours (EST) Captain Douglas Barker, a pilot with Australian National Airways, reported that he was at his home in East Doncaster, Melbourne, Victoria. He reported a 'metallic, mushroom-shaped object' flying over the Yarra Valley towards Templestowe. He reportedly stated it was travelling at an estimated 700 miles per hour at an estimated height of 2000 feet. It's apparent size was given as four times that of a DC4 aircraft. It was oscillating rapidly in and out of thick cloud. Total duration of the sighting is given as 12 seconds. (Sources: (1) Barrier Miner (Broken Hill) Saturday Jan 2 1954 p.1. (2) The Argus (Melbourne) Saturday Jan 2 1954. (3) The Courier-Mail (Brisbane) Monday Jan 4 1954 p.5., UFOE, V)

Jan. 1, 1954; Toms River, Marlton, Woodbury, and Surf City, New Jersey (BBU)
10:35 p.m, 12:05 a.m. (Jan. 2). Navy pilot Lt. JG George G. Morgan of Lakehurst NAS, police chief (or captain?) Richard Clement, police officer Oliver G. Osborne and other officers, and 20+ other witnesses, saw 3-12 round or oval white objects with fuzzy edges slightly smaller than Full Moon angular size hovering in the sky to the S for 1.5 hours as 2 objects circled around one (in 2-4 secs) (seen to the ESE from Woodbury, SW from Surf City at high elevation), then switched places with each other. Some witnesses (such as Mrs. Worthington and son Norton in Woodbury) attempted to drive towards the objects to investigate. Objects suddenly departed to the SW at extremely high speed growing smaller until disappearance in 1-2 secs covering about 60° of sky. Multiple independent witnesses across a baseline of at least 12 miles resulted in triangulation near Beach Haven, NJ, from distances of about 15 to 40 miles. At least 5 witnesses used binoculars including 7x50 Bausch &Lomb. Hynek calculated speed of 90,000 mph, hovering altitude 4 miles, object diameter 1,500 ft. (Mary Castner/CUFOS)

Jan. 4, 1954; Quantico, Va.
Red revolving or blinking lights, hovering and moving soundlessly at tree-top height reportedly seen for six nights above Marine Corps base. [UFOE, IV]

Jan. 4, 1954; Marignane Airfield France
9:00 p.m. Shortly after, a round luminous machine, coming from the South, landed at the Marignane airfield in Bouches-du-Rhone Department. There was only one witness present at the field, Mr. Chesneau, a fireman at the airport in. The machine disappeared while he was telephoning the control tower. Careful scrutiny of the runway in the morning turned up a few pieces of metallic debris. The witness story was confirmed by that of a Marseilles resident who driving from Aries to Marseilles saw a large, round, reddish fire ball in the sky, but placed the time at 2245 hours. (CIA information sheet. Headline: Unidentified Aircraft at Marignane Airfield France; Jimmy Guieu, *Les SV Viennent d'un Autre Monde*; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 205).

Jan. 6, 1954; Cleveland Press Headline
"Brass Curtain Hides Flying Saucers." Reporters seeking information were banned from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Jan. 7, 1954; Arras, France
4:27 a.m. A fiery disk, followed by a luminous trail, was sighted in Arras, Pas-de-Calais department. An observer stated that the disk remained motionless in the sky for an instant, after which it flew away and disappeared over the horizon. (CIA Information Sheet. Headline: Fiery Disk Seen at Arras, France)

Jan.9, 1954; Three residents of Luneville, France
6:00 a.m. Three residents of Meurthe-et-Moselle Department claim to have seen a round object flying from North to South. The object flew more slowly than a jet plane and left a luminous yellow trail. It flew noiselessly, although appearing to be at a low altitude. Several students of the College de Luneville also saw the object. (CIA information sheet. Headline: Round Flying Object at Luneville, France)

Jan. 10, 1954; 5 mi N of Sonoita (about 25 mi SSE of Tucson), Ariz. (BBU)
5:25-5:40 p.m. (MST). James E. McDonald, two other Univ. of Chicago meteorologists, and another passenger in a car were driving N on Hwy 83 when McDonald spotted a brilliant white stationary object, stellar magnitude was about 5 to 7, in the SW at about 238° azimuth about 1° to 2° above the Santa Rita Mtns. (elev. about 9,400 ft) about 10 miles away, or at a total elevation about 6° to 8° above horizontal. Sun had set below mountains at 243° azimuth, +2° apparent elevation (refraction included), to the right of the UFO. No noticeable parallax with mountains as they drove 8-10 miles further N (with wide swerves W and E by about 1.5 mi), thus distance estimated at >10 miles (size possibly about >15 ft). Lost sight due to mountains as they drove on. (Mary Castner/CUFOS)

Jan. 14, 1954; KellyAFB, Texas (BBU)
10:10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. One to three blips were seen on PPI scope of radar system with speeds from 100 to 6,000 mph over one hour and 50 minute time span. The blips appeared as solid objects. Aircraft scrambled with no contact. Three objects joined together for approximately three minutes then separated with a definite heading and disappeared when local aircraft was in area. The objects returned to area after aircraft departed. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list)

Jan. 14, 1954; New York City, New York (BBU)
5:30 p.m. USAF crew of B-47 and passengers saw a fiery object hit the aircraft wing without any damage. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Jan. 15 (?), 1954 Mount Gillen Alice Springs NT, Australia
Hoax? An anonymous photographer reported seeing an enormous round object which appeared from behind Mount Gillen. It went high, then dropped low. One black and white photograph was taken which shows a circular object, with another circle in its center. Six 'spokes' radiate from the inner to outer circles. (Centralian Advocate, Alice Springs, Friday 5 Feb 1954 pages 1-2.) [Various sources cite the date as 15 Jan, however this appears incorrect. A re-examination of the original newspaper material cast doubts on the case].

Jan. 18, 1954; Over Three Constantine Department Towns, Algeria
1:30 p.m. Many persons in Saint Arnaud observed an object leaving a double trail of white smoke, describing an immense circle over the town. Several officers at La Remonte Military base nearby even heard a strange sound made by the object which seemed to have come from the north. (A similar observation had been made on January 16, 1954, when the object had come from the west). The meterorological station at Oued Hamimime airport (near Constantine) reported that it had observed a double trail of smoke at 1400 hours but concluded that the smoke came from a plane flying at great altitude. At 1430 hours, inhabitants of Setif saw an object arrive from the east, emitting bluish smoke trails and moving relatively slowly. After circling above the town for several seconds, it suddenly headed back in the direction of Saint Arnaud at great speed. Most of the spectators described it as it being cigar-shape and flying at high altitude. Finally at 1645 hours on the same day, a large, luminous, rectangular-shape object was seen over Ouled Djellal (200 kilometers southwest of Setif) for over 30 minutes following a rectilinear course. The object came from the east and disappeared toward the west. (CIA information sheet. Headlines: Flying Object Reported)

Jan. 27, 1954; Algiers
3:25 p.m. local. According to statements by several persons, a round, luminous, yellow-orange [object?] in the sky was observed. It was moving in the direction of Cap Matifou. The object grew larger until it was two or three times the size of the Sun; then it diminished in size and disappeared on the horizon, sinking, seemingly, into the sea. (UFOs a History-1954/5 Books, Book #1 by Loren Gross, p. 20; Rullan, CIA report on a North African press story.)

Jan. 28, 1954; Blackstone, Virginia (BB)
5:15 p.m. EST. A circular bright light with an apparent bright metallic surface stationary at 30 degrees elevation in the north

was observed by Marvin B. Smith, Jr. a former control tower operator in the Air Force, and three CAA employees. A C-47 identified as an USAF Evacuation Plane flew over the CAA station and was notified of the object and the pilot advised that he also saw the object, which he thought was at between 30 and 40 thousand feet in altitude. The object was observed for 31 minutes. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

Jan. 28 (26?), 1954; Cold Bay, Alaska (BBU)
8:36 p.m. local. USAF crew of C-54 transport saw a red fireball that stopped then passed the plane. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Jan. 29, 1954; Rangeley, Maine
Two bright lights moved into valley. (Source: Dr. Wilhelm Reich, while he performed his Orgone/cloud bursting experiments/ I believe he reported them to Blue BookSource unknown - Albert Rosales)

Jan. 29, 1954; 6 mi. south of Santa Ana, Calif.
Afternoon. An adult couple saw a round object with a flat bottom while driving. It was emitting a blurry white light. When it passed over the car at a 25-foot altitude, the radio went dead and the motor coughed. The UFO then rose up vertically and disappeared in seconds, but the motor continued to act up for some time on the way home. (Rodeghier, Schopick)

NARA-PBB1-108 - February Sighting Listing

Feb. 1, 1954; 35 miles SW of Tuscaloosa, Alabama (BBU)
3:15 [2?] p.m. Crew of USN Office of Naval Research aircraft heading E towards a cosmic-ray balloon at 90,000-100,000 ft and 15-30 miles away saw 6 objects fly over and around the balloon, hover then vertically ascend out of sight. (Hynek-CUFOS Willy Smith files)

Feb. 3, 1954; near Barquisimeto, Venezuela
At 11:15 a.m. a rotating top-shaped object, with beams of light streaming from its portholes, was seen by several on board an airliner flying near Barquisimet. Radio contact with the control tower was interrupted when the plane's radio operator tried to tell the airport about the UFO. The UFO was green with a red strip in middle, and descended very rapidly. (Sources: Dominique Weinstein, *Aircraft UFO Encounters*, p. 22; Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History. 1954: January-May*, p. 34; Coral & Jim Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, p. 65).

Feb. 4, 1954; Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas
At 11:00 p.m. local time, an object was detected by the Carswell AFB Ground Control Approach (GCA) radar, an AN/CPN-4 radar, at a distance of 13 to 15 miles to the SW and was heading directly toward the base. Carswell Weather reported in and said they had the object sighted on radar at approx. same time and location. The object remained on a straight course and the GCA operator notified the Control Tower. Control Tower personnel sighted the object as it moved directly over the Control Tower at an estimated speed of 240 - 250 mph. The object was observed for approximately 6 minutes with standard binoculars during entire observation. The object was at an altitude of approximately 4,000 feet confirmed by GCA, according to the Control Tower operator. The object was described as larger than a B-36, having a long fuselage, elliptical wings and stabilizer, gray in color, and no visible means of propulsion or exhaust. Nor did the object leave any trail and no sound was heard. The object passed out of sight to the NW. At 11:29 p.m., two targets were picked up on the Carswell GCA radar at 17 miles SW of Carswell. The targets were flying formation at an estimated 5,000 feet altitude at a speed of 200 mph. These two targets merged into one target and when 12 miles from Carswell they separated again and assumed a southerly heading. At approximately 14 miles from the base the target to the rear suddenly reversed its course, flew for two miles, then reversed course again and gradually overtook the lead target. Both targets departed thy area flying in formation to the SSE. The *INVESTIGATION OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS* report states that the reversal of course was for about two miles or 3.3 seconds. (Dan Wilson)

> Feb 13, 1954 - Scripps Howard
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> Jim C. Lucas of Scripps-Howard. Reported that representatives of major airlines would meet in Los Angeles with Military Air Transport Service Intelligence officers to discuss speeding up UFO reporting procedures. "Airline pilots are asked not to discuss their sightings publicly or give them to news Papers," Lucas said.

> February 15, 1954, Dorothy_Kilgallen Column
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> "Flying saucers are regarded as of such vital importance that they will be the subject of a special hush-hush meeting of world military heads next summer."

Feb. 15, 1954; Nr. Savannah River AEC site, South Carolina (BBU)
10:15-10:36 p.m. (EST). USAF ADC radar operator S/Sgt. K. A. Payne, 728th AC&W Sq, Dobbins AFB, Greenville, South

Carolina, using MPS-7 radar tracked high speed unidentified target the size of about 2 normal aircraft to the S at 203° azimuth at roughly 100 miles range (at about 33.5° N, 83.0° W, near Siloam, Ga.) heading E about 100° true at about 360 knots (400 mph) and 20,000 ft altitude as of 10:18 p.m. (when near Crawfordville). At 10:21 at about 33°28' N, 82° 5' W (near Augusta) the target had reached 22,000 ft and turned slightly right to about a 110° heading straight toward the Savannah River AEC plant and accelerating to operator estimated speed of 900 knots (1,000 mph) average speed (or as recalculated from mapped positions about 750 mph, probable peak speed about 1,000 mph at 1 g at 10:21:30), then it violated the prohibited AEC airspace at 10:22 at about 33°24' N, 81°53' W. Pope AFB radar also tracked the target violating AEC airspace and notified Payne at Dobbins AFB. At that point at 10:22:30 (?) object had made a left turn to about a 75° heading, slowing to about 600 mph and continued turning to about 55° heading. At 10:23 at about 33°30' N, 81°39' W (near New Ellenton, S.C.), target made a sharp 75° turn to the N at about 340° heading having accelerated again to about 1,200 mph average speed (probable peak speed about 1,800 mph at 1.5 g's at 10:22:45) heading out of the AEC prohibited zone. Target slowed to about 600 mph again by 10:24 near Aiken when it sharply turned to the E on a heading of about 70° then 50° then 45° while passing to the S of Columbia, then turned N to a heading of about 20° where it faded near Kershaw at 10:36 p.m. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich)

Feb. 18, 1954; Los Angeles, California
An astronomer reported sighting a huge ellipsoidal object that was first seen flying toward the west, but made an instant turn to the north at an estimated speed of 1200 mph. (Sources: Loren Gross, *UFOs: A History, 1954: January-May*, p. 39; Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 3288).

Feb. 21, 1954; Van Nuys, California (BBU)
11:00 PM local. Mr. Winton S. Reynolds, his wife and mother observed an object described as a flying saucer by Mr. Reynolds. This object disappeared to the west. This group joined by the neighbors, "Woodie" Woodrich and his wife then saw another flying object coming out of the north, it made three circles over the area and disappeared to the east. Reynolds was a retired USAF pilot and Woodrich was a former Marine Corps Pilot. (BB Archives, Dan Wilson, Barry Greenwood, Loren Gross, *UFOs: A History, 1954: January-May*, p. 39; Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 3288).

February 21, 1954

> According to a rumor, President Dwight Eisenhower held a secret meeting with extraterrestrial visitors during the early hours of February 21, 1954 while on a “vacation” to Palm Springs in California, according to UFO and alien conspiracy theorists and John Thomas Didymus’s report of March 16, 2016,

Feb. 22 [Mar. 2?], 1954; York, Penna. (BBU)
Several pilots of fighters in the air and GOC observers on ground saw 14 discs climb when the fighters approached. Ground radar tracking. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Feb. 23, Scripps-Howard

> In a follow-up report from the Feb. 13 article, Scripps-Howard papers said that "the nation's 8500 commercial airline pilots have been seeing a lot of unusual objects while flying at night, here and overseas." Plans for a detailed reporting system were agreed upon so Air Force jets could quickly investigate. Each airline was to have an "internal security specialist" for liaison between civilian and military organizations.)

Feb. 26, 1954; Newburyport, Mass (BBU 2913)
2:30 p.m. Architect R. M. Pierce, marine engineer George Avery and another, saw a silver disc, with a white trail, make a loud roar. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

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March 1954; Rouen, France
Incorrect date/year. Was sometime in 1957. Disc-shaped UFO photographed was a hoax. (UFOE)

March 1, 1954; Montevideo, Uruguay
Time not given. Numerous bathers at the beaches near Montevideo observed a "flying saucer," a sort of metallic disk emitting yellowish reflections. It remained stationary for 2 minutes at an altitude of several thousand meters. (CIA information sheet. Headline: "Flying Saucer" Over Montevideo) [Swords: My library tells me that the Montevideo case was reported by Coral Lorenzen in UFOs: the whole story. She says that the report was formally released by the "National

Airport" of Carrasco, Uruguay.] [Greenwood: The CIA source was likely a French-language newspaper since the dispatch was from AFP. AFP dispatches are almost non-existent in English-language US papers.]

March 2, 1954; Near Harrisburg [Middletown and York], Penna. (BBU 2923)
10 p.m. Research engineer R. C. Swengel saw 3 objects, each with two lights, fly straight and level at medium speed. Military and civilian witnesses? (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

March 5, 1954; Nouasseur AFB, French Morocco (BBU 2926)
7:15, 7:38, 9:55 p.m. Crews of USAF KC-97 aerial tanker planes and a C-54 transport saw 1-2 white or amber objects or lights make passes at the aircraft on collision courses as they practiced GCA landings. At 7:15 p.m., KC-97 pilots Capt. G. E. Brown, 1st Lt.. L. B. Gordon and 1st Lt. J. P. Glover, 301st Air Refueling Sq, 301st Bomb Wing, while flying KC-97 to practice landing on 180° heading at 1,500 ft about 5-8 miles SW of Nouasseur base saw 2 white lights [Click on link for details and docs] (Jan Aldrich)

March 6, 1954; Hollywood, California
On this night three luminous discs hovered at a tilted angle. Two shot away toward the northwest and a short time later the third followed. (Source: Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History. 1954: January-May*, p. 49).

March 8, 1954; Cincinnati, Ohio
Mr. John H. Stewart, a pilot driving in his car, observed a dark ovoid UFO with a blue glow that stopped and hovered over the Cincinnati GE plant in Hamilton County. for four minutes before flying off toward the east at high speed. (Source: Leonard H. Stringfield, *CRIFO Newsletter*, April 1954, p. 4; Thomas M. Olsen, *The Reference for Outstanding UFO Sighting Reports*, case 37).

March 8, 1954; Laredo AFB, Texas
11:07 p.m. A red disc-shaped UFO flew over the Laredo Air Force Base. It tilted to a vertical orientation and then shot straight up into the sky. It was reported by a pilot at the base. Ten to twenty nocturnal lights in a crescent formation--possibly a single crescent-shaped object--flew over San Antonio, Texas. It made no sound. (Sources: APRO Bulletin, May 1954; Donald E. Keyhoe, The Flying Saucer Conspiracy, p. 110).

March 9, 1954; Cincinnati, Ohio (BBU)
3:57-4:05? a.m. Civilian-military pilot John H. Stewart while driving N saw a pulsating bluish-white luminous halo surrounding a dark ellipsoidal object that may have been larger than a DC-6 (117 ft) slowly moving S at about 2,000-3,000 ft height, then hovered for 7-8 mins over the General Electric plant, the last 4 mins of which Stewart observed after stopping his car. Object accelerated and suddenly changed color to yellow then red, changed course to the E, then disappeared in an almost vertical climb in secs. (Jan Aldrich)

March 10, 1954 - JANAP 146(C)

> Joint Army Navy Air Publication 146 (C). Communication Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings from airborne and waterborne sources. (CUFON typed version)

March 11-12, 1954, Pittsburgh, Penna. (BBU)
11:30 p.m. Continuing on for approximately 6 hours and 45 minutes, anti-aircraft units in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Pa., picked up unusual returns on their instruments. The returns on radars showed a stationary object at 16,000 to 20,000 feet in altitude. Aircraft dispatched by the AF Reserve from the Greater Pittsburg Airport to investigate the object(s). Fighter aircraft were tracked through the same location as the UFOB. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list)

March 12, 1954, Klang, selangor, Malaysia
A torpedo shaped UFO was seen on this afternoon at 3:20 p.m. over Klang, Selangor. It shot straight up into the sky when it left. (Source: Ahmad Jamaludin, *Summary of Unidentified Flying Objects and Related Events in Malaysia*, p. 12).

March 12, 1954; Nouasseur AFB, French Morocco (BBU 2937)
9:35 a.m. USAF 1st Lt. Robert Johnson, flying an F-86 jet fighter, chased an object at more than 530 mph for 30 secs, but was unable to catch it. Object appeared to be the size of a fighter plane but had neither tanks nor trails [tail?]. (Berliner)

March 23, 1954; Norwich, England
A disc at very high altitude was seen hovering over Norwich at 4:00 p.m. The edges glowed while the center of the object was dark. It flew off to the west at 6:30 p.m. (Source: Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History. 1954: January-May*, p. 60).

March 24, 1954; Fresno, California
The alleged description of the encounter is: Air Force Secretary Harold Talbott is in a plane flying over California on his way to Palm Springs. When over Fresno, he and several others on the plane purportedly saw a large metal object following their plane about 1000 yards below and behind. The pilot was ordered to turn around, but the UFO outmaneuvered them and raced off. (Swords, Loren Gross' UFOs A History Jan/May 1954)

March 24, 1954; Baltimore, Md.
Maneuvering formation of UFOs observed by Civil Defense official. [UFOE, VII]

March 25, 1954; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (BBU)
3:20 p.m. USMC pilot Capt. Dan Holland flying one of 3 jets with the 3rd Marine Air Wing on an E heading at Ft. Lauderdale at about 26,000 ft and 400+ mph saw a gleaming white ball shaped object with a gold ring around the lower 1/3, about 2x size of his jet, descend vertically on a collision course, took evasive action, radioed the other jet pilots to look. Object suddenly stopped 3,000-4,000 ft above, he banked toward it and activated gun camera but object then accelerated and disappeared to the E at tremendous speed in about 15 secs. The other 2 pilots flying ahead of him did not see object. (Weinstein; NARCAP; BB files??; UFOE, IV)

March 25, 1954; Cape Canaveral, Florida
At 3:30 p.m. a U.S. Marine Corps pilot sighted a disc-shaped object flying at 3,000 feet altitude. The UFO evaded being filmed by the warplane's gun camera. (Sources: Donald E. Keyhoe, *Flying Saucer Conspiracy*, p. 115; Dominique Weinstein, *Aircraft UFO Encounters*, p. 23).

March 28, 1954; Cherokee, Wyoming (BBU)
1:25 a.m. (MST) Capt. Sperry and co-pilot of United Air Lines Flight 600 flying E at 19,000' MSL sighted bright green glowing object at 12-15 degrees above horizon at 100-degrees True azimuth coming downward at slant angle of 30-degrees to the left of vertical [moving to the left?] disappearing behind cloud bank. Also sighted by pilot of DC-3 W of Synclair, Wyoming at 13,000' MSL. (Sparks, BB files)

March 28, 1954; Sumner, Washington
Evening. After seeing mysterious lights descend over Sumner, five witnesses drove to an isolated area near some power lines and soon saw a white glowing ball of light wobbling and gliding down from the sky. It apparently went into a clump of nearby trees. The light then approached their vehicle, and moments later the white globe of light passed in front of their car. At that same moment one of the witnesses saw a tall, well-built, broad-shouldered man standing at the same spot where the globe of light had been seen. The figure was encased in a glowing white light. It suddenly disappeared in plain sight. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 1862, citing George Hunt Williamson, *Other Tongues Other Flesh*).

March 30, 1954; Newton, Massachusetts
3:30 p.m.. A 15-foot diameter silvery sphere hovered over a kite-flying contest. It remained stationary in one place despite the 30 mph wind. After 30 minutes in moved away slowly. (Source: *APRO Bulletin*, July 1954).

March 31, 1954; Hammersmith, England
8:10 p.m. A small disc-shaped UFO flew over Hammersmith at a high rate of speed. It had a misty looking appearance despite the clear sky. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 3316).

Late March/early April 1954; 50 mls S of Alice Springs, NT, Australia
A local man, riding his horse, reported seeing '...a ball shaped thing with a tail coming from the opposite direction which flew straight towards him, but suddenly swerved and lifted sharply.' A 'heavy wind' was noted as the object went up. Others reported seeing the object., stating it was of a 'glassy appearance, was travelling very fast and four trails of smoke came from each side. A report was heard when the machine lifted into the sky from its low altitude. When this occurred … a large cloud of smoke was seen to appear…' (Centralian Advocate Fri 2 Apr 1954 p1.)

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April 1, 1954; Menton, France
2:40 a.m. The witness heard a clanking sound, then saw a five-meter wide domed disc land, France. Two human-looking occupants left the craft. The witness was paralyzed by a beam of light. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case

3317)

April 7, 1954; Fentress (3 miles SW of), Virginia (BBU)
3 p.m. USN pilot C. R. Allen flying F-6F for Fleet Training Center, Norfolk, Virginia, at 3,000 ft heading W near Fentress saw 2 strange saucer-shaped discs in close formation at 3,500 ft height about 15 miles away at about 2 miles NW of Lake Drummond heading NE, seen below and against cloud base of scattered cumulus clouds at 3,000-3,500 ft. Allen turned right to follow objects as they covered about 140° of arc maintaining about the same distance, disappearing near Cape Henry to the NE about 20 miles, covering 30 miles total in about 25-30 secs [3,600-4,300 mph]. (Jan Aldrich)

April 7, 1954; At Sea, Enewetak
11:05 p.m. U.S.S. Curtiss carrying nuclear weapons buzzed by UFO. In this incident an unidentified luminous object passed, low and fast, over the ship from bow to stern. The Curtiss was not an aircraft carrier but a airplane tender ship (AV-4) refurbished for carrying components for nuclear weapons for the upcoming tests at Operation Castle, at Eniwetak Atol.

April 8, 1954; Chicago, Illinois (BBU 2962)
4:30-5 p.m. Lelah H. Stoker saw a brilliant white round-topped disc, parachute-shaped, with a humanoid suspended beneath it, skim back and forth over the water. Stoker called the Coast Guard, a CG cutter appeared after 10 mins, then the UFO approached shore. Stoker saw a short human-like occupant in a green tight one-piece suit and suspended below the object who got out in undergrowth along the shore then walked around. When CG cutter gave up searching the occupant returned to the object which moved back over the lake then took off at high speed to the E. (Berliner; Davis-Bloecher 1978)

Aug. 8, 1954; Pacific Ocean off California
Freighter of 7,194 tons. Long Beach radiomen intercepted a message from the freighter as follows: "ball of fire moving in and out of water without being extinguished Trailing white smoke erratic course, finally disappeared.” (Rullan/Fate magazine, March 1955, p. 18)

April 10, 1954; Caracas, Venezuela
Evening. Sr. Emelino Martinez was walking back from hunting in the hills outside of the city when there was a sudden movement in the nearby bushes. Martinez stopped and stood motionless, shotgun at the ready, when the thrashing noise happened again. He waited briefly before resuming his walk toward his parked automobile. Next, he heard a blood curling guttural noise. Terrified, he dropped his day's catch and ran for his car. [Click on link for details] (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 2992, citing Warren Smith, *Triangle of The Lost*).

April 15, 1954; Saint Mexant
Two residents of Correge Department, observed an elongated, cone-shaped object with two red and green lights at the base, flying at a high altitude from the northwest toward the southwest. (CIA information sheet. Headline: Unidentified Object Over Saint Mexant)

April 16, 1954; Grand Canyon, Ariz.
School superintendent, explorer, watched elongated UFO with "portholes" pass overhead. [UFOE, VII]

April 18, 1954 Eucla WA Day (31:41, 128:52)
Three young men travelling by car, related that they were followed by a saucer shaped object for some eighty kilometres. At times it was low enough that they were able to see portholes. Five cameras were used to take some ninety-two exposures of the object. The men reported their observations to police, and they were interviewed by the RAAF, who flew in by helicopter, and who allegedly took away the cameras. Later the cameras were returned minus the films. (ASR Vol 5 No 3 1959 p13.) {A re-examination of the full ASR details in 2011, cast doubt on many details of the account.]

April 22, 1954; San Nicholas Island, Calif. (BBU)
2 p.m. USN Seaman Apprentice James B. Stephens, Jr., and Seaman Bernard G. Klein, Jr., while driving a Navy vehicle on base saw a 4-6 ft long gray cigar-shaped object with pointed nose traveling just above the ground on a near parallel course that would not cross the road until far ahead. The object suddenly impacted the ground sending up a cloud of dirt or dust and disappeared from sight. They stopped and searched for 20+ mins but found nothing. Further USN investigations and radioactivity surveying found no traces. (Jan Aldrich)

April 22, 1954; Hot Springs, Arkansas
At 11:00 p.m. a ten-foot diameter sphere chased men on foot and in their car. It dodged a beam of light that was directed at it. (Source: *APRO Bulletin*, September-October 1954, clipping by Barry Greenwood).

April 23, 1954; Pittsfield, Maine (BBU 2974)
9:30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. and Rose Belle Robinson saw a silver circular saucer shaped object with a dome 1/2 the size of the base that was the source of constantly flashing brilliant light, making a loud sound like a swarm of bees, which hovered at about 70° azimuth without tilting, flew horizontally with a whirlwind effect and cold air that moved stones underneath its path, then it rose vertically at 30° azimuth without tilting until out of sight. (Jan Aldrich, Dan Wilson)

April 23, 1952; Pearcy, Arkansas
On this evening a three meter wide glowing ball of light circled a house slowly, stopping at irregular intervals. It then dove at a man walking in the yard. When he tried to put a spotlight on it, it would dodge the beam every time. There were six male witnesses, and the encounter lasted 20 minutes. (Sources: NICAP files, newspaper clipping dated April 24, 1954; *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue 339, Richard F. Haines, *CE-5: Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind*, p. 165, citing AP report, clipping by Barry Greenwood)

April 24, 1954; Hartland, Maine (BBU 2976)
6:10 p.m. (EST). GOC observer Dean Robinson saw a very large, silver, oblong object with a dome on top and flashing light inside the dome, no sound or exhaust trail, stationary on the horizon for 15 mins then climbed straight up to disappearance. (Jan Aldrich, BB files, Dan Wilson))

April 26, 1954; Newburyport, Massachussetts
3:30 p.m. What first appeared to be a flaming ring made sharp turns in the sky over a school in Newburyport. It resolved into a solid silver, disc-shaped object with a dark center and protruding top. It made an intense roaring sound that lasted five seconds. It left a bright white tail in descent, and flew off rapidly to the southeast. (Sources: Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence* (Volume 1), p. 66; UNICAT database, case 773, citing Project Blue Book).(042)

April 26, 1954; Athens, Georgia (BBU 2983)
8:35 p.m. (EDT). Cecil M. Cartey, Howard and Mabel Hopkins and their daughter Betty, saw 15-20 yellow objects in a V-shaped or check-mark-shaped formation, fly at tremendous speed from low elevation in the south, with a remarkably smooth and soundless motion and straight and level flight, to a higher elevation in the north where they disappeared in about 10 seconds. Cartey stated that a few seconds after the objects went north, and coming directly from the trail they had taken, a brilliant white object appeared. He described it as a baseball that moved in a "blast of speed" and which went through scattered clouds and disappeared into the SW, and was out of sight before he could call attention to it. The Air Force listed this incident as an official unknown and stated that this was a very reliable report. (Jan Aldrich)

April 28, 1954; 45 mi W of Geelong, Victoria, Australia
6:30 a.m. (doc says 7:20 a.m.) Two men, Mr. A.E. (Ted) Smith, 26, , train engineer, and Mr. Colin Beacon, 23, train fireman, reported that an object described as a gigantic hazy dark blue object, estimated at 1200-1500' in diameter, no windows or doors visible, round, made screaming noise, swooped down at locomotive and suddenly swerved up, hovered overhead, careened around the sky, then rose up out of sight. Smith reported that the object came within 350' of them. (Source: Bill Chalker, The Oz Files, p. 78; Richard Hall/Rob Swiatek). [See corrected version at link].

April 28, 1954; Sare, France heading S. towards Spaine
Noon. A group of persons taking a walk near Sare in the region close to the Pyrenees border observed a cigar-shaped object traveling rapidly at an altitude of 2,000 meters in the direction of Spain. (CIA information sheet. Headline: Sight Unidentified Object Over Pyrenees)

April 28, 1954; Carswell AFB, Texas
10:00 p.m. A T-shaped object was reported to be hovering at 4000 feet over TCU Airport,Texas, near Carswell AFB. The object had varied colors of blue, green, and white. Object was picked up on radar 4 1/2 miles from the base. Another object was seen twenty five minutes later hovering one mile north of TCU Airport. This was just one day and a few hours before a major SAC exercise of night simulated radar bombing evaluation missions against an industrial complex in San Antonio. (Dan Wilson)

NARA-PBB1-111 May Sightings Listing

May 1954, True Article
"What Our Air Force Found Out About Flying Saucers": by Edward J. Ruppelt, former UFO Project Chief.

May, 1954;, LaPorte, Indiana
Radio and lights of a car went off and the witness saw three round or oval UFOs pass overhead. They were emitting beams

of light towards the ground. (Rodeghier, The UFO Evidence, NICAP)

May 1, 1954; Tokyo, Japan
TV pictures distorted as UFO passed over

May 5, 1954; Over the Woomera Missile Test Range in South Australia
A disc-shaped object was viewed through binoculars flying to the W. It then turned and shot off to the S and out of sight at a speed estimated to be 5,800 kph. The object was estimated to be 10 feet in diameter, and the sighting reportedly lasted five minutes. (Source: Bill Chalker, *The Oz Files*, p. 85).

May 5, 1954; Fregim Amarante, Portugal
4:00 p.m. The young boy was sitting with his goat on a small hill near the village when he heard a whistling sound. He ran in the direction of the sound, which came from a nearby hollow. Once there he saw one dome-shaped object leaving the area headed towards a nearby river, but an identical object still rested on the ground. It was a metallic colored, dome shaped, and had a metal ring on the bottom and a transparent section on top. It also had a conical protrusion, brown in color, on the top. As the object left the boy felt a wave of heat. Inside this second object he could see two beings with large heads and large eyes that were wide apart; both appeared to have antennae on top of their heads, and their mouths appeared like round holes. They wore metallic blue outfits, and appeared seated with one of them operating levers while the other looked out at the witness. Ground traces were later found at the site. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case HC # 104, citing Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos & Fernandez Peri, *Enciclopedia de Los Encuentros Cercanos con Ovnis*).

May 6, 1954; Washington, D.C.
Ground/visual radar. No other data this date.

May 7, 1954; Near Washington, D. C.
Navy radar personnel. Summary:Huge object on radar maneuvering at 90,000 feet, moved down to 15 miles.  No visual.Source. (Keyhoe III, 144)

May 10, 1954; Northern Sweden
Week of UFO sightings investigated by military authorities. Scores of residents reported strange glowing objects maneuvering low over forests. (UFOE)

May 10, 1954; Elsinore, California
12:40 p.m. RAF squadron leader Donald Higgin, flying in the second of two Navy F3D-2 jet fighters over  Elsinore sighted a delta winged UFO as it passed the first Navy jet at a speed in excess of 240 knots. The UFO was half the length of the F3D-s (which is 22 feet long), had a wing span about equal to it (20 feet), and had a third fin on its upper half. It was the color of gun metal. A Project Blue Book "unknown." (Sources: Project Blue Book files counted in official statistics, case 2994; Dominique Weinstein, *Aircraft UFO Encounters*, p. 23; UNICAT database, case 309, citing Project Blue Book).

May 11, 1954; Lawton, Oklahoma
Daytime. A lone witness watched a disc-shaped object hovering ten feet above the ground. Below the object stood a four-foot tall figure. The humanoid disappeared in a flash of light after seeing the witness, and then the object shot away at high speed towards the west. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 1412, citing Kevin D. Randle, *The October Scenario*).

May 11, 1954; Washington, D.C. (BBU 2997)
10:45 p.m. 3 USAF air policemen at Washington National Airport saw 2 bright lights on 3 occasions fly straight and level, make 90° degree turns and fade. (Berliner)

May 12, 1954; Dayton, Ohio
At around 7:00 p.m. a UFO shaped like a red dinner plate hung in the sky on its edge for 15 minutes over Dayton. It tipped, changed shape, and then sped off. (Source: Leonard H. Stringfield, *CRIFO Newsletter*, June 1954, p. 2).

May 13, 1954; Pacific bet. Hawaii and Calif. (BBU)
1:45 a.m. (AHDT). USAF pilot Capt. D. B. Mautner, 32nd Air Transport Sq, McChord AFB, Wash., and crew of C-124 transport en route from Hickam AFB, Hawaii, to Travis AFB, Calif., saw bright light moving parallel with them moving to the left, object signaled back in response to aircraft blinking lights, departed to NE at very high speed climbing. (Jan Aldrich)

May 13, 1954; Norrbotten Province, Sweden
Morning. Three persons in three different areas observed a "brilliant, silver colored sphere with a tail." It was reported from Hammerfest, Norway, that on the same day three bright objects passed over Kautokeino (in northern Norway) at a great speed. They flew in a V-formation and disappeared towards the southwest. A deputy constable who had observed them with binoculars stated that they flew so high that he could not ascertain their shape but that they were not ordinary aircraft. He added that they seemed to be red on one side and white on the other and appeared to be rotating. (CIA information sheet. Headline: Sightings Over Sweden, Northern Norway)

May 13, 1954; Derbyshire, England
At 11:30 p.m. Navy Commander H. R. Penrose was driving toward home from Derby to Burton when a bright light appeared ahead of his car, heading towards him. When it reached him he experienced a crash and was thrown forward against the windshield. The car then seemed to be lifted from the ground, and he was moved through the air while the bright light stayed above him. The car came to rest a top some metal railings, and he was lifted from it by a man in a one-piece uniform, who effortlessly carried him through an entrance on the underside of a large round object that was hovering overhead, giving out a bright light. He was taken inside to a room, which had some controls that were being operated by men and women with short hair in coveralls. They questioned him telepathically about his naval experiences and his work with radar, then a woman injected some green fluid into his arm, after which he had no more conscious memories of the experience. He was found in his car atop some iron railings that had been knocked down. He was suffering from a concussion and was taken to a hospital. After his recovery he revisited the crash spot and succeeded in finding a railway signalman who said he had seen a car, with an extremely bright light above it, go past his signal box. Hypnotic regression was planned at the time of the report in 1978. (Sources: Margaret & Geoffrey Westwood, *FSR*, January 1978, p. 23; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-11, citing the Westwoods).

May 13, 1954; Washington, D. C.
Several large glowing objects maneuvered over National Airport for three hours; observed visually and on radar. [UFOE, VIII]

May 14, 1954; 10 miles NNW of Great Yarmouth, England, UK (BBU)
3:40 p.m. 3 USAF F-86 jets flown at 40,000 ft Mach 0.85 (560 mph) by Capt. Kenneth J. Scott, Jr., 2nd Lt. Harry Joseph Ickes and 2nd Lt. David B. Clardy, 91st Fighter Sq, were vectored by GCI radar Type 7 at RAF Bawdsey to unidentified object at 8 miles at 1 o'clock to their course traveling at 240 knots IAS, to the S [N?] at 10° azimuth, sighted visually as about 30 ft silver or gray round object as seen from below, showing thin silhouette while turning, at 50,000-60,000 ft. Fighters unable to close on object which made 180° turn and disappeared at high speed beyond conventional aircraft capability, climbing high above ground radar range. (Jan Aldrich)

May 14, 1954; Dallas, Texas (BBU
12:00 p.m. local USMC pilots of 4 fighter planes saw 4 formations of 4 round objects changing color from orange to white. (Weinstein; BB files??; UFOE, IV)

May 15, 1954; Vienna, Austria
Three discs in formation. [UFOE, X]

May 18, 1954; 10-15 (or 6-7) miles SE of Lake Elsinore, Calif. (BBU 2994)
12:48 p.m. RAF Squadron Leader Donald R. Higgin, assigned to USMC All Weather Fighter Sq, El Toro MCAS, Calif., while flying an F3D-2 jet fighter at 15,000-16,000 ft on a heading of 240° magnetic [255° true] at 300 knots IAS and descending, saw a dark blue almost black gun-metal "glint" delta-shaped object, about 22-23 ft long and 20 ft wide, with 3 fins of equal size and shape, at his 11 o'clock position just above the cockpit of his wingman flying another F3D-2 about 250 ft away. Object was on a head on collision course but before Higgin could radio warning it passed under his wingman and between their aircraft, descending at a 25°-30° angle on a heading N of about 30°. (Jan Aldrich)

May 18, 1954; Cannon AFB, New Mexico (BBU)
7 p.m. 2 witnesses saw a house-size lens-shaped object land near railroad tracks, kicking up a small sand storm in the desert. One witness approached it, then ran away in fear. (Vallée Magonia 129; BB files??)

May 20, 1954; Wincanton, England
Mr. Nigel Frapple was cycling home from a dance. At Redlynch crossroads he saw an orange glow in a field and stopped to observe it from a hedge. The glow came from a huge object on the other side of the hedge only 35 meters away, hovering less than seven meters above the ground. It made a throbbing sound. After a minute it moved away toward the NW, accelerating and climbing into the sky. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, pp. 206-207).

May 22, 1954; LaPorte, Indiana (BBU 3009)
9:15 p.m. Highway engineer R. W. Dring and engineer Geert Tibma saw a bright light make a shallow climb. (Berliner)

May 24, 1954; Colonel Brandsen, Argentina
11:50 p,m, A classic disc-shaped, luminous UFO hovered only a meter above the ground along Highway 3, 15 kilometers outside the city. Two human-like shadows were seen moving around inside the object. There were two witnesses named Atencio and Garcia and the sighting lasted for about a minute. (Sources: Roberto Enrique Banchs, *Phenomenes Spatiaux*, September 1976, p. 25; UNICAT datbase, case 541, citing Roberto Banchs, *OVNIS y sus Ocupantes*, p. 12).

May 24, 1954; Richmond, IN (BBU)
12:25 p.m. EST. While flying on a photographic mapping mission in a B-17, Major Leo Brubaker USAF, observed and photographed an object below the plane for 45 seconds. The aircraft was flying at an altitude of 18,500 feet at 220 knots. The speed of the object was estimated at 440 knots. The object traveled a distance of six miles over the ground at a speed twice that of the aircraft. The photos were taken with a F11 mapping camera.. [UFOE, III, Blue Book files, McDonald, Swords, Wilson]

May 26, 1954; Elizabeth Town Tas 1530hrs (41:28, 146:34) Australia
Two coach drivers saw a mysterious object which seemed to come from ground level and travel directly upwards at speed. It passed through clouds and open sky and left a white vapor trail. It was out of sight in a few seconds. It was travelling too fast to see clearly, and just appeared a dark object. (Hobart 'Mercury' 31 May 1954 p2.)

May 30, 1954; East Malvern, Victoria, Australia
12:25 a.m. Five men and a woman on the doorstep of a house watched an orange, oval-shaped UFO appear in the sky at close range. The UFO maneuvered in a downward curve and then pulled up. A cloud of yellow smoke and flame was seen at the rear. Three of the witnesses saw shapes that looked like human-shaped shadows inside the craft. (Sources: *Melbourne Argus*, May 31, 1954; *Melbourne Daily Telegram*, May 31, 1964; James Holledge, *Flying Saucers Over Australia*, p. 53; Bill Chalker, *The Oz Files*, p. 4).

May 30, 1954; Bambridge, N. Y.
Silvery elliptical UFO with four "portholes" accelerated and shot away. [UFOE, XII]

May 31, 1954; Concord, New Hampshire (BBU 3020)
10:15 a.m. Mrs. L. K. Stevens saw a very white, elongated object fly extremely fast then blink out. (Berliner)

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June 1, 1954; Minneapolis, Minnesota
At 9:00 p.m. the crew of a USAF B-47 jet bomber was flying at 34,000' altitude, located 400 miles south of Minneapolis when they spotted an unknown craft with running lights that flew at 24,000-44,000' altitude for one hour. (Source: Project Blue Book files counted in official statistics, case #3029; Don Berliner, Project Bluebook UFO Unknowns; Jay Rath, *The M-Files: True Reports of Minnesota's Unexplained Phenomena*, p. 45).

June 1, 1954; Near Boston, Mass. (BBU)
9:30-9:40 a.m. TWA pilot Capt. Charles J. Kratovil, copilot W. R. Davis, and flight engineer Harold Raney, on a Paris-New York TWA Constellation heading SW, spotted "a large, white-colored disc-like object" overhead, occasionally lost behind overlying clouds. Flying into WSW headwinds at 300 mph, they concluded it could not be a balloon, and radioed Boston airport control tower, which said jets were scrambled and then saw the object at about 10,000 ft higher than their 10,000 ft altitude, but could not close with it. (McDonald list; UFOE, V)

June 1, 1954; From 400 miles S to Minneapolis, Minn. (BBU 3029)
9 p.m. Crew of USAF B-47 jet bomber at 34,000 ft altitude saw object with running lights fly at 24,000-44,000 ft altitude. (Berliner)

June 5, 1954; Dandenong Vic CE2 1820hrs Brown (37:49, 144:58) Australia
6:23 p.m. A sixteen-year old girl and her friend said they were terrified as an object hovered twenty meters from them. It was cylindrical in shape, about ten meters long by five high, with a window on top and at each end. It issued a bluish/silver-grey light, and hovered in mid-air. A loud drumming noise had been noted at first. It was reported that Miss Brown's watch had stopped at 6.23 p.m.; that the battery of her torch was drained and that her hand bag and belt clasps were magnetized, as

was an iron fence over which the object hovered. A Victorian geologist indicated that the fence was no more magnetized than a control fence some distance away. (1. NAA file series A705 control symbol 114/1/197 pages 130-134., 2. NAA file series B5758 control symbol 5/6/1 Air part 1 p92., 3. Melbourne 'Argus' 9 Jun, 16 Jun, 26 Jun 1954., 4. Melbourne 'Herald' 31 Jul 1954. )

June 7, 1954; between Indio and Brawley, California
While driving between Indio and Brawley on US highway 99, a witness spotted a 12-meter diameter metallic disc hovering one mile above Superstition Mountain for more than 15 minutes. (Source: *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue no. 339).

June 7, 1954; West Germany (BBU)
2 Germans saw 2 glowing discs descend vertically then rise rapidly. (Jan Aldrich)

June 8 [9?], 1954; Texarkana, Texas (BBU 3037)
1 a.m. or 2:30 a.m. (file not clear). L. T. Prewitt, employee of Red River Arsenal, saw a golden yellow light fly over his house, making a "shhh" or buzzing sound. (Berliner)

June 10, 1954. Estacado [or Llano?], Texas (BBU 3042)
9:09 p.m. Two USAF pilots, in flight, saw a white light descend at 45° from great altitude, pass under his aircraft, make two 360° turns and blink out. (Berliner)

June 11, 1954; bt. Charleston, West Virginia **&** Atlanta, Georgia
Morning. While flying from Charleston to Atlanta, British astronomer H. Percy Wilkins observed two brilliant, oval shaped objects above the clouds two miles away. They were "sharp edged," bright gold in color, and they "looked exactly like polished metal plates reflecting the sunlight," he wrote. They moved in slow motion northwards as the clouds drifted south. He also noticed a third UFO, this one gray in color. (Source: Frank Edwards, *Flying Saucers -- Serious Business*, pg. 47).

June 11, 1954; East of Sparks, Nevada
In the morning, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoag saw 15 to 20 red cigar shaped objects in the skies moving to the north. The objects were also viewed through 12-power field glasses and they weren't anything recognizable as planes. Mr. Hoag, a newspaper man said he did not know what the objects were. The objects had small silver wis or fins that were seen about three minutes before the objects disappeared to the north at terrific speed. (Reference: Reno Evening Gazette, June 11, 1954, Page 1; Dan Wilson)

June 11, 1954; Nr. Baltimore, Md.
Huge glowing object seen by GOC observers; alternately hovered, moved rapidly. [UFOE, VII]

June 12, 1954; Hyattsville, Maryland (BB)
11:30 p.m. EST, a large bluish-green oval or round shaped object was observed circling and hovering in the sky for at least 45 minutes by W. L Tatspaugk. Two F-86D fighters were scrambled. This may mean that an object was observed on radar. Hyattsville is approximately 2 miles NE of Washington DC. [Docs do not confirm radar, but see newsclipping] (Dan Wilson, BB files).

June 13, 1954; Boston, Massachusetts
8:00 p.m. A sphere was observed hovering. Two lights exited from the sphere and returned to it. The object then vanished, but shortly reappeared, then shrank in size and brightness. (Source: Loren Gross, *UFOs: A History. June-August 1954*, p. 20).

June 14, 1954; between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland
Jets were scrambled but could not reach a hovering craft at high altitude in the sky (Source: Richard Dolan, *UFOs and the National Security State: A Chronology of a Cover-up 1941-1973*, p. 407).

June 18, 1954; French Equatorial Africa
7:35 p.m. Monsignor Verhille, Apostolic Vicar of Fort Rousset, reported in the Brazzaville newspaper LaSemaine de L'akf that he and others had sighted an unidentified flying object over Laketi in the Likuala Mossaka region of the middle Congo. A luminous globe, it came from the north towards the Laketi Mission. It suddenly stopped, rose and dropped, stopped again, gyrated, and seemed to shake. A noise like that on an airplane engine, heard until that moment, also stopped. Seen through binoculars, the object had a dark mass in the center with light rays of unequal length coming out of it alternately. It went through its rising, falling, and stabilizing movements for 15 minutes, then shot back over the northern horizon. (CIA

information sheet. Headline: Unidentified Flying Object Over French Equatorial Africa)

June 22, 1954; NW Washington State & Vancouver Island, B.C.
8:14 p.m. (PDT). UFO responded to coded IFF Mode 1 signals from the Naselle ADC (Air Defense Command) radar site, and instantly transmitted back the correct coded responses. Tracked on 3 ground radars at 2 ADC radar sites (Naselle and McChord AFB, Tacoma, Wash.). The UFO split into two or were two UFO's in close formation then separated, and outmaneuvered one of two F-86D jet interceptors, both of which radar-tracked the UFO's. (Click on link for details & documentation)

June 21, 1954; Ridgeway, Ontario
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Baker saw a hovering, domed disc-shaped object, about 14 meters in diameter (40 feet) and had several rotating, flashing lights around the rim. They drove their car to get a closer look. The object crossed the road in front of the car and landed in a field. The car stalled and they had to push it because it would not re-start, although it had never given them trouble before the incident or since. They watched as the lights moved around in the area. They found a large, brown, circular spot in the pasture where the disk had been resting. (Sources: Gregory Falla, *BUFORA Vehicle Interference Report*, p. 6; Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, p. 2, case 9).

June 21, 1954; Delray Beach, Florida (BBU)
9:30 p.m. (EDT). Anne Nekel Brown and John Thomas Brown saw bright round disc-shaped object with dome-like structure on top seen when tilted toward the witnesses after hovering stationary to the S at 45° elevation. Object was spinning and then started moving very slowly E over the ocean with an erratic wobbly motion, straightened out then disappeared at high speed to the E at 8° elevation. (Jan Aldrich)

June 22, 1954. Miami Beach, Florida (BBU 3062)
9 p.m. USMC Maj. E. Buchser and Maj. J. V. Wilkins saw a meteor-like object descend, stop, and become extremely bright. 7 mins.(Sparks; Berliner)

June 22, 1954; Cleveland, Ohio
An eighty-foot long blimp-shaped UFO drifted over Cleveland at 300 feet altitude. The object veered up sharply and shot away after about 5-10 seconds. (Sources: Project Blue Book files counted in official statistics; Don Berliner, *Project Bluebook UFO Unknowns*).

June 23, 1954. 10 miles SE of Columbus, Ohio (BBU)
9:00 p.m. EST. Pilot Capt. Harry Roe, Jr., flying Ohio Air National Guard F-51 fighter at 240 mph from Dayton to Columbus saw round white object with no exhaust trailing the fighter in the same position a little above and behind him at close range, detected on airborne radar [?]. Roe maneuvered to try to lose the object or collide with it but it remained in relatively the same position to the aircraft until it departed to the SE. Ground controller radar tracked object [?]. (Sparks; Project 1947; NARCAP)

June 23, 1954; Between Dayton and Columbus, Ohio (BBU)
10:00 p.m. local. A pilot of a C-47, serial number 263, complained of something following him. Major Frank J. Gshwandtner and 2nd Lt. Robert P. Lommori, flying in the Columbus area in an RB-47E aircraft observed a white object the size of a baseball at 25,000 feet. The object was extremely fast. The object made a gradual turn and began a slight climb. It then flew out of sight. The length of the observation was 30 seconds. A radio transmission from WPAFB put the crew on alert.

June 24, 1954. Danvers, Mass. (BBU)
2:45 p.m. (EDT). Robert B. Tomer, Director of Commercial Engineering for CBS-Hytron, saw a very white, elliptical-shaped object cover 45° of sky from SW to NE in a straight line at 50° elevation. Object was sharp and distinct against clear blue sky; appeared somewhat less distinct when he removed his Polaroid glasses. No noise, no vapor trail, no glistening. No weather balloons in the area. 30 secs. (Sparks; Berliner; BB files Maxwell Microfilm Roll 20, pp. 1146- 1151)

June 25, 1954; Indian Lake, Ohio (BBU)
5:05 p.m. EDST. John Mark ,an experienced private pilot flying a Navion light plane at 6,200 feet altitude, observed one silver or aluminum round object with a flat bottom, raised front edge, inverted cone on top, and a diameter of about 40 feet, at 12,000 to 15,000 feet. The object flew horizontally at approximately 2000 mph, hovered, made a high-G pull up and then a steep climb into an overcast. Radar at Dayton, Ohio airport, tracked a very fast target (1980 mph) at same location. The observation lasted approximately 3-5 minutes. (Don Berliner)

June 26, 1954; Cincinnati - Dayton - Columbus, Ohio (BB)
7:30 a.m. EST. Six reports received of a round silvery object, all but one were received from Cincinnati ARTC. At around 7:30 a.m., a metallic blob was seen high in the sky near Columbus. According to a newspaper article a crew of an airliner was alerted to investigate and the crew circled under the object while the passengers took a look at the strange object. Zanesville Radio advised at 5:55 a.m. sighting round silvery object on azimuth of 80 degrees. At 1035Z (5:35 a.m. EST) a Air Force charter flight, No. 46 AF 23-24 to Wilmington, Delaware, flying at 3,000 feet observed an object in the Zanesville, Ohio area. The object was at approximately 18,000 to 20,000 feet. (Dan Wilson, BB files).

June 29/30, 1954; E. of Seven Isles, Quebec to Goose Bay, Labrador (BBU)
8:05-8:27 p.m. (AST). Capt. James Howard, FO Boyd, navigator George Allen and passengers of BOAC airliner at 19,000 ft heading NE to Goose Bay, Labrador, saw a large opaque or black object with six smaller satellite objects on a horizontal line, constantly shifting in shape like a mirage, but first seen at roughly 20°-45° depression angle below horizon. Object azimuth about 5° left or S of sun low on horizon, or at about 300° to 305° true as sighting progressed. Disappeared when F-94 interceptor approached. (Sparks)

June 30, 1954; Mobile and Brookley AFB, Alabama (BBU)
6:50 p.m. 4 civilians and a number of military personnel saw a brilliant silver or white object with short stubby wings approach from the S, circle over Mobile, then depart to the NE. Radar contact at 6:30 p.m. with stationary 8-mile object at 55 miles at 60° azimuth is evidently unrelated anomalous propagation. (Hynek-CUFOS Willy Smith files; UFOE, VIII)

June 30, 1954; Nr. Oslo, Norway
Two silvery disks observed and photographed from eclipse expedition planes. [UFOE, VIII]

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July 1, 1954; St. Louis, Missouri
Peter Davenport, who currently runs the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington,, together with the members of his family, experienced a UAP. He estimate that hundreds, or perhaps thousands, of other people also witnessed the event. The sighting was very dramatic, and he suspects it is the principal reason he runs a UFO-reporting facility. (NUFORC)

July 2, 1954; Walesville, New York
Jet interceptor(s?) investigated unknown object near Griffiss AFB (Rome), fire in cockpit caused pilots to eject. Jet crashed at Walesville killing several people.

July 3, 1954; Near Bermuda (BBU)
1:45-1:55 a.m. A B-36 flying over the Atlantic near Bermuda reported receiving peculiar radar returns on an APS-23 radar set. The returns consisted of a clear and well defined circular formation containing 7 and at times 8 objects. The returns were first observed by Capt. Charles C. Spahn, R.O. Spahn had 11 years Air Force service and 3,400 hours flying hours and 1,500 hours as a radar observer. Spahn did not think these returns were ships on the surface. He had tracked a couple of ships just hours before the returns showed up. Spahn says that the shape of the individual returns are not common to ships. (Berliner, Sparks, Wilson)

July 3, 1954; Albuquerque, N.M.
Nine green spheres sighted visually, tracked on radar. [UFOE, VIII]

July 5, 1954; West Berlin, Germany (BBU)
(Jan Aldrich)

July 7, 1954; Garson, Canada
A miner saw a landed object and a giant man with strange, burning eyes. He fainted. When he regained consciousness, the object and entity had vanished. This case was investigated by the Royal Canadian Air Force. (Donald E. Keyhoe, *Flying Saucer Conspiracy*, p. 184).

July 8, 1954; Lancashire, England
British astronomer saw a silvery object with 15-20 smaller satellite objects. [NICAP, II]

July 9, 1954; Lowry AFB, Colo.
Six to seven objects appeared to be triangular in shape. Pending evaluation.

July 11, 1954; Hunterdon County, New Jersey (BBU)
USAF crews of 4 bombers saw a disc-shaped object pace their planes. (Weinstein; BB files??; Incorrectly listed in UFOE, III, as Pennsylvania)

July 11, 1954; Bt. Adelaide & Melbourne, Australia
Lubek Vic 2135hrs (1135z) 1 min 1M Roberts. Captain Roberts was flying a C47 aircraft at 10,000 feet from Adelaide to Melbourne. He sighted a bright red object, ahead, slightly to port, at 10000 feet or above. After one minute it disappeared to N of track. No other aircraft were in the area. Visibility was good. (NAA file series B5758 control symbol 5/6/Air part 1 p.79 of digital version.)

July 14, 1954; St. Louis, Missouri (BBU)
7:50 a.m. (CDT). McDonnell Aircraft Propulsion Lab employees sighted 1.5-foot sheet-like object maneuvering in company parking lot from distances varying from 4 to 200 feet, first descending from the E at 30 ft altitude stopped on the ground, rose to 4 ft height, made right-angle turn to N, traveled 75 ft and climbed above 8-ft fence to disappear in the overcast sky, under light almost calm wind conditions. One observer followed at 5-ft distance. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 150-1)

July 15, 1954; Wegierska Gorka, Cracow, Poland
A woman recalled in 1986, that as an eleven year old girl collecting mushrooms in Poland she had a close encounter and missing time experience with UFOnauts. While walking alone near a cliff she saw a glowing, oval-shaped UFO. She felt drawn to it, and was met by five entities, who had the height, skin and hands of humans. They wore tight-fitting clothes, and had small mouths and no noses. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database).

July 18, 1954; Normandy, Missouri (BBU 3116)
8:40 p.m. A. T. Chamblin saw a greenish-white disc. (Berliner) The sighting lasted about 30 minutes. (Source: Project Blue Book files counted in official statistics, case 3116; Don Berliner, *Project Bluebook Unknowns*).

July 19, 1954; French Equatorial Africa (BBU)
(Jan Aldrich)

Jul. 20, 1954; Oslo, Norway
Time not given. Two men were chased by a UFO near Oslo when they had stopped their car to look at it. After the sighting a watch stopped working and the paint on their car changed color. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 207).

July 21, 1954: Boise, Idaho
A USAF jet interceptor climbed to 20,000 feet to try and identify an unidentified flying object high above. The CAA said the jet was unable to get close enough to see the object clearly. The object appeared to be drifting slowly against prevailing winds at that altitude. (Dan Wilson, Reference: Daily Herald, Utah County, Utah, July 22, 1954, Page 2)

July 22, 1954; Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
At 7:15 p.m. five metallic spheres or ovoid shaped objects flew toward the west in a V formation. They were in sight for 30 seconds, and they reportedly looked like "Christmas tree ornaments." (Source: Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History. 1954: June-August*, p. 57).

July 25, 1954; Middle Sister Island, U.S.-Canadian border W Lake Erie (BBU)
7:12 p.m. Attorney L. B. Tussing saw a black cylinder, 12:1 length/width ratio, moving fast along the surface of the lake. (Sources: Don Berliner, *Project Bluebook Unknowns*; Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 3483).

July 25, 1954, Southern Rhodesia
J. H. Flanagan (a policeman) and some friends recently observed six unidentified objects in the sky over Enkeldoorn, South of Salisbury. The objects, which were almost immobile, were visible for about 20 minutes, but disappeared when night fell. (CIA information sheet. Headline: Unidentified Objects Over Southern Rhodesia)

July 27, 1954; Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU)
At 0658 GMT to 0702 GMT two unidentified objects were observed from an aircraft at 81 degrees 35 minutes North, 29 degrees West, tracked on radar on a course 210 degrees at 350 knots. The altitude of the objects was estimated at very low. The two objects were 2-3 miles apart. According to the map coordinates given in the report this sighting took place over Northeastern Greenland. (McDonald list)

July 28, 1954; Atlantic, 80 mi E of NYC, New York
8:15 p.m. A flat, moon-like object shooting straight up at great speed from near sea level to about 5,000 feet was sighted E of New York by officers of the Netherlands' government vessel, Groote Beer. Jan P. Boshoff, master, said after docking at Hoboken that he observed the phenomenon through powerful binoculars. It disappeared into heavy clouds. (Underwater UFOS/Rullan)

July 28, 1954; Brentwood, Calif.
"Sparking green light" appeared to land in orchard, TV reception interrupted.

July 28, 1954; North Atlantic
Dutch ship observed disc with apparent portholes. [UFOE, XII]

July 29, 1954; Korea (BBU)
(McDonald list)

July 29, 1954; About 3 miles SSE of Carysfort Reef Lighthouse, Key Largo, Florida (BBU)
3:40 a.m. Key West Naval Base USN Chief Quartermaster Milbert James Brown and Helmsman Seaman Sydney J. Martin aboard USS YTB-543 sailing S on 205° true course at 6.5 knots saw a huge, bright pale blue or whitish-blue egg or blimp-shaped 300-500 ft object with 4 pointed cones of light, major/minor axis about 3:1 oriented horizontally, angular size 3x sun, traveling at tremendous speed estimated at about 7,200 mph (better estimate about 5,000 mph) in level horizontal flight from the W through S then E then NE, at 10° 12° above the horizon passing in front of mostly cumulus clouds covering 30% up to 15° elevation. Brown first saw the object at about 243° azimuth 10° elevation about 4 miles away moving to the left heading E viewed across the bow of the ship to the SSW at which point he began stopwatch timing (6.3 secs at disappearance, azimuths measured immediately after sighting by reference to 5 ships and a landmark used as sighting fix points). Object passed through point of closest approach at about 160° azimuth 12° elevation 1-1/2 miles away, moving to the left through a gradual-arc flight path of about 8 miles radius of curvature (about 40 g's centripetal acceleration), passed through E along a now straightened path headed to the NE, reaching maximum N position at 70° azimuth about 8 miles away when it curved slightly back as if veering off sharply to the right to head E, disappearing at about 68° azimuth 10° elevation 9 miles away behind a cloud bank. No sound or trail. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich)

July 30, 1954; About 15 miles SE of Los Angeles, Calif. (BBU 3140)
11:15 a.m. (PDT). Hughes Aircraft test pilots Englert and Peterson, flying a B-25 bomber on a maintenance test hop heading ESE airspeed 170 mph [true airspeed about 200 mph] at 7,000 ft, saw a metallic, pencil-shaped object in horizontal orientation hover at above 30,000 ft for an unstated length of time while they climbed to 11,000 ft and made 30° turns to try to get a better view of object [over 4+ mins at max climb rate of about 1,000 ft/min]. Peterson, also a National Guard F-86 jet pilot, attempted to scramble jet intercept from Van Nuys National Guard Ops but could not establish radio contact (EM??). USN aircraft from the S seemed to pass under object without noticing it. (Jan Aldrich)

July 31, 1954; Durban, Natal province, South Africa
Daytime. A good photograph was taken of a gray elliptical object that moved slowly back and forth over some trees. (Source: J. Bernard Delair, *UFO Register*, Volume 6, p. 41, article & photo submitted by Barry Greenwood).

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Aug. or Sept., 1954; New York State
Round UFO tracked on radar, plotted across state by Ground Observer Corps. [UFOE, VII]

Aug. 2, 1954; Westlake, Ohio (BBU 3149)
5:17 p.m. Ex-AAF B-17 gunner (19 missions) N. E. Schroeder saw a thin, bright ellipse, like polished metal, about 50-seconds of arc wide or about the size of a shirt button. Object hovered at 5000' for 5-8 secs, dropped down, described as a free-fall. to 2,000 ft in 3 secs and disappeared by fading out. The estimated distance of the object was 6 miles. (Don Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Aug. 4, 1954; The Hague, Netherlands
Bt. 11:00 and 12:00 p.m. Ten firemen and their chief observed the two flying saucers. The objects were seen in the clear night air at a high altitude. They moved at incredible speed, at times remaining motionless for as long as 30 seconds. They

were described as being flat ovals with whitish-gray light. All of the observers agreed that the objects could not have been aircraft or balloons. (CIA information sheet. Headlines: Flying Saucers Over The Hague, Netherlands)

Aug. 6, 1954; San Antonio, Texas (BBU 3155)
6 p.m. Mechanical engineer L. H. Hormer saw an intensely white elliptical light change to yellow, orange, pink, 4-5 times while flying straight and level. (Berliner)

Aug. 7, 1954; Kaiserlautern, Rhineland-Palatine, Germany
11:28 p.m. The German military witnessed a UFO that changed shape from an ovoid object to a sphere, and then to a dome. (Source: Loren E. Gross, UFOs: A History. 1954: June-August, p. 66).

Aug. 7, 1954; Hemmingford, Quebec
At 7:30 p.m. Gabriel Coupal, age 13, and another boy were out riding a horse when they saw a luminous, nine foot wide sphere land 150 feet away from them. After landing the sphere turned black. A door opened, and "a big tall man with big round eyes" got out. He was dressed in a skintight black rubber diver suit that covered his entire body except his head, and was carrying what looked like a "machine gun." There was a "buzz like a bee." The man approached and the boys galloped their horse for the house. The UFO rose, passed close by them, and landed again near the horse barn. It "had a black cable with a square thing hanging" from it. In the moonlight the landed UFO looked "like a soap bubble," and three men were seen walking around it. Mrs. Coupal telephoned Hemmingford to get another witness, but when three more people arrived the object took off, glowing orange. It had been present for an hour or more. There was a circle of flattened grass 30 feet in diameter where the object had rested. (Sources: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case 1954-42, citing Dr. Adolph Dittmar, Civilian Saucer Intelligence; newspaper clipping, August 17, 1954).

Aug. 10, 1954; Hemmingford, Quebec, Canada
At 9:30 p.m. 13-year-old Gabriel Coupal and his younger siblings said they saw a brightly lighted object follow them to their farm in . It landed and a figure wearing a black diver suit and with round eyes exited, and appeared to engage in some repair activity. Mr. Coupal and his oldest son went to the field where the children had been playing and saw an orange object rise from the ground and speed off to the west. The grass was flattened down over a 15-meter area, with two tracks about five meters long. (Sources: Harold Wilkins,Flying Saucers Uncensored, p. 237; Huntingdon Gleaner, August 18, 1954; Fate, March 1955, p. 19; Albany (NY) Times-Union, November 27, 1955; Jacques Vallee, Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings, case 135).

Aug. 11, 1954; Lawrence, Massachusetts
At 1:30 p.m. a flaming object bashed a hole in the side of a house. (Sources: Leonard Stringfield, *CRIFO Newsletter,* February 1956, p. 3; Blue Book files counted in official statistics)

Aug. 11, 1954; Maxwell Field in Alabama
7:54 p.m., a disc-shaped object glowed and soared around the control tower . It was seen by both ground and air observers, and confirmed on radar. (Sources: Leonard Stringfield, *CRIFO Newsletter,* February 1956, p. 3; Blue Book files counted in official statistics).

Aug. 11, 1954; Lawson AFB, Columbus, Georgia (BBU)
8:54 p.m. (EST). Lawson AFB Tower Operator AFC Chase E. Lewis, 1926-3 Det. AACS, observed strange stationary object in the W at azimuth 270° at about 2500 ft, varying in brightness, changing color from white to red to orange to white again, with seeming high speed motions [due to autokinesis]. Army helicopter 267 piloted by WO-JG R. T. Wade (506th Helicopter Co., Ft. Benning, Ga.) sent to investigate, heading 270° at 2,500 ft, located object at 20 miles W of Lawson AFB Tower (Ft. Benning) at 2,000 ft, abandoned pursuit due to low fuel after less than 2 mins, at about 8:54-8:56 p.m. AFC Lewis reported to Base Operations Dispatcher A/2c O. A. Register, Hqs Sq, Lawson AFB. At 8:56 p.m. Airdrome Officer and driver sighted object at Lawson AFB. At 9:05 p.m., two additional Lawson Tower operators included AFC William N. Watson, 1926-3 Det AACS. Second Army helicopter, no. 294, on mission piloted by WO-JG G. [U.?] S. Tarma (506th Helicopter Co., Ft. Benning, Ga.) diverted to object at 9:27 p.m., sighted it then it disappeared still at 270° azimuth (due W) at 9:29 p.m. (Paul Dean, Mike Tarbell, Sparks; NICAP website; BB files; Weinstein; Saunders/FUFOR Index) [Probable Venus IFO].

Aug.11, 1954; Yoron Jima, near Okinawa (BBU 3162)
At 8:55 p.m. P. L. Percharde, an electrical engineer and assistant manager of the Moeller Shipwrecker Co., and Kosei Nakamoto sighted a line of blue lights that flew over their ship at the site of the S.S. Docteur Angier shipwreck. When overhead the two men could see that underneath the lights was a blue ring with a black center. After passing over the ship it climbed vertically, illuminating and agitating the clouds. (Sources: UNICAT, case 778, citing Project Blue Book report IR-4-

54; Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History. 1954: January-May*, p. 76; Don Berliner, *Project Bluebook UFO Unknowns*).

Aug. 11, 1954; Remiremont, Vosges department, France and two other towns
At three o'clock in the morning a compass started spinning wildly and other types of EM effects occurred when at least one UFO briefly flew over. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Challenge to Science, the UFO Enigma*, p. 129, citing Jimmy Guieu; *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue 262).

Aug. 12, 1954; Fort Benning, Georgia
At 2:30 a.m. EDT a disc-shaped object hovered to the west of the tower at Fort Benning. It flew away and then came back, but finally vanished when a helicopter approached. (Sources: (1) Michael Hitt, *Georgia UFO Phenomenon 1947-1987*, p. 22; (2) Timothy Good, *Above Top Secret,* p. 284; Dominique Weinstein, *Aircraft UFO Encounters*, p. 24; Richard M. Dolan, *UFO's and the National Security State: Chronology of a Cover-up 1941-1973*, p. 407).

Aug. 12, 1954; Lawsen AFB, Columbus, Georgia (BBU)
Seen again in the W at 8:15 p.m. for 6 mins lost in two layers of scattered clouds. [Probable Venus IFO, as Venus was low on W horizon at azimuth 264°-268° and elevation 7° to 0° until setting at about 9:30 p.m. time of object's disappearance. BB conclusion of Mars grossly in error, with erroneous astro calc of SW at 20° elevation when Mars in fact was in the S at azimuth 177°-186° elevation 30°-25°, rising not setting, during time of sighting.]

Aug. 12, 1954; Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2:29 a.m. CDT, four military men on U.S. Army helicopters saw a glowing red disc soar around the base tower. There were both ground and air observers to this second sighting, as well as radar-visual confirmation. (Sources: (1) Michael Hitt, *Georgia UFO Phenomenon 1947-1987*, p. 22; (2) Timothy Good, *Above Top Secret,* p. 284; Dominique Weinstein, *Aircraft UFO Encounters*, p. 24; Richard M. Dolan, *UFO's and the National Security State: Chronology of a Cover-up 1941-1973*, p. 407).

Aug. 12, 1954; AFR 200-2

> This is the famous Air Force Regulation 200-2. This version, dated 12 August 1954, is after the 4602 Air Intelligence Service Squadron (4602d AISS) was brought in to assist the USAF Air Technical Intelligence Center with preliminary and field UFO investigations.

Aug. 15, 1954; San Marcos, Texas (BBU 3166)
10:20 p.m. USAF Maj. W. J. Davis and Capt. R. D. Sauers, flying a C-47 transport plane, saw a dark blue oblong object pace the C-47, veer away, then cross in front of it. (Berliner)

Aug. 18, 1954; bt. Coire and Chur, Switzerland
6:30 p.m. A brilliant metallic sphere was observed by a witness while driving . The sphere maneuvered in the W sky toward Ilanz at three kilometers altitude, making sudden turns. It finally shot straight up into the sky and was gone. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, cases # 3518 & 3519; unsourced newspaper clipping dated August 25, 1954).

Aug. 18, 1954; Stein-Saeckingen,Switzerland
At 8:00 p.m. a reddish yellow disc seene for 12 minutes. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, cases # 3518 & 3519; unsourced newspaper clipping dated August 25, 1954).

Aug. 19, 1954; Dole la-Carondelet, Jura department, France
At 12:45 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Pardon saw a brilliant ball of light near the river in that changed color from blue to white to a red halo. The shape of the object also changed from circular to oblong, then assumed a vertical position, and became a luminous cigar. Their sighting lasted ten minutes. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 27; Jacques & janine Vallee, *Challenge to Science: The UFO Enigma*, p. 129).

Aug. 20, 1954; Ceydalen, near Mosjoen, Norway
On this afternoon two sisters in Norway claimed they met the pilot of a UFO. While picking blueberries in fields in Norway. 24-year-old Edith Jacobsen and her sister, Asta Solvang, were approached by a man with a tanned complexion and long hair who smiled and made friendly hand gestures. [click on link for detailes] (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # 1954-44 (A0243), citing Oddvar J. Larsen; Jacques & Janine Vallee, *Challenge to Science: The UFO Enigma*, p. 129).

Aug. 21, 1954: Dietikon, Zurich, Switzerland

Starting at 4:50 a.m. several townspeople of  watched two brilliant red discs that hovered and spun over Zurich for 15 minutes. One flew toward the east over Zurich, then both shot off toward the south-southeast. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case  # 3523).

Aug. 21, 1954; Denver, Colorado
At 9:30 p.m. 12 dim nocturnal lights flew in formation towards the west at 5,000 mph. They stayed in formation, so it is possible there was a huge structure behind the lights. (Source: Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History. 1954: June-August*, p. 82).

Aug. 22 [23?], 1954; N France [W Germany?] (BBU)
(Jan Aldrich)

Aug. 22, 1954; East Chicago, Indiana
Two refinery workers sighted a crescent-shaped object that darted all over the sky above the oil refinery where they worked for two minutes. It flew at an estimated altitude of 2,500 feet and left going south. (Sources: Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 155).

Aug. 23, 1954; Lugrin, France
Elise Blanc approached an object that looked like an aluminum trailer. Standing close to it were two small beings dressed in silver uniforms. They made grunting sounds like pigs. The object took on a glowing, fiery color and flew away. [Note: the Airstream model of trailer, common for this period, is aluminum in color and somewhat ovoid shaped.] (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Challenge to Science: The UFO Enigma*, p. 129; *Passport to Magonia*, p. 208).

Aug. 23, 1954; West_Germany (BBU)
Night.  Family observed reddish round object surrounded by [red?] light, about 3x size of star, no sound [motionless?]. Later, 12 Germans observed greenish light about 3x size of star hovering for 5 mins then took off to the SW disappearing “faster tham a jet.” 15 mins, 14 witnesses (Sparks;  BB files;  Jan Aldrich;  Robert Powell/Fran Ridge)

Aug. 24, 1954; Egilstadir [Lagarfiot or Lagarfljot River?], Iceland (BBU 3180)
8:30 p.m. An unnamed farmer saw a flat cylinder, 2-2.5 ft long, 4-5 ft in diameter, make a loud whizzing sound, fly straight and level, fast, then slow, then fall into sandbar. (Berliner)

Aug. 25, 1954; Greenhills, Ohio
Four teenagers in a car in Greenhills saw a creature with a luminous body, standing near a fireplug. (Source: Leonard Stringfield, *Inside Saucer Post...3-0 Blue*, p. 64; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings,* p. 252)

Aug. 26, 1954; Danville, Virginia (BBU 3182)
6:15 a.m. Rev. W. L. Shelton saw 2 domed ellipses, 20 ft long, 8 ft thick, 10 ft at ends, glowing silver or orange, hover, then climb side-by-side while getting brighter. (Don Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Aug. 27, 1954; Dorchester, Mass. (BBU 3185)
1 p.m. EDST.  Two observers on ground, one wearing polaroid glasses (?). Primary witness, E. A. Srazdes, considered reliable.  Reports seven, white, teardrop-shaped objects in the east at 45-degree elevation. , described as being as large as high-flying bombers, turned blue, flew in in-line line formation with no exhaust or trail. Objects moving at a slow speed at first, then increase noted when they disappeared to the northwest after two minutes observation. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Aug. 27, 1954; St. Louis, Missouri
8:00 p.m.  LCDR Robert W. Jackson stationed at McDowell Aircraft with Mrs. Jackson and 2 guests, Ronald Banta, employee of McDowell & son,Charles Banta. A huge, bright, blue egg or blimp shaped object 300-500' with 4 pointed cones of light ratio 3:1 horizontally, angular size 3X sun traveling at high speed in level flight from W to S, then E to NE. No sound, no trail.  (Project 1947)

Aug. 27, 1954; Boston Creek, Ontario
At 10:30 p.m. a wingless, circular UFO was seen by Bill Supa, an employee of the Caswell Construction Co. It landed about two kilometers away from him. He approached to within 300 meters before it took off and flew away. The grass had been flattened where it had rested. (Source: Harold Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 218).

Aug. 28, 1954; Tinker AFB, Okla (BBU)
8:30 p.m. Several USAF pilots flying fighters saw a triangular formation of 15 objects, tracked by ground radar. (Weinstein; UFOE, VIII)

Aug. 28, 1954; Quebec, Canada
Two boys in Quebec saw an unidentified craft land and two or three men were seen exiting the object. (Source: Arthur Constance, *The Inexplicable Sky*, p. 277).

Aug. 29, 1954; Prince Christian, Greenland (BBU 3189)
11:05 a.m. 1st Officer H. G. Gardner and engineer J. V. D. Whitisy [and another witness Namely?] flying on Royal Dutch Airlines DC-4 (PH-DBZ), saw 3-4 dark, lens-shaped objects veer N and change position in formation. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 30, 1954: Paris, France (BBU)
Luminous circular sighted flying over the city. ATIC Evaluation "UNKNOWN – Insufficient data." (Sparks; BB files; Jan Aldrich; Robert Powell/Fran Ridge)

Aug. 30, 1954; North Bay, Ontario, Canada
Sgt. Durdle of the RCAF saw a brilliant, circular object fly across Lake Nipissing toward the Royal Canadian Air Force base. An oblong canister was hung down from the central section, which supported a long cone with a spinning globe on top. When the object tilted he was able to see regulator-looking devices inside the machine through a vertical lighted slit. Six brilliant appendages that looked like necklaces hung from the craft. Sgt. Durdle woke up four other Air Force men, who observed the object spiraling away. (Source: Harold Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 227).

Aug. 30, 1954; Port Alegre, Brazil
House lights failed as UFO passed. (NICAP list)

Aug. 31, 1954; Nowra, Australia
Radar/Sighting from a/c. O'Farrell Case/Sea Fury Incident (Bill Chalker, Mike Swords, M)

Aug. 31, 1954; Kirkland Lake, Ontario
At 12:25 a.m. in the town of Kirkland Lake Police Constable Grabovski saw a shiny ovoid UFO sail slowly through the sky headed north. It vanished in sparks, which were followed by a blue rain. (Source: Harold T. Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 219).

Aug. 31, 1954; Asnieres-le-Dijon, France
12:50 p.m. A disc travelled through the sky from E to W at great speed without stopping. It changed color from red to orange to silver. It was observed near military aircraft. In Orly, France at 7:30 p.m. two luminous orange objects at high altitude came from the west at high speed and crossed the sky rapidly flying toward the east. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 31, citing C. Garreau).

Aug. 31, 1954; Stafford, England
At 8:50 p.m. a reddish yellow sphere flew very slowly at an estimated 5 mph to the north in Stafford. At 8:55 p.m. a sombrero-shaped saucer was sighted at Stone, Staffordshire, England. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 3542, citing Gavin Gibbons, *The Coming of the Space Ships*, p. 58).

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Sept., 1954; UK city not noted.
Ground radar.

September 1, 1954; Development of Continetal Air Defense Command

USAF Historical Studies No. 126. Warning: In pdf format and 124 pages long, this report was declassified on 13 Dec 1973.

Sept. 1, 1954; Angers and Anjou, Maine-et-Loire department, France
At 8:20 p.m. a brownish-red colored disc, encircled by green flashes and making a purring sound, was seen. It flew on a rapid course toward the north. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 32-33).

Sept. 2, 1954; Coldwater, Kansas
10:00 p.m. Twelve-year-old John Jacob Swain had just finished driving a tractor when he saw a dark complexioned little man about the size of a five year old child crouching about 20 feet away. The man had pointed ears and a pointed nose, and

wore shiny clothing. He also was carrying two two-foot long cylinders on his back. He ran or glided, apparently floating across the ground, to a 50 foot wide disc-shaped object hovering five feet above the ground. He jumped in and took off without tilting the saucer. Lights shone from windows or the craft as it flew off faster than a jet. At the site were found numerous pear-shaped footprints 2 inches wide x 4.5 inches in length, with very narrow heels. (Sources: *Wichita Evening Eagle*, September 8, 1954; Ted Phillips, *Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings*, case 677; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-46, citing Sheriff Floyd Hadley & Rev. Albert Baller).

Sept. 3, 1954; Souk-el-Khemis, Tunisia
At 1:00 p.m. many workers in the fields 12 kilometers south of the town saw an object apparently made of transparent plastic fly over the houses, stop on its edge, and swing like a pendulum just a few meters above the ground. It made several erratic jumps, then resumed its horizontal position and flew away. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 141).

Sept. 3, 1954; Weston, Staffordshire, England
7:30 p.m. A dazzling cigar-shaped UFO did loops over city. It turned vertical and moved off quickly toward the south. It was absolutely silent during the entire two minutes of the sighting. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 3552, citing Gavin Gibbons, *The Coming of the Space Ships*, p. 60).

Sept. 3, 1954; Dallas, Texas
4:30 p.m. U.S.A.F. Major R. J. Waste and the nine man crew of his B-47 bomber were flying near Dallas when they were directed to investigate a UFO. It was a missile shaped object that dogged them for more than an hour, then disappeared. (Sources: UNICAT, case #3, citing Cerny, *International UFO Reporter*, September 1983, p. 6; Dominique Weinstein, *Aircraft UFO Encounters*, p. 24).

Sept. 4, 1954: Obersuessbach, Bavaria, Germany
On this morning between ten and eleven a.m. a schoolteacher and four others sighted a flat circular, silver colored object that had a funny looking rim. The edge of the craft gave them the impression of fringe. It passed over at high speed. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 34).

Sept. 4, 1954; Butler, Missouri (BBU 3196)
3 a.m. CST. CAA communications specialist J. Faltemeier reported 23-33 lights, as if on a string, flying straight and level. Observed overhead at estimated 40,000 to 50,000 feet heading SW (243 degrees) with no sound. Duration: 1-1/2 minutes. Same or similar objects observed previous evening by two other civilians. Air Force even listed this one as a unknown. (Berliner, Sparks, Wilson)

Sept. 5, 1954; Butler, Missouri (BBU 3198)
12:23 a.m. [CST?] CAA communications specialist J. Faltemeier saw a silver or white object with a slightly swept-back leading edge and a following exhaust, fly straight and level, then veer SW to S. (Berliner)

Sept. 5, 1954: Graz, Austria
9:30 a.m. Ten witnesses including three police officers saw a disc-shaped object that flew over the city from east to west. It came back again 90 minutes later, and was also seen in Bavaria, Germany. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 35).

Sept 5, 1954; Rockford, Ill
Bt. 10:35 and 11:15 p.m. As they had done on many occasions, amateur astronomers, Peter Bartkus and Theodore McColm, were watching the moon through a telescope. Bartkus wrotes: “I observed the most unusual phenomena I have ever had the experience of witnessing.” Bartkus continues:“The moon was observed through my 6” cassigrain reflector telescope using a secondary mirror. The total focal length for this setup is over 100”, and with the use of 150 and 200 power oculars we got tremendous power with the least loss of light.“ The moon was in the first quarter and its diameter was 29 feet, 30 inches.We saw a spherical object ascending from the northern section of Mare Humboldtanum area. It was not glowing or brilliant, but seemed more like a dull reflected light of a planet. Its size we estimated at about the diameter of craters Pitiscus or Vlaco. At the time it disappeared it had travelled more than 29” or 30” of arc in about 40 minutes. We checked out the possibility of atmospheric diffraction in the sky or the scope by traversing the scope, and by changing the oculars. The object must have been a powered body because as the moon was descending at 1081 mph, the object was ascending and not following a true orbit. It was definitely in space, and in the same field as the moon, or near the moon.”(CRIFO Newsletter,Oct 1, 1954, Leonard Stringfield, FBI files)

Sept. 6, 1954: over Ain Khabbeb, Morocco
10:30 p.m. Two spheres hovered over city attached to each other. With green lines dangling from the attached spheres, they

flew off quickly toward the west. (Source: *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue no. 228).

Sept. 7, 1954; Origny, France
12:30 a.m. Robert Chovel and his wife and father-in-law were driving home from the theater in Hirson, Aisne Department when they saw a luminous, red-orange "disk" flying above the railroad tracks. The "disk" stopped suddenly across the road, 300-400 meters from the ground. It seemed to have on its upper side a small luminous tail, forming an integral part of the object. When the travelers reached the bridge at Buire, they saw what they believed to be a "flying saucer" increasing its altitude. As soon as the car lights beamed on it, the object started flying at great speed towards LaHerie 3-4 kilometers away and disappeared. (CIA information sheet. Headline: Flying Disk Sighted In Aisne Department; UFOE, II)

Sept. 7, 1954: Bt. Harponville and Contay, Somme department, France
7:15 a.m. Two bricklayers, Emile Renard, age 27, and Yves DeGillerboz, age 23, saw a bluish-gray object floating in midair over a field. "It looked like an unfinished haystack, with a plate turned upside down on top of it." When they tried to approach it took off. It had a diameter of ten meters (33 feet), and they noticed it had a kind of door. The observation lasted over three minutes, at which point the object released some smoke as it departed straight up. (Sources: *Le Figaro*, September 9, 1954:; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 35; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, pp. 208-209).

Sept. 7, 1954: Marseille, France
8:00 p.m. Three members of the Guibert family sighted a red luminous spherical object that hovered for 30 seconds, then flew in a complicated course. It was seen through binoculars, and swayed when it turned. The entire sighting lasted seven minutes. (Sources:Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 39; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le Premier Dossier Complet des Rencontres Rapprochees en France*, p. 73).

Sept. 8, 1954: Stafford, England.
A cigar-shaped object with a glowing underside was seen for 20 minutes  It traveled in waves, moving every four minutes. It finally turned off light. (Source: Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History. 1954:: September*, p. 11).

Sept. 9, 1954: Nelson, New Zealand
2:30 a.m. A photograph of three disc-shaped UFOs was taken on this night by witnesses Gibbons and Ingram. It has been rated as a highly reliable unknown. (Sources: Leonard H. Stringfield, *CRIFO Orbit*, November 5, 1954:, pp. 5-6; Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, pp. 89-92; Thomas M. Olsen, *The Reference for Outstanding UFO Reports*, p. 3-30; Richard F. Haines, *Project Delta: A Study of Multiple UFO*, p. 95; Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History. 1954:: September*, pp. 13 & 15).

Sep. 10, 1954; Mourieras, France
A farmer, Mr. Mazaud was walking home when he was suddenly confronted with a helmeted being of average height who made friendly gestures, then went back into the brush, entered a cigar-shaped object about four meters long, which took off toward Limoges. A few minutes later witnesses in Limoges reported a disc-shaped, red object leaving a bluish trail. (Sources: *Le Parisien*, September 14, 1954; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 40; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 209).

Sept.10, 1954; Quarouble, France
A metal worker, Marius Dewilde, age 34, came out of his house when his dog was barking and saw a dark object sitting on the railroad tracks. He then observed two dwarfs walking toward it. When he tried to stop them, he found himself paralyzed as a strong orange beam of light that was projected at him. The beings were under 1 meter (3.3 feet) tall, bulky, and wore dark diving suits. No faces or arms were visible. Imprints were made by an object, that an engineer estimated must have weighed 30 tons. French police and the French Air Force investigated the case. (Sources: *Le Parisien*, September 13, 1954; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 44; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 209).

Sep. 12, 1954: near Quarouble, Nord department, France
On this afternoon a merchant driving a van  saw a domed disc descend vertically, and then hover near a grove of trees. Several human-looking beings were then seen in front of the craft. When the witness walked toward it, he was hit by a luminous beam of light and paralyzed. The object took off going straight up vertically. (Sources: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # 1954-15 (A1688), citing Joel Mesnard & Jean Marie Bigorne, p. 131; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le Premier Dossier Complet des Rencontres Rapprochees en France*, pp. 77-78).

Sep. 14, 1954: St.-Prouant, Vendee department, France
At 5:00 p.m. over 200 witnesses watched a cigar or carrot-shaped UFO as it emerged from a cloud, tilted toward the ground,

hovered, and then elevated its front end quickly into a vertical position. It emitted vapor from its lower end. Next, a metallic disc-shaped object flew out, spun around the cigar, and then re-entered the mothership. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 23, Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 16; Thomas M. Olsen, *The Reference to Outstanding UFO Reports*, case # 44).

Sept. 14, 1954; Helsinki
Night. Several people reported having seen a circular flying object. The object, flying at an altitude of 800 meters, gave off an intense light and left a trail of reddish smoke about three times its diameter. It was visible for about 7 seconds. (CIA information sheet. Headline: Flying Saucers Over Helsinki)

Sep. 14, 1954: Coldwater, Kansas
John J. Swain, age 12, was driving a tractor back from his family's fields when he saw a little man no bigger than a 5-year-old child a few meters away from him. He had a long nose and long ears and seemed to fly or glide as he moved toward a saucer-shaped craft hovering just two meters above ground. It "opened up" and the creature "popped inside." The craft became luminous and shot out of sight. Unusual traces were found by police. The being was dressed in shiny clothes, and his shoes seemed to have "fins" attached. He carried two cylinders on his back and had long, pointed ears. (Sources: Harold Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored,* p. 239; Charles Bowen, *The Humanoids*, p. 53; *Lincoln Nebraska Star*, late September 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 209).

Sep. 15, 1954: in Roubaix, Nord department, France
At 3:20 a.m. a red disc-shaped object surrounded by a green halo was sighted by a married couple for 35 seconds. It rose vertically until a point of light, and disappeared when at the zenith. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 49).

Sep. 15, 1954: in Kadori, Bihar, India
On this afternoon a noisy disc-shaped object approximately 20 feet in diameter was sighted by over 800 people, hovering for a few minutes. (Source: Donald E. Keyhoe, *Flying Saucer Conspiracy*, p. 26; Thomas M. Olsen, *The Reference for Outstanding UFO Reports*, case # 45).

Sep. 15, 1954: of Bois-en-Ardres, Pas-de-Calais, France
At 8:45 p.m. a red cigar-shaped shaped object reappeared over the town and circled the area, giving off a red and white glow. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 49; Michel Figeut & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le Premier Dossier Complet des Rencontres Rapprochees en France*, p. 79).

Sep. 15, 1954: Feurs, St. Etienne, Loire department, France
11:00 p.m. Driving on a secondary road the witness's car engine quit. Soon a bright saucer-shaped object descended and landed very close to the car. A small being, described as wearing a Hitler-like uniform, ran by the car and was seen by several observers. It ran away from the group of witnesses when they attempted to approach and communicate with him. The craft soon took off. A dog was supposedly excited during the encounter. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 3582; Michel Figeut & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le Premier Dossier Complet des Rencontres Rapprochees en France*, p. 79).

Sep. 15, 1954: Feyzin, Rhone department, France
11:30 p.m. A white light suddenly swept the road in front of Roland M., age 19, who was driving. He observed that it came from a large, dark object shaped like an ellipse about ten meters above the ground, 50 meters away. It flew away, making a noise like wet fireworks, and throwing magnesium-like sparks. (Sources: *Le Parisien*, September 29, 1954; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 49; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 210).

Sept.16, 1954; Roanoke, (Marion), Virginia
A radio station transmitter failed as a round shiny UFO passed by the tower. (Source: Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 74).

Sep. 17, 1954: Ciampino Airport, ten miles outside of Rome, Italy
At 4:45 p.m. a silver bullet-shaped object was seen in the sky by over a thousand people including military witnesses near the airport. It rotated from a horizontal orientation to vertical with the point down. It had an estimated altitude of 2500 feet and a speed of 150-180 miles per hour. It left a luminous vapor trail and was tracked on radar. At the same time in Pitigliano, Italy in Tuscany two hunters, Bacherini and Formiconi, heard a series of detonations and then saw a round white craft moving slowly with lateral oscillation as it advanced. It blew toward the southwest. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 55-57; Richard Hall, *UFO Reports from the Files of the CIA*, p. 21).

Sep. 17, 1954: Clermont-Ferrand, Puy-de-Dome, France
At 7:15 p.m. a cigar-shaped object was seen through a 25x telescope and was witnessed by at least 11 people. It was black with a luminous tail, and the trail was exceptionally luminous. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 57).

Sep. 17, 1954; Bt. Cenon and Vouneuil, France
A 10:30 p.m. Yves David, age 28, met a being in a diving suit who made friendly gestures. The being was very small and had a voice "inhuman and incomprehensible." The witness could not move throughout the encounter. He saw the creature enter a three-meter wide by one-meter tall object sitting on the road, and it took off "like lightning." It cast a greenish light as it did so. (Sources: *Le Figaro*, September 30, 1954; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 58; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings,* p. 210; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case # 1954-50 (A0249), citing Aime Michel).

Sept. 18, 1954. Kimpo Air Base, Japan (BBU 3213)
5:55 a.m. 2 control tower operators, a weather forecaster and a weather observer, saw a round object, like polished aluminum, fly straight and level. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Sept. 18, 1954; Near Denver, Colo., Santa Fe, Las Cruces, New Mexico, to Enid, Okla. (BBU)
8:40 p.m. Green fireball seen by thousands of witnesses heading SE, noiseless, angular size of full moon. (Ruppelt p. 47)

Sept. 18, 1954; New Mexico
Strange green fireball; radio, TV and airport radio interference. (NICAP list)

Sep. 18, 1954; New Baden, Illinois
4:10 a.m. An electrical engineer, out fishing early in the morning on a lake watched a glowing rectangular box-shaped object, the size of a car, that flew across the lake and over the trees. (Source: Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History. 1954: September*, p. 29).

Sep. 18, 1954; Casablanca, Morocco
At 8:15 p.m. a car being driven by a Mr. Guitta was approached from the rear by a small gray, disc-shaped object. It flew over the car at very high speed. The car was then pulled to the left by an unseen force, and this was followed by a blast of cold air. (Sources: *Ouranos* magazine; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 210; Thomas M. Olsen, *Reference for Outstanding UFO Reports*, case # 47).

Sep. 19, 1954; Col du Beal, Puy-de-Dome, France
At 4:30 p.m. five women saw a flat gray, metallic disc-shaped object that hovered for 30 seconds, then accelerated rapidly and flew away to the northwest. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 62).

Sept.19, 1954; Danane, French West Africa
Officials watched oval UFO with dome and "searchlights". [UFOE, X]

Sept. 20, 1954; Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Dark saucer-shaped UFO arced overhead, leveled off and moved into distance. [UFOE, XII]

Sep. 20, 1954; Oberdorff, France
9:15 p.m. A bright light was seen in the east by residentst. It came to the ground, lost its brightness, and remained in one spot for approximately 40 seconds. It was reported to be about the size of a small bus, and there was a figure standing in front of it. The object rose and took on the appearance of a red ball. (Sources: *Le Parisien*, September 23, 1954; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 63; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 210).

Sept. 21, 1954; Barstow, Calif. (BBU 3222)
1 a.m. (PST) 2 local policemen, 4 USMC police, and a highway patrolman saw a red-orange ball giving off sparks, and a smaller light, making a zigzag descent then hover. (Don Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Sep. 21, 1954; Durban, South Africa
10:00 a.m. Two weathermen with a theodolite watch a delta-shaped object, larger than balloon, maneuver thru the sky.. (Source: Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History. 1954: September,* p. 34).

Sep. 21, 1954; Barstow, California
At one o'clock in the morning two local policemen, four U.S. Marine Corps police, and a California highway patrolman

watched a reddish-orange ball of light giving off sparks. A smaller orange ball of light make a zigzag descent and then hovered. Their sighting lasted a total of 20 minutes. (Sources: Project Blue Book files counted in official statistics, case # 3222; Don Berliner, *Project Bluebook UFO Unknowns*; Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History. 1954: September,* p. 34).

Sept. 21, 1954; Santa Maria Airport, Azores (BBU 3224)
9:45 p.m. Airport guard saw a 10 ft x 5 ft light metallic blue, pecan-shaped object with a clear glass or plastic nose and door, poles or aerials on the nose, humming or whining as it hovered, then land vertically 50 ft away. A blond man, 5 ft 10 in tall appeared, spoke in a strange language, patted the guard on the shoulder, got in the object, hooked up his harness, pushed a button, took off with the object's nose pointed up, then leveled off and climbed vertically. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Sept. 22, 1954; 3 miles E of Marshfield, Missouri (BBU 3226)
9 [11?] a.m. Private pilot Jack N. Williams and Ernest J. Ash saw a thin, translucent, tan asymmetrical boomerang-shaped object about 6-7 ft wide revolving as it hovered to the SW about 600 ft height and 600 ft distance, ascended to 1500 ft in 20 secs, descended, then tumbled down behind some trees after emitting white puff of smoke or vapor. Marks were found in the ground "pulverized." (Don Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Sep. 22, 1954: in Fontainebleu, France
At 8:00 p.m. red luminous cloud-cigar was seen by three people emitting disc-shaped UFOs. The object was surrounded by a luminous vapor. The cigar-shaped UFO flew in a manner to avoid a passing airplane. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, citing Jacques Vallee, *Challenge to Science: The UFO Enigma*, p. 66).

Sept. 23, 1954; Gatlinburg, Tenn. (BBU 3227)
9:45 a.m. (EST) Two witnesses, David Owenby and a woman named Ethel Trainer, had their attention drawn to the reflectivity of two objects moving slowly across thec sky, one behing the other. The twobright silver, bicycle-wheel-shaped objects went from north to south in trail for two minutes until they flew over the horizon. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Sep. 23, 1954; in Moussoulens, France
At three o'clock in the morning an ovoid-shaped UFO was sighted on Highway N269. Two human-looking occupants exited the craft, gestured, then re-entered it and the object took off, flying to the north. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 3617; Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 166).

Sep. 23, 1954; in Le Jou, France
At 9:00 p.m. the Patient family witnessed the landing of a bright object that gave off a magnesium-like light, a red glow, and a narrow beam of light. It took off again a moment later and followed their car until they reached Fontland. Policemen in Plombieres and several other independent witnesses observed the object as it flew erratically over the area for 60 minutes. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 69; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 210).

Sep. 23, 1954; of Lencouacq, France
At the same time as the Patient family sighting, Mrs. Vignolles saw a luminous object come down from the sky very rapidly. It made no noise as it landed in a nearby field, next to a church. It took off very fast a few seconds later. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 77; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 211).

Sep. 24, 1954; Becar, near Diges, France
At 9 o'clock in the morning two women, Mrs. Geoffroy and Miss Gazelle Fin, independently witnessed a dark gray disc, six meters in diameter, in a clearing .. A man of normal height was standing close to it. He wore dark clothes and some kind of cap. Miss Fin came within 30 meters of the craft and said that it looked like the man was repairing it. Traces were found on the grass. (Sources: *Le Parisien*, September 28, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 211).

Sep. 24, 1954; Almaseda, near Castelibranco, Portugal
At 10 o'clock in the morning Cesar Cardoso and three others saw two individuals, 2.5 meters (8.3 feet) tall emerge from a landed craft . They were dressed in shiny uniforms, and were gathering flowers, shrubs, and other vegetation and putting it in a shiny box. Before they took off they seemed to be inviting the witnesses aboard, but their language was not understood. (Sources: Harold Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 55; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 211).

Sep. 24, 1954; Ussel, France
Mr. Cisterne lived on the Farm Lachassagne,. He was driving back to the barn at 11:00 p.m. with his tractor when he saw a

luminous object fly very low over him. There were two other witnesses. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 76; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 211).

Sep. 25, 1954; Joinville-le-Pont, France
9:20 p.m. A disc-shaped object descended and landed along the banks of the River Marne. Two humanoids about 1.10 meters tall exited the machine. Their faces were covered with hair. A beam of light paralyzed both of the witnesses, and one of the humanoids approaches the witness with the initials M.P. and tore off his trousers. The short humanoids then boarded their machine, which rose vertically and disappeared at high speed. (Source: Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 168).

Sept. 26, 1954; Altoona, Penna. (BB)
9:04 p.m. (EST) Capt. Picune and crew of United Airlines DC-6 Flight 606 at 19,000 ft and ground speed 382 mph saw a fire-colored object, flat on bottom rounded on top, approaching, flying parallel for about 1 min, then pulling forward at tremendous speed, disappearing in the E. (Dan Wilson, NARCAP; FUFOR Index)

Sep. 26, 1954; Chabeuil, France
2:30 p.m. Hearing her dogs barking and howling, Ms. Lucette Leboeuf saw what first resembled a "scarecrow" in a cornfield. After approaching to within eight feet she saw it to be a "diving suit" of transparent plastic, 3.5 feet high. A little man with large eyes was inside, resembling "a child in a plastic bag, with eyes larger than human eyes." She could see no arms on the creature. When he began waddling toward her she fled. A flat, circular four meter wide disc was seen to rise up making a whistling sound and fly away toward the northeast. An eleven foot wide circle of crushed foliage was found at the site. Ms. Leboeuf was in a state of shock and was in bed for the next two days. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Anatomy of a Phenomenon,* p. 70; Jacques Vallee*, Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 211; Gordon I. R. Lore, Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, p. 67; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-55, citing Aime Michel).

Sep. 26, 1954; Col-de-Chat, Savoie department, France
5:14 p.m. A disc-shaped object maneuvered around the sky and then hovered over a radio station on a mountain peak. There were 15 witnesses, and the sighting lasted at least 4 minutes. A photograph was taken. (Sources: Thomas M. Olsen, *The Reference for Outstanding UFO Reports*, case 50; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery,* p. 81).

Sep. 26, 1954; at the Challes Airport in Savoie department, France
5:15 p.m. One minute after the radio station sighting a short humanoid in a diver suit was seen by a Mr. Guyard. The being waddled quickly toward and got into a saucer-shaped craft. A ten-foot circle was found at the landing site. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery,* p. 81).

Sep. 27, 1954; Foussignargues, France
2:30 a.m. At "Revety," people on a bus saw a reddish light with a halo come down from the sky. Later Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roche noticed a softly glowing red object on the ground a short distance from their house, but were afraid to approach it. It remained there for several hours. It was described as "a sort of glowing tomato, with antennae on top." (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 212; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 89-90).

Sep. 27, 1954; in Figeac, France
8:40 a.m. Children saw "a box" and "an unknown man" standing nearby it.. The object took off. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 212; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 90).

Sep. 27, 1954; Perpignan, France
Afternoon. A college student saw a circular object on the ground. Two beings came out of it, then reentered the craft and left. The witness was reportedly in a state of shock. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 212).

Sep. 27, 1954; Lanta, Haute-Garonne, France
8:00 p.m. A luminous disc-shaped object was observed. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 92).

Sep. 27, 1954; Premanon, France
8:30 p.m. Four children came outside of their home because their dog was barking furiously. They saw a large object on the ground and a small being they thought was a "ghost" in their yard. Raymond Romand (or Rolland), age 12, threw stones at

the intruder. (Sources: Aime Michel, *A propos des Soucoupes Volantes*, p. 116; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 212; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 91-92).

Sep. 27, 1954; Sauzet, Drome, France
9:40 p.m. Two flying cigars were seen. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 92).

Sep. 28, 1954: Froncles, France
At 9:30 p.m. Georgette Mongot and Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Lartillot observed a large, bright object oscillate, then land. It changed color and was lost to sight behind some trees. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 212; Aime Michel, *Mysterieux Objets celestes*, p. 94; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 92).

Sep. 28, 1954: St-Amand-Montrond, France
10:30 p.m. At "Le Grand Tertre" Mr. Mercier, a vintner, observed that someone had stolen grapes from his vineyard. He decided to stay late and catch the "robbers." Around 10:30 p.m. he was amazed when he saw a luminous mass descend from the sky about 50 meters away, and found himself paralyzed while three figures emerged from the light and moved about. He lost consciousness. When he came to his senses, everything had vanished. (Sourced: Aime Michel, *A propos des Soucoupes Volantes*, p. 125; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 212; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 93).

Sep. 28, 1954: near St. Nicolas de Redon, France
At 11:10 p.m. two railroad engineers, Emile Gerard, age 49, and Victor Paroux, age 40, were bringing a locomotive from Nantes to Auray. When they reached "La Butte Rouge" they saw a dark object take off with a purple glow and follow them for 10-15 seconds before veering off. Mr. Paroux was so agitated he had to see a doctor. (Source: *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery, Pg.95 (1958)*, *Le Parisien*, September 30, 1954; Aime Michel, *A propos des Soucoupes Volantes*, p. 112; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 212-213; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 93-94).

Sep. 28, 1954: Albias, Tarn-Garonne department, France
At 11:45 p.m. a three meter wide disc was seen resting on legs in a field by a single witness. Three beings were seen outside the craft for two minutes. When they reboarded the UFO rose vertically up into the air, then shot away horizontally at high speed. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case #3661, citing J. Sider, p. 173).

Sep. 29, 1954: in La Riche, near Tours, France
1:20 p.m. Three witnesses in a truck saw a seven-meter long ovoid object on the ground near the road. It rose vertically, then flew off to the south. (Source: *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue # 319).

Sep. 30, 1954: in Dearborn, Michigan Lawrence Cardenas
While driving to work , age 41, a laundry employee, saw 15 strange men wearing dark green uniforms along the side of the road to his right. They had cylinders on their shoulders, tight fitting skullcaps with pointed peaks in front, and heavy goggles. They were of medium height, and a taller man seemed to be their leader and giving them instructions. About 80 meters away from them was a 4-meter high craft with colored lights, flickering on and off. The witness drove away as fast as he could. (Source: Harold Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 230; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 213).

Sep. 30, 1954; in Blanzy, France
At one o'clock in the afternoon two bricklayers, Romain de Bastiani, age 21, and Bruno Burato, age 20, witnessed a partially yellow, partially maroon colored cigar-shaped object landed on the ground. They started to approach the three-meter long object when it took off from the ground with a whistling sound. The pointed section of the object was yellow; the rest of the object was reddish-brown. Two foot-like appendages extended to the ground from the fore section. (Source: *Le Figaro*, October 2, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 214; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 94-95). [Note: Vallee incorrectly lists the date as October 1.]

Sep. 30, 1954: in Chereng, France
At 3:30 p.m. 10-year old Jean-Claude Delmotte, a school student, saw a three-meter diameter sphere at the edge of some woods, about 300 meters away. It was yellow-orange in color and quite bright. There were landing traces: a circle 1.5 meters

in diameter and landing pad imprints 16 cm long. (Sources: *La Voix du Nord*, October 6, 1954; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 95-96).

Sep. 30, 1954: in Marcilly-sur-Vienne, France
At 4:30 in the afternoon, Georges Gatay, construction supervisor, and seven construction workers saw a disc at ground level, with a humanoid standing next to it. Both vanished in a very odd manner. Physiological effects in all witnesses. (Sources: Michel Carrouges, *Les apparitions de Martiens*, pp. 123 & 125; *France Soir*, October 3, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 213; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 96).

Sep. 30, 1954: At sea between Brest and Roven, France on the Atlantic Ocean
Time not given. The crew of the tanker "Port Lyautey" observed a UFO touch the surface of the sea. It then took off vertically, giving off a red flame before being lost to view. (Source: *Le Figaro*, October 2, 1954; *France Soir*, October 3, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 213; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 97).

Sep. 30, 1954: in Grand-Couronne, France
10:00 p.m. Jean Andrieux, a ferry operator and another witness, saw a large white sphere. A smaller green sphere accompanied it and hung below, both object remaining stationary above the Seine River for 20 minutes. It eventually flew away to the southwest. Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 213).

Sep. 30, 1954: near La Flotte-en-Re, on the Ile de Re, France
10:00 p.m. Mr. Celeste Simonutti was returning home when he saw a brilliant light and, fearing a fire, rushed to the scene. There he observed a luminous sphere 12 meters in diameter, hovering one meter above the ground. The object changed colors from red to blue, and took off. Two other witnesses also saw it leave. (Source: Sud-Ouest, October 2, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 214; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 98).

Fall 1954; Korea
Marine Corps weather observer saw 7 discs oscillating in formation. [UFOE, XII]

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Oct. 1954; Cherry Valley, N. Y.
Engineer sighted maneuvering disc. [UFOE, I]

Oct. 1, 1954; in Dhubri, Assam, India
A woman reported to police that she had seen a luminous disc leaving a long trail in the sky. It landed in a field, and then took off again. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, Challenge to Science: *The UFO Enigma*, p. 132; *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 214, case 169).

Oct. 1, 1954; in Blanzy, Saone-Loire department, France
At 1:00 p.m. two bricklayers, Sebastiani and Buratto, approached a cigar-shaped object that was sitting on the ground. It was three meters long, 80 cm wide, and it took off from the ground with a whistling sound. The pointed section of the object was yellow, the rest brown. From the fore part, two appendages extended to the ground. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 214, case 170).

Oct. 1, 1954; in Bry, Nord department, France
At 4:00 p.m. a man and his dog were "paralyzed" and frozen in place when a luminous white object dove toward them, then climbed back into the sky. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 214, case 171).

Oct. 1, 1954; in Jussey, Haute-Saone department, France
7:00 p.m. Two young men saw a luminous white disc moving in the sky at 7:00 p.m. It dove to the ground and two very tall beings, dressed in white, emerged from it and made gestures. The witnesses ran away in fear. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 214, case 173; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 104).

Oct. 1, 1954; Near St. Jean d'Angely, France
8:00 p.m. Two businessmen, Messrs. Estier and Phelippeau, who were driving back from Royan, saw a little man crossing the road in front of their car. When they stopped the car the figure disappeared into the woods. (Sources: *Sud-Ouest*, October

2, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 214, case 174; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 105).

Oct. 1, 1954; bt. Lormaison and St-Crepin-Ibouvillers, France
8:00 p.m. Mechanic Ernest Delattre, age 19, was riding home on his motor scooter when a brilliantly illuminated egg-shaped object landed on the left side of the road 15 meters away. He saw short, dark shapes "like potato bags" moving about the object. He sped up, saw the object, the size of a small bus, taking off while its color changed from orange to blue and then to grayish-blue. The witness fainted while telling his story. Two persons in neighboring villages independently reported observing the object. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 215; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 104). [Note: Vallee lists the date as October 2nd but Figuet & Ruchon believe the correct date is October 1st.]

Oct. 1, 1954; of St-Michel-sur-Meurthe, France
At 8:30 p.m. Several inhabitants saw a cigar-shaped object in the sky with very bright white lights fly towards the north. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 106).

Oct. 1, 1954; Branges, near Louhans in Saone-et-Loire department, France
10:00 p.m. While coming home at night, Gilbert Prudent and one other witness saw a lighted object on the side of the road. It had a flat section and a sort of large "mushroom" on top (domed disc). As he approached it, the object became dark and took off vertically with a soft whistling sound. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 214, case 175; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 105).

Oct. 1,1954; in Bergerac, Dordogne department, France
10:00 p.m. Returning home from work fireman Jean Dufix, age 26, saw an oval light in the sky. He first took it to be a shooting star, but later he was alarmed when his yard looked to be ablaze. Rushing outside, he saw a disc rise from the ground with a whistling sound. It flew off, became luminous again, and then shot off at a fantastic speed. His neighbor, Jean Labonne, age 61, also saw the disc resting on three legs in the yard. They estimated the disc was three meters (10 feet) in diameter. (Sources: *Le Figaro*, October 6, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings* , p. 214, case 176).

Oct. 1 thru Nov. 20, 1954; Killeen Base (Gray AFB), Texas (BB)
Innumerable times during the period 1 October through November 20, 1954, an oval shaped silver glowing object the apparent size of a quarter held at arm's length was seen in the sky by many Security Guards of the 8455th M.P. Co. The sightings were all during the hours of darkness. Description of the course of the object; Flight in horizontal plane, frequently changing direction 90 degrees, disappearing on the horizon to the Southwest. Appeared to be traveling at a very high rate of speed. Angle of elevation given as almost vertical (?). No sound was heard. The observes state that the object and its actions are unlike any object they had previously witnessed including heavenly bodies. By virtue of the observers position the reliability of the sighters must be beyond question. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

> There are actually two peak dates for the Wave of 1954: October 3 and October 14. The first is a Sunday, the second date is a Thursday. Both have 84 cases recorded in UFOCAT version 2009. - Don Johnson, UFOCAT

Oct. 2, 1954; Levroux, France
Two single women (Janicki and Lacotte) independently reported to police that a luminous disc about three meters in diameter had flown very low over their village of Cerisier. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 215; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 106).

Oct. 2, 1954; in Jonches, France
Two creatures were seen on the ground. Two hours later a luminous red object was observed at the same spot, at a very low altitude. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 215; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 107).

Oct. 2, 1954; in Louhans, France
2:30 a.m. In the immediate vicinity of the sighting on the day before (October 1), Mr. Nicolas saw a domed disc on the ground between the road and the railroad tracks. Through some openings in the object a strong yellow light shone. (Sources:

*Bourgogne Republicaine*, October 3, 1954; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 109; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia,* p. 215).

Oct. 2, 1954; of Clermont-Ferrand, Puy-de-Dome department, France
At 10:00 o'clock in the morning several people in the city saw a luminous, metallic object oscillating in the sky, then fly off rapidly to the north-northwest. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 107).

Oct. 2, 1954; Vichy, Allier department, France
At 6:30 p.m., bus passengers observed a luminous object rapidly traverse the sky flying in the direction of Cote St.-Amand. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 107).

Oct. 2, 1954; in Poncey-sur-Lignon and the region of Cote-d'Or, France
At 8:00 p.m. several persons observed a huge cigar-shaped luminous object that flew silently to the east. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 107).

Oct. 2, 1954; in Croix d’Epine, Oise department, France
At 8:00 p.m. Ernest Delattre, age 19, a mechanic, was riding home on his motor scooter when a brilliantly illuminated egg-shaped object landed on the left side of the road 15 meters away. He saw some short, dark shapes, “like potato bags” moving about the object. He sped up, then saw the object, which was the size of a small bus, take off. During the ascent the object's color changed from orange to blue. The object was observed by two other witnesses. As an additional note, Mr. Delattre fainted while telling his story (Sources: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # 1954-65 (A0267); Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 215).

Oct. 2, 1954; in Bergerac, Dordogne department, France
At 10:00 p.m. a luminous mushroom-shaped object was seen in the garden by J. Labonne, who described it as "constructed of plexiglass." Three meters away moved a short shadowy figure that "slid over to the machine." The object rose into the sky, leaving behind a luminous trail. There were three imprints found in the ground and some black mushrooms. (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # A0268).

Oct. 2, 1954; nr. La Rochelle, France
At 11:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Guillemoteau saw a red glowing round object, five meters in diameter and 2.5 meters high, hovering for several minutes one meter above the ground. The UFO then rose vertically. Oily marks were found at the spot. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 131; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 216; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 110). [Note: Vallee lists the date as October 3rd, but Figuet & Ruchon believe this is in error and that October 2nd is the correct date].

Oct. 2, 1954; in Guebling, France
At 11:45 p.m. Messrs. Domant and Gilcher saw a disc-shaped UFO in a field. It was emitting a weak green glow. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 105; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 215).

Oct. 3, 1954; Nr. Waben, France
UFO paced car. [UFOE, II]

> Oct. 3, 1954
> There are 84 UFO and humanoid reports recorded in UFOCAT 2009 for this day. There is one from India, one from Lebanon, one from Quebec, one from Switzerland, two each from England and Italy, and three from Austria. The rest are from France, which appears to be at the center of this massive wave of UFO sightings. Click on map to see the distribution of European reports. Below are some of the more interesting reports for this day:

Oct. 3, 1954; in Bressuire, France
Dawn. Angelo Girardo, age 55, a stockyard employee, was going to work when he saw a circular craft with a three-meter diameter and a small figure wearing a diving suit, standing close by. The object took off at a fantastic speed. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 215, case # 182; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 111).

Oct. 3, 1954; Bt. Rue and Quend, France
Time not given. On Route D27, near the village of Vron, Rene Coudette and B. Devoisin were riding bicycles with a third witness when they saw an orange object, shaped like a beehive, on the road ahead of them. A small strange "man" wearing a diving suit, about 0.9 meters (3 foot) tall, was standing close to it. When they got within 70 meters of it, the object took off very fast.

Oct. 3, 1954; Bt. Rue and Quend, France
Less than three hours later, the same or a similar orange object chased a car down a road in Quend for eight kilometers, then flew away toward the sea. The witness was a butcher named Georges Galant. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, pp. 118, 116; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 216, case # 183).

Oct. 3, 1954; in Chereng, France
At 7:20 p.m. the crowd at a fair saw a luminous object arrive very fast in the sky, stop in flight, emit sparks, and come down to ground level. As witnesses rushed to the spot it took off again. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 113; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 216, case # 184).

Oct. 3, 1954; bt. Montmoreau and Villebois Lavalette, France
At 10:45 p.m. a circular craft was seen by Mr. Jean Allary, age 22, while riding a motorcycle. It seemed to be gliding over the ground. It showed luminous spots and became completely illuminated when it took off. It was about 1.2 meters high. Grass was found flattened and scorched over an area seven meters across. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 130; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 216, case # 186; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 114).

Oct. 3, 1954;  Nr. La Rochelle, France
At 11:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Guillemoteau saw an object, five meters in diameter and 2.5 meters high, hovering for several minutes one meter above the ground. The UFO then rose vertically. Oily marks were found at the spot. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery,* p. 131; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 216, case # 187).

> Oct. 4, 1954
> There are 41 UFO and humanoid reports on this date in UFOCAT, including six CE-III reports. One report is from Tel Aviv, Israel and one of the humanoid reports is from Salta, Argentina. The rest are from France, which was at the center of a massive wave of UFO sightings. Below are summaries of some of the more interesting cases.

Oct. 4, 1954; in Limoges, France
Time not given. An object was said to have landed in the yard of Mr. Montagne, a railroad employee. (Sources: *France-Soir*, October 7, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 216, case # 188).

Oct. 4, 1954; bt. Lagrasse and Villemagne
Time not given. Andre Garcia and Andre Darzais were driving a truck and were near the village of Lezignan, France when they saw a luminous object coming slowly to the ground. It measured about 10 meters in diameter and took off with a burst of light. (Sources: *France-Soir*, October 7, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 217, case # 189).

Oct. 4, 1954; in Chaleix, France
Time not given. Mr. Garreau, a farmer, saw an object the size of a carriage land in his field. Two men of normal height emerged through a sliding door. They wore khaki overalls and were of European type. They shook hands with the witness and said some thing like: "Paris? Nord?" (According to another version they spoke indistinct words.) They gave a pat on the back to Mr. Garreau's dog and took off at an amazing speed. (Sources: *Liberation*, October 7, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*: *A Century of Landings*, p. 217, case # 190).

Oct. 4, 1954; e in St-Perdoux, Lot, France
At 8:10 a.m. Mr. Lacambre, a forester, saw a little man or dwarf in a streambed 200 meters from his hous. The being wore a wide leather belt or girdle, boots, and a tunic. He put water in a bottle, and some pebbles in a belt pouch; he then rose up into air and vanished. The creature had two pear-shaped boxes under his arms that may have assisted his ascent. Footprints were found at the site. (Source: Michel Figuet and Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 116-117).

Oct. 4, 1954; in Tregon, France
Evening. Several people noticed an object hovering near a hilltop. They drove to the site, but it flew away. What seemed to have been the same object was seen at Megrit, 25 km to the southwest, hovering over a farm. It was described as metallic, flat, and emitting light. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 139; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings,* p. 217, case # 191).

Oct. 4, 1954; Montceau-les-Mines, France
At 6:30 p.m. about 20 people, among them Remy Gaudicourt of Sanvignes, saw a circular, luminous object rise vertically from the vicinity of the railroad tracks. There were no traces found. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 138; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*: *A Century of Landings*, p. 217, case # 192; Michel Figuet and Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 118).

Oct. 4, 1954; Villers-le-Tilleul, France
6:40 p.m. Ten year old Bertiaux saw an object "like a tent" with an unknown man nearby. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 217, case # 193).

Oct. 4, 1954; in Lessard-le-National, France
7:20 p.m. On a road a silver cigar-shaped object stopped in a vertical position when illuminated by car headlights. Landing traces found nearby. (Source: *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue no. 319).

Oct. 4, 1954; in Taupignac, France
At 7:30 p.m. a six-meter in diameter red, round, domed object, hovered 10-12 meters above the ground. Four little men, one meter tall (3.3 feet) exited. As the three male witnesses approached they quickly entered the object. The domed disc changed color from blue to orange and then to red, and made no noise as it took off. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 159).

Oct. 4, 1954; in Poncey-sur-Lignon, France
At 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Fourneret, a housewife, ran away as an orange, circular object 3 meters in diameter that swung in midair and landed near her farm. When Messrs. Girardot and Vincent arrived with rifles, they found that the earth had been "sucked up" over a quadrilateral area. Francois Bouiller confirmed he had seen a luminous object in flight. Extensive investigation by French Air Force and police. (Sources: *Liberation*, October 7, 1954; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 134; Jacques Vallee, *Anatomy of a Phenomenon*, p. 71; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 217, case # 194).

Oct. 4, 1954; in Megrit, France
At 10:00 p.m. Mr. Henry Leherisse, age 23, saw two shadows moving about inside a flat luminous, metallic, three-meters wide object, that hovered 50 meters above his garage. (Source: newspaper clipping, October 7, 1954; Michel Figuet and Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 122).

Oct. 4, 1954; Essex, UK
Saturn-shaped disc buzzed RAF Meteor jet. (Salandin Case) [UFOE, X]

Oct. 5, 1954

> There are 43 UFO reports recorded for this date in UFOCAT, including nine close encounters. Five reports are from North Africa, one each from Germany and Italy, and the rest are from France, which was at the center of a massive wave of UFO sightings. Below are summaries of some of the more interesting cases. Click on map to see the distribution of European cases.

Oct. 5, 1954; Roverbello, Italy
No time given. A red clad being who spoke an unknown language approached a fisherman. It quickly left when the witness called to his wife. (Source: Newspaper clipping, October 7, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 218, case # 195, citing Quincy).

Oct. 5, 1954; Loctudy, France
At 4:00 a.m. a baker, Mr. P. Lucas, was draining water from a well when he noticed an object some distance away. It was circular and about three meters in diameter. From it emerged a dwarf with an oval-shaped face, covered with hair, and big eyes "as large as raven eggs." The short being touched him on the shoulder and spoke to him in an unknown language. The dwarf then went away and the object took off. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 218, case # 196).

Oct. 5, 1954; in Behnay, Egypt
An Egyptian military officer photographed a "rotating saucer." (Source: Harold Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 232).

Oct. 5, 1954; , east of Le Mans, France
At 6:30 a.m. on Route N23, some Renault employees were going to work when they saw by the road a luminous object on the ground and felt a prickling sensation and a form of paralysis. The glowing UFO emitted a burst of green light and flew away, very low over the fields. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 218, case # 197).

Oct. 5, 1954; Mertrud, France
at 7:15 a.m. A road crew member, Mr. Narcy, saw an object near the road between Voillecomte and La Neuville. In a report to the police, he stated he saw a hairy dwarf wearing an orange tight fitting jacket climb aboard the craft, which consisted of a cigar-shaped section under a flat disk. Between the two sections was a kind of porthole through which the entity entered the object. Traces were found at the site. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 218, case # 198).

Oct. 5, 1954; In Wassy, France
Morning. A golden-orange sphere with a dome on top plunged to the ground and bounced several times across a field.. The witness, Mr. G. Oldut, saw a one-meter tall dwarf emerge and then re-enter the craft. It rose up into the sky and disappeared. (Source: *Paris Radar*, October 17, 1954; David F. Webb and Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: A Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*).

Oct. 5, 1954; in Bordeaux, France
At 11:45 a.m., five people saw two bright metallic discs fly over a factory. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 125).

Oct. 5, 1954; Ten kilometers from Beaumont, France
3:45 p.m. Several people saw an flying object coming toward them and getting brighter at 3:45 in the afternoon. When it was about 150 meters away they felt "a strange sensation" and found themselves unable to move. The object left a smell compared to that of nitrobenzene. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 218, case # 199).

Oct. 5, 1954; in Cote du Nord, France
Evening. A farmer saw a humanoid occupant inside a UFO. (Source: Jimmy Guieu, *Fying Saucers Come from Another World*, p. 195; Jacques Vallee, *Anatomy of a Phenomeno*n, p. 217).

Oct. 6, 1954; near Chantonnay, Monchamps, France
On this evening Mr. and Mrs. Laroche from Paris saw a fiery sphere land near Chantonnay. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, cases 200-201; (3) Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 138).

Oct. 6, 1954; in La Fere, France
At 9:30 p.m. near the military barracks in La Fere, France some soldiers saw a strange torpedo-shaped object on the ground 300 meters away. As one of them approached the craft, which stood about 80 cm high, he found himself paralyzed. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, cases 200-201; (3) Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 138).

Oct. 6, 1954; Villers-le-Lac, France
Finally, at 10:30 p.m. two women, Mrs. Salabrino and her adult daughter, saw a whitish light in the western sky in Villers-le-Lac, France. It seemed to slowly approach the ground, and was later seen between the railway station and the bridge 100 meters away from their house. When it moved, a very bright light was visible under its dark mass. It gave off a flow of sparks and rose, hovered for a moment, and then flew away rapidly. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, cases 200-201; (3) Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 138).

Oct. 7 (or 9), 1954; Isles-sur-Suippes, France
UFO shaped like "giant artillery shell" with "portholes"; landing or near-landing case. [UFOE, XII]

Oct. 7, 1954; Cuisy (Seine-Et-Marne), France
Car motor and headlights failed as cigar-shaped UFO passed above. (NICAP list)

Oct. 7, 1954; FRANCE, near St-Jeans d'Asse

6:20 a.m. A milk truck driver, when driving up a small hill, experienced a complete failure of the engine and lights of his vehicle. He got out to inspect the motor with a flashlight that functioned normally. He then saw an intense blue light in the sky shining towards him. The light blinked off in a few seconds, and the engine could be restarted and the lights turned on. (Rodeghier, Flying Saucers and the Straightline Mystery, Michel)

Oct. 7, 1954: Beruges, France
4:15 a.m. A farmer, Edouard Thebault, age 31, awoke to see a luminous object, two or three meters in diameter, emitting a beam of light that swept the countryside. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 219, case # 205; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 129).

Oct. 7, 1954; Hennezis, France
At 6:30 p.m. Claude and Francoise Lanssellin, ages 10 and 9, witnessed the landing of a luminous, red object. It was shaped like a half egg (sliced lengthwise), They saw two occupants who looked like normal men. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 219, case # 203; Jimmy Guieu, *Black Out sur les Soucoupes Volantes*, pp. 199-202; Aime Michel, *A propos des Soucoupes Volantes*, p. 182; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 132-133).

Oct. 7, 1954; Plozevet, France
Early in the day the crew of several fishing boats at sea saw a luminous, orange-colored object over the coast, apparently surrounded by dense smoke. Villagers in Plozevet saw the same object and stated independently that it came within 10 meters of the ground, then flew away to the southeast. (Sources: *France-Soir*, October 9, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 219, case # 204; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 131).

Oct. 7, 1954; ing in Mendionde, France
Morning. Two red mushroom-shaped objects, six feet in diameter, landed. Two little men, 2.5 feet tall stood beside it, speaking an unknown language and gesticulating to the witness to come closer. However, when he did they shut the door in his face, and the UFO took off straight up. The grass at the site was crushed and turned yellow. (Source: David F. Webb and Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case A1689).

Oct. 7, 1954; Jettingen, France
At dawn a railroad employee, Rene Ott, saw a mushroom-shaped object three meters in diameter, in a field three meters away from Route N16 and one meter above the ground. A luminous rectangle, like a door, was seen on the side. It took off and flew about five meters over the head of the witness, following him to the next village. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 143; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 219, case # 206).

Oct. 7, 1954; Monteux, France
At 2:30 p.m. Rene Margaillon, a farmer, was traveling between Monteux and Althen-des-Paluds when saw a metallic object that had landed in a field. It was hemispherical, about 2.5 meters in diameter. The witness gasped for air and felt "paralyzed." (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 145; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 220, case # 208; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 131).

Oct. 7, 1954; in Eurre, Drome, France
7:00 p.m. A red ovoid object was seen at 7 o'clock in the evening. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 133).

Oct. 7, 1954; near the village of St.-Etienne-sous-Barbuise, France
7:30 p.m. Marcel Guyot was coming home from work and his son Jacques followed the same road 10 minutes later. Both saw three objects on the ground at a railroad crossing that gave off a bright white light. One was circular, the other two were cigar-shaped. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 146; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 220, case # 209).

Oct. 7, 1954; Bompas, France
Before midnight. Mr. Sebelli saw an object land in the village. He called his neighbors, and they observed the departure of the craft. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 146; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings,* p. 220, case # 210).

Oct. 8, 1954; Teheran, Iran
2:30 a.m. Mr. Ghaseme Fili, of Amireah Street was on the balcony of the second floor of his house at 2:30 a.m. when he saw a luminous, white flying object stop in mid-air, only 20 meters away from him. Lights shone from the rear and the sides of the craft, and inside there was a small man dressed in black, wearing a mask or breathing apparatus that resembled the trunk of an elephant. "I was standing with both hands on the bar of my balcony, looking with astonishment at this strange object, when I suddenly felt as though I were being drawn up toward the object by a magnet." Mr. Fili cried out in terror and woke up his neighbors. The object shot straight up, emitting sparks, and it was lost to sight almost immediately. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 220, case # 211).

Oct. 8, 1954; in Pas de Calais department, France
At 9:15 p.m., on the road to Boulogne a bluish domed disc-shaped object dove toward the ground, became white and then flew away. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 154; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 212).

Oct. 9, 1954 - A mailman in Huy, Belgium saw a cigar-shaped object land. Two silhouettes "approximately human" in appearance were seen on board the craft. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 154; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 221, case # 213).

Oct. 9, 1954 - Between Montaren and Serviers, France, 1 kilometer from "Le Mas Blanc," Dr. Fabre, Mr. Court, and six others saw an orange oval object oscillating in midair. It was very bright and "fiery," and came very low to the ground. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 221, case # 214).

Oct. 9, 1954 - Some men out hunting in Dreux, France saw a luminous sphere take off from a field and fly toward the southwest. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 153; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 221, case # 215).

Oct. 9, 1954 - In Soubran, France several local people saw a luminous, spherical object land in a pasture. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 154; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 221, case # 216).

Oct. 9, 1954 - In Rinkerode, Germany Willi Hoge, a projectionist, was returning home in the evening when he saw four occupants of an object that had descended to ground level 70 meters from the road he was on. Seeing a blue light at first, he thought that an airplane had made an emergency landing. However, the cigar-shaped object was wingless. There were four humanoid beings wearing some type of rubber coveralls working under it. They were about 1.2 meters tall and had very large chests and oversized heads; their legs were short and thin. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 221, case # 217).

Oct. 9, 1954: nr. the Landeforet pool in Beauvain, France
Time not given. Christopher Carette saw a fiery sphere flying at treetop level for ten seconds. It had a protuberance or dome on top, and was estimated to be about 4 meters in diameter. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 152; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 221, case # 218).

Oct. 9, 1954; Carcassonne, France
4:00 p.m. As he was driving near Carcassonne, Jean Bertrand saw a bright, metallic sphere ahead on the road. The top half appeared to be made of transparent plastic, and two humanlike figures were seen standing inside. It took off quickly, flying away to the east. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 145; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, pp. 221-222, case # 219).

Oct. 9, 1954; Pournoy-la-Chetive, France
6:30 p.m. Four children--Gilbert Calda, age 12; Daniel Hirsch, age 9; J. P. Hirsch, age 5; and Robert Maguin, age 16--were roller skating when they saw a luminous object near the cemetery. It was round, about 2.5 meters in diameter, on stood on three legs. A dwarf, about 1.2 meters tall, dressed in black, having a face covered with hair and large eyes, came out and shone a blinding light at them. It said something in an unknown language. The children ran away, but looked back in time to see the object flying away high in the sky. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 154; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 222, case # 220).

Oct. 9, 1954; in Lavoux, France
7:00 p.m. Mr. Barrault was riding his bicycle when he suddenly saw a figure in a diving suit aiming a double beam of light at him. The individual had boots without heels and very bright eyes. It walked along the road for about a minute and then went into the forest. The witness was paralyzed and was unable to movethroughout the incident. The entity had a hairy chest

and two lights, one above the other, in front of him. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 153; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 222, case # 221).

Oct. 9, 1954;- Briatexte, France
At 8:30 p.m. on Route N631 at "La Caiffe," a technician named J. P. Mitto was returning from Toulouse with two other friends when they saw two small figures cross the road in front of their car and jump into a pasture. The beings were about the height of 11-year-old children and crossed only five meters in front of them. Stopping immediately, the witnesses saw a large convex disc take off vertically. It was about six meters in diameter, orange in color, and was literally "sucked up" into the sky. Brown oily spots were found at the landing site. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 222, case # 222).

Oct. 9, 1954; FRANCE, Cuisy, Seine-et-Marne
9:20 p.m. As Andre Bartoli was turning his car around when leaving his friend's home, he saw an orange-yellow glow in the sky. His car's motor failed at that point. He jumped out to see a cigar-shaped UFO, half the diameter of the moon, traveling in a straight line SW. His friend also saw the object, which was also colored orange-yellow. Mr. Bartoli then found that his headlights had gone out. Curiously, the speedometer needle still pointed to the position it occupied when the UFO was seen, not at zero. (Rodeghier, Michel)

Oct. 9, 1954; Beirut, Lebanon
At 10:15 p.m. the local company representative of a German firm, Max Favell, saw an white flying object land. It took off vertically, spinning, and was lost from sight. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 222, case # 223).

Oct. 10, 1954; Mahallat, Iran
On or about this day a large group of farmers witnessed a luminous hemispherical object land. It emitted multi-colored beams of light. The central part of the object appeared to be metallic. The object suddenly shot straight up and was soon gone from sight. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 223, case # 224, citing Gordon Creighton).

Oct. 10, 1954; Epoisses, France between Epoisses and Toutry
Time not specified. Daniel Grapin and Francois Bolatre, topographers, saw a luminous sphere 3.5 meters in diameter on the ground near Route N454. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 223, case # 225, citing Quincy).

Oct. 10, 1954; Quarouble, France
Time not given. A second landing with occupants was witnessed here by Marius Dewilde and his four-year-old son. A disc, six meters in diameter and about one meter tall, landed again on the railroad tracks. Seven little men emerged and spoke in an unknown language. The craft then vanished without noise or smoke. Traces larger than the first, and symmetrical, were observed. Dewilde refused to report the case to the authorities. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 223, case # 226).

Oct. 10, 1954; in Charmes-la-Cote, France
At 6:30 a.m. Roger Thiriet, jailer in the Ecouvres detention center, was riding his motorcycle when he suddenly saw an aluminium colored object shaped like a plate, with a dome on top and two portholes. It was about two meters in diameter and one meter high. It took off immediately. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*: *A Century of Landings*, p. 223, case # 227).

Oct. 10, 1954; in St-Germain-de-Livet, France
No time given. A math professor, Mr. Bon, observed a silvery disc about seven meters in diameter rise silently from a point about 250 meters to the side of the road in St-Germain-de-Livet, France. Spinning, it dove towards the ground from an altitude of about 800 meters, then flew off horizontally at a dizzying speed. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 223, case # 228).

Oct. 10, 1954; Saillat-sur-Vienne, France
Just after dark. Mssr. Roger Gayout and his family saw a very bright object come very close to the ground. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 162; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 223-224, case # 229).

Oct. 11, 1954; in Doncourt-Village, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France
At 1:30 a.m. farmers were awakened by a whistling sound and saw a flat object land near the woods. It soon rose up

vertically very fast, and flew away. The ground was found calcified. Soil samples were taken by the police for analysis. (Sources: *Figaro*, October 13, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 224, case # 230).

Oct. 11, 1954; near Acquigny, Eure, France
At 3:00 a.m. two men riding motorcycles saw a bell-shaped craft about 2.5 meters tall while it hovered just a meter above the Evreux-Louviers railroad line. The lower part was ringlike, and the object gave off reddish and greenish sparks. A burst of orange light was seen as it jumped about 10 meters high, then it remained motionless for about one hour. During this time a third witness joined the first two. The UFO ultimately brightened and flew away toward the east. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 162; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 224, case # 231).

Oct. 11, 1954; Fonfrede, near Chambon Feugerolles, Loire, France
4:15 a.m. Baptiste Jourdy, who was making the daily collection of milk was suddenly stopped as the engine and headlights of his truck died. He got out and saw a light above him. After it crossed the road, the truck headlights came back on again and he was able to restart his truck. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 157; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 224, case # 232).

Oct. 11, 1954; in Lacanche, Côte-d'or, France
At 4:20 a.m. Mr. Labonde was driving at the intersection of D14 and D104 when he was followed by a sort of luminous globe surrounded with a reddish glow, about two meters in size. It stayed within 25 meters of his car. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 158; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 224, case # 233).

Oct. 11, 1954; in Sassier, near La Carie, Nievre, France
At 4:30 a.m. two men, Messrs. Gallois and Vigneron, were driving from Clamecy to Corbigny when they felt an "electric shock" at the same time their car headlights died. They then saw a craft in a pasture 50 meters away. It was cylindrical and fairly thick in shape. Three dwarf humanoids were standing close by. No light was seen, except a small, reddish point of light. Both witnesses were paralyzeduntil the craft left. A third witness, Mr. Chaumeau, had seen a lighted object fly over the woods at La Carie, France. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 158; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, pp. 224-225, case # 234; Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 74; Thomas M. Olsen, *The Reference for Outstanding UFO Reports*, case 52).

Oct. 11, 1954; in Heimersdorf, Haut-Rhin, France
At dawn Ms. Anny Pracht, her sister Roselyne, and two other witnesses saw a luminous object on the ground. It became fiery red in color and flew away when they came near. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 162; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 225, case # 235).

Oct. 11, 1954; Bauquay, Calvados, France
No time given. A large red object was seen at dawn flying very fast at treetop level while local cattle panicked. There were three witnesses. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 159; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 225, case # 236).

Oct. 11, 1954; in Lavarande, Algeria
At five o'clock in the morning a large disc flew very low over a road and scared two truck drivers, Messrs. Gaston Breau and Amoura, who stopped their gasoline truck and ran away into some fields while the object flew on toward Medea in silence. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 225, case # 237; *France Soir*, October 17, 1954).

Oct. 11, 1954; in Bremondans, Doubs, France
At 6:40 p.m. horses panicked and ran when a bluish yellow saucer approached them to within 20 meters . A figure was seen for two minutes. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 3872, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 196).

Oct. 11, 1954; near Taupignac, Charente-Maritime, France
At 7:30 p.m. three men driving . got out of their car to observe an intense red sphere in the sky. Then they discovered a round machine with a dome, 6 meters in diameter, giving off a yellow-red light, only 200 meters away from them at 10 m altitude. It was motionless and silent. It suddenly moved horizontally for a short distance and landed behind a woods. Two witnesses went closer and saw four dwarfs, one meter tall, who seemed busy with the machine. The creatures rushed inside when the witnesses arrived within 15 m. The witnesses was blinded by a sudden burst of light blue, then orange, then red,

and the object took off vertically at fantastic speed. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 225, case # 238; Richard H. Hall, *The UFO Evidence, Volume II: A Thirty Year Report*, p. 468).

Oct. 11, 1954; in Birac, Charente, France
At 9:50 p.m. four persons, among them Julia Juste, Maria Barbeau, and Marion Le Tanneur, of Jarnac--saw two luminous spheres flying in the same direction. Having stopped and maneuvered in midair, the larger one took on a deep red color, turned to an intense white light with a red aura, and both landed. Witnesses did not wait around to investigate further. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 160; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, pp. 225-226, case # 239; Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, p. 2).

Oct. 11, 1954; in Montbazens, Herault, France
At 10:00 p.m. A round craft, four meters in diameter, landed in a pasture. It gave off a powerful red light and took off with extreme acceleration when witnesses (garage owner Mr. Carriere and son; farmer Mr. Gardelle, shoemaker Mr. Ginestre, and two others) came close to it. Mr. Gardelle felt an electric shock. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 162; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 226, case # 240).

Oct. 11, 1954; FRANCE, Chateauneuf
10:00 p.m. Three young girls, returning from a trip, saw two luminous globes at a low altitude. The engine of their car died and the headlights went out. For five minutes they watched the two globes as they executed several movements. One globe was much larger, and it eventually turned brilliant white with a reddish halo. Both globes eventually disappeared by dropping straight down towards the Charente River valley. The car could then be restarted. (Rodeghier, Michel)

Oct. 11, 1954; over La Roche-sur-Yon, Vendee, France
At 11:00 p.m. a luminous, mushroom-shaped saucer made fast, silent maneuvers . A Mrs. Drouillard was the single witness. (Source: Loren E. Gross, *The Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse: UFOs: A History. 1954: October*, p. 48).

Oct. 11, 1954; Brosses-Thillot, Saone-Et-Loire (near), France
Motorcycle stalled, round lighted UFO observed about 50 yards ahead.

Oct. 12, 1954; Mamora Forest, Morocco
Time not given. A French engineer driving to Port Lyautey in the afternoon saw a dwarf about 1.2 meters in height enter an object which soon took off. The little man was wearing silver coveralls. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 226, case # 241).

Oct. 12, 1954; in Orchamps, France
At 9:00 p.m. a farmer, Mr. Beuc, saw a small pilot enter an object. The UFO then glided over the road for 30 meters and then rose rapidly. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 167; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 226, case # 242).

Oct. 12, 1954; in Montlucon, France
On this evening a railroad employee, Mr. Laugere, saw a metallic looking torpedo-shaped craft on the ground near a gas/oil tank. An hairy humanoid was standing nearby, emitting sounds that were not understood. The witness went to get his friends, but the thing had disappeared in the meantime. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 167; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 226, case # 243).

Oct. 12, 1954; in Leguevin, France
10:30 p.m. Jan Marty, age 42, a mechanic, was in his shop when he saw a luminous disc-shaped object land. It was about 6.5 meters in diameter and 2.5 meters thick. He tried to approach it, but the craft rose vertically and silently at an amazing speed. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 226, case # 244).

Oct. 12, 1954; Ste.-Marie d'Herblay, France
At 10:30 p.m. Gilbert Lelay, age 13, saw a phosphorescent cigar-shaped UFO in a pasture and a man standing near it, wearing a gray suit, boots, and a gray hat. He held a flashing sphere and told Gilbert in French not to touch it. He went back inside the craft, which flew in loops and then vanished. (Sources: Michel Carrouges, *Les Apparitions de Martiens*, p. 103; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 226, case # 245).

Oct. 12, 1954; Dompierre-les-Tilleuls, France
Night. Mr. Vielle, a businessman, was on Route N471 between Frasnes and Pontarlier on this night when he saw a circular flying craft that gave off a yellowish and a purple light. Losing altitude, the craft came very close to the ground, changed its

course to southwest, and then rose again in the sky. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 167; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 227, case # 246).

Oct. 12, 1954; in Vielmur, France
Time not noted. Roger Ramond, a night watchman, saw a great light and noticed an oval object land 300 meters away. It looked like a fiery orange ball, illuminated the vineyard for nearly 3 hours, then assumed a vertical position, rose slowly, hovered 30 meters above the ground for a few seconds, and took off at fantastic speed. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 168; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 227, case # 247).

Oct. 13, 1954; in Nouasseur, French Morocco
At 10:05 a.m. a weather observer following a balloon in his theodolite, saw a round, flat, silver object fly straight and level. (Don Berliner, *Project Blue Book Unknowns*)

Oct. 13, 1954; in Graulhet, Tarn department, France
At 4:30 p.m. Numerous witnesses consistently reported that a white object flew southward at full speed without leaving a vapor trail and then exploded. At the same time a circular object, much smaller and silvery, seemed to spurt out of the mass of debris and continue straight toward the south. The burst of fragments scattered throughout the sky and fell gently down like shreds of paper or cloth. The debris, which resembled silvery filaments clinging together like cobwebs, "wilted away" when handled. This volatile "angel hair" dropped by UFOs, usually in the month of October, has been described many times since 1947. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 170).

Oct. 13, 1954; . in Crocq, France
Three hours later at 7:30 p.m, at Donjon de Montlaur, J. Dubois and four other witnesses saw a round craft maneuver, giving off a blinding light. It had some openings or portholes, and seemed to come down and land far away from them. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 227, case # 248).

Oct. 13, 1954; in Bourrasole, France
On that same night at 7:35 p.m. Messrs. Olivier and Perano and a third man saw a reddish disc about 4 meters in diameter with a small humanoid close by. The being stood about 1.2 meters (5 feet) tall, and was wearing a diving suit. "His head was large with respect to the rest of the body and he had two enormous eyes. The suit was bright and shiny like glass." The Disc was surrounded by a sort of misty glow. One of the witnesses came within 20 meters of it and found himself paralyzed. The craft took off, throwing the man who stood closest to the ground, and rose into the sky very fast. (Sources: *La Croix*, October 16, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, p. 227, case # 249).

Oct. 13, 1954; Nouasseur, French Morocco (BBU 3260)
10:05 a.m. Weather observer following a balloon in his theodolite saw a round, flat, silver object fly straight and level. (Berliner)

Oct. 14, 1954; 5 km N of Nimes, France
At 12:15 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Dupuy saw an object shaped like a rugby ball resting on crutch-like landing gear. It was lit by a greenish light and had three portholes. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 159-160, citing *Le Provencal*, October 15, 1954).

Oct. 14, 1954; in Saint-Pierre-Halte, France
At 3:40 a.m. a brilliant, yellow machine in the shape of a mushroom, two meters in height and four meters in diameter, descended rapidly and was seen resting on some railroad tracks by a baker's assistant from Calais. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, p. 160, citing *La Croix*, October 16, 1954; Aime Michel, *A Propos des Soucoupes Volantes*, p. 220; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 180; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 230--who lists the date as Oct. 15).

Oct. 14, 1954; in Saint-Ambroix, Gard department, France
Time not given. Several witnesses including one named Chasseurs saw seven small beings flee into a phosphorescent object when they were approached. It took off immediately. It is claimed that "unknown seeds" were found at the site. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 250; Michel Carrouges, *Les Apparitions de Martiens*, p. 104).

Oct. 14, 1954; Shamsabad, Iran
At 6:30 a.m. a man coming out of his house saw a luminous object resembling a bright star. When he approached, he observed that it was a 5-meter long object, next to which a "short young man" was standing on a circular piece of metal,

laughing at the witness's terrified expression. The witness was 20 meters away when the craft took off at unbelievable speed. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 251).

Oct. 14, 1954; in Erchin Wood in Lewarde, Nord department, France
At 3:30 p.m. Casimir Starovski, a miner, met a strange being of small height and bulky figure with large slanted eyes. Its body was covered with fur. Its nose was flat, and it had thick lips. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Anatomy of a Phenomenon*, p. 143; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia,* case # 252; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # A0301)

Oct. 14, 1954; in Biot, Alpes-Maritimes department, France
At 6:15 p.m. a municipal employee, Jose Casella, was riding home when he suddenly found in front of him on the road an oval-shaped aluminum object about 5.5 m in diameter, 1 m high. As he applied the brakes, the object took off at very high speed. Sev- eral persons confirmed the sighting. The disk was gray, supported a dome, and emitted a soft whistle. It took off when Casella was only six meters away. (Sources: *Paris Presse*, October 21, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 253; Michel Figuet& Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 160-161, citing Jimmy Guieu, *Black-out sur les Soucoupes Volantes*, p. 219).

Oct. 14, 1954; in Angles, Vendee department, France
At dusk, around 6:00 p.m., a farmer saw a bright object, which came almost to the ground. When he tried to approach it the object produced an intense "screen of light" and vanished without a noise. Several other persons in Angles also observed the scene. (Sources: *La Croix*, October 16, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 254).

Oct. 14, 1954**;** in Meursanges, Cote-d'or department, France
At 6:30 p.m. a grocer and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Vitre, inhabitants of the village of Chevigny-en-Valiere, together with some farmers, watched a fast luminous disc-shaped UFO maneuver and change colors over Rte. D111. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 173; Aime Michel, A Propos des Soucoupes Volantes, p. 211).

Oct. 14, 1954; in Meral, Mayenne department, France
At around 7:00 p.m. Messr. Duvivier, a farmer observed an orange sphere land and he walked out to approach it. When he got close he found it was shaped like a flattened dome, 5.5 meters in diameter, and it gave off a blinding light, which illuminated the countryside for about 200 meters. It was also transparent, and a dark figure could be seen inside. After remaining at ground level for 10 minutes it left by flying to the north, while a bright cloudy misty material fell slowly to the ground at the site. When the witness arrived home he found his clothes were covered with a white film of adhesive substance, not unlike paraffin wax. (Sources: *La Croix*, October 16, 1954; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 174; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 255; Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 97; Coral & Jim Lorenzen, *Flying Saucer Occupants*, p. 31).

Oct. 14, 1954; , in Saint-Germain-du-Bois, Saone-et-Loire department, France
Just after dark, around 7:00 p.m. Mr. Lonjarret observed a luminous circular orange object on the ground near a corn field off of highway D91. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 175; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 256, citing Quincy; Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 24).

Oct. 14, 1954;; Chazey Wood, south of Gueugnon, Saone-et- Loire department, France
At 7:30 p.m. Messrs. Jeannet and Garnier saw a reddish fireball fly low over their car as their engine and headlights died. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 175; Jacques Vallee, *Anatomy of a Phenomenon*, p. 130; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 257).

Oct. 14, 1954; in Chazey Wood, Saone-et-Loire department, France
A short time later, Andre Cognard, who was coming from Gueugnon, was blinded by a light from a luminous disc-shaped object as it flew low over his car. The projected light beam was so bright and blinding that he was forced to stop his car. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Anatomy of a Phenomenon*, p. 130; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 258; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 163-164).

Oct. 14, 1954; bt. Saint-Romain-sous-Gourdon and les Brosses-Tillots, Saone-et-Loire department, France
Mr. B. saw a circular craft shaped like an upside-down plate just after dark. At the same time, the engine on his motorcycle stalled. After watching for some time, he pushed the motorcycle down the road, where it could be restarted. In the same area an engineer also saw a luminous object coming down rapidly. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 175; Jacques Vallee, *Anatomy of a Phenomenon*, p. 130; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of*

*Landings*, case # 259; Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 3919; Michel Carrouges, *Les Apparitions de Martiens*, p. 128).

Oct. 14, 1954; bt. Thieulloy-la-Ville and Beauvais, Somme, France
At 8:10 p.m. on the road Mr. Covemacker saw an object fly over his car as the headlights died. It went on toward the north, seemingly following a train. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 259).

Oct. 14, 1954; bt. Ciry-le-Noble and Montceau-les-Mines, Saone-et-Loire, France
At 8:50 p.m. an engineer, Mr. G. Mouillon from Genelard, was driving when he witnessed an enormous luminous object that descended toward the ground without any noise. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Anatomy of a Phenomenon*, p. 130; Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochees en France*, pp. 166).

Oct. 15, 1954 – Near the community swimming pool in Saint-Assiscle, Perpignan, France Damien Figueres, age 56, was walking with his dogs when a red luminous sphere landed 30 meters away. A humanoid being in a diving suit got out and walked around it. The dogs barked at him. The being then boarded the craft and it flew away in silence. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 229, case # 261; Michel Carrouges, *Les Apparitions de Martiens*, p. 120).

Oct. 15, 1954 – In Boaria, Italy a farmer was leading his cows to a pond when he suddenly saw an object fly over his house. The cows panicked and ran away, knocking a girl to the ground, while the object emitted a burst of light. The farmer ran to the house and then fainted. Three other persons saw the craft depart. It was dark in color but surrounded by short blue and yellow flames. It was egg-shaped, flew at 15 meters above the ground, and emitted intense heat. The little pond was found desiccated, and haystacks caught fire as it flew over while the cattle suffered burns. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, pp. 229-230, case # 262).

Oct. 15, 1954 – In Luino, Italy an ovoid object made a pass over a range of trees; two of the trees caught fire. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 230, case # 264).

Oct. 15, 1954; in Po-di-Gnocca, Italy
On this afternoon farmers saw a disc-shaped object land, then take off vertically. At the site was found a deep crater about 6 m in diameter. Poplar trees were partially burned. Official investigation. (Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 181; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 230, case # 265).

Oct. 15, 1954; in Nimes, France
At 7:50 p.m. at the Courbessac Airfield in Nimes, a yellow, cigar-shaped object with brilliant portholes, 30 m long, 6 m diameter, was seen on the ground. Figures with helmets covering their heads could be seen inside. A sort of haze was observed at both ends of the craft. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 230, case # 266).

Oct. 15, 1954; Southend, Essex, England
On this night Ms. Pat Hennessey ran away when she saw an object land on the road near Chalkwell Park. It had vanished silently when she looked back. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 182; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 230, case # 267).

Oct. 15, 16, 17, 1954; Kingfisher, Okla. (BBU 3269)
8:45 p.m. 50 objects with illuminated bottoms were seen flying in a V-formation, high speed, on successive nights. Only data is on summary card. (Berliner)

Oct. 15, 1954; in Isbergues, France
A steelworker observed a luminous sphere land in the countryside on this night. After landing it then emitted lights of various colors. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 181; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 230, case # 268).

Oct. 15, 1954; in Fouesnant, France
While driving at night truck driver Rene Le Viol saw a flat craft, -shaped like an inverted plate, fly very low toward the sea. A second disc followed shortly afterward. Both emitted a red glow. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 182; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 230, case # 269).

Oct. 15, 1954; Saint Privat, Vallongue, Lozere department, France
At 9:00 p.m. a cigar-shaped object landed . It took off vertically making a whistle sound and blazing red in color. (Source: Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 107).

Oct. 15, 1954; between Niffer and Kembs, France
At 9:00 p.m. a fireball was seen by two witnesses driving in a car as it zig-zagged over the N68 highway. It headed off to the southeast toward the Rhine River. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 182).

Oct. 16, 1954; in Thin le Moutiers, France
On or about this date a UFO landed only thirty meters away from a woman, who promptly fainted. Following the incident the witness suffered from a skin condition that she linked to the encounter. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Challenge to Science: the UFO Enigma*, p. 53; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 231, case #271).

Oct. 16, 1954; in Cier-de-Riviere, France
Time not given. Guy Puyfourcat, age 22, was coming back from the fields leading a mare by her halter when the horse surprised him by suddenly becoming restless and jumpy. Rising from the side of the road, a gray object about 1.5 meters in diameter flew over them. The mare rose about three meters into the air and the witness had to release her. Then the animal fell to the ground like a mass and for 10 minutes was unable to move. At last, it got up and attempted to walk, but it was still trembling and stumbling with fear. The object had long since flown away at high speed. The witness himself had felt absolutely nothing. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 231).

Oct. 16, 1954: in Mazaye, France
At 5:30 p.m. Mr. Bachelard was driving a light truck on road D52E between Chanat and Couhay when suddenly the engine seemed to slow down and he felt "paralyzed. " He then saw in a field near the road a brown object about 10 m long, 2. 5 m high. Silent, it gave off no light and showed no opening. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 198; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 231).

Oct. 16, 1954; in Dompierre, France
Messrs. Deschamp and Laclotre saw a craft, about 20 meters in diameter and two meters tall come within four meters of the ground. The object stayed near the ground for 3-4 minutes. It gave off a yellowish light and a glow extended around it for an estimated distance of four meters. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 232).

Oct. 16, 1954; in Quasso, Italy
Two objects were seen in Quasso, one of which made a pass at treetop level. It was top-shaped, and a small, gesticulating human figure was seen under it. The witness was a bus driver, Mr. De Rossi. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 232, case # 270, citing *Il Tiempo*, October 17, 1954).

Oct. 16, 1954; in Siena, Italy
At midnight several people saw a landed object in a meadow. It appeared phosphorescent and to be large in size. It took off very suddenly. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 232, case # 276, citing *Il Tiempo*, October 16, 1954).

Oct. 16, 1954; Bailloler, France
Night. Dr. Henri Robert, a veterinarian, noticed four circular objects at a height of less than 1,000 feet. They moved in formation, but one then descended in a "falling leaf" maneuver close to the ground ahead of Dr. Robert's auto. At a distance of 100 yards from the UFO, Dr. Robert felt an electric shock and his engine and lights died. The UFO then landed--Dr. Robert was paralyzed. He saw a small humanoid, about three feet tall. The light on the UFO went out and every-thing was dark and silent for several minutes. Then suddenly the headlights came on and Dr. Robert could see the UFO moving away low to the ground. He could now move and had no trouble starting his car. (Rodeghier, Michel)

Oct. 17, 1954; in O Alvito, Portugal
Manuel Madeira saw a landed object while out hunting in O Alvito, Portugal. It took off and flew away as he approached it, rose quickly into the sky, and was lost to sight. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 232, case # 278).

Oct. 17, 1954; in Cabasson, France
2;30 p.m. A 65-year-old man was hunting with his dog near the junction of the Brillance Canal and the Durance River. He saw a gray object, about four meters long and one meter high on the ground and 40 meters away. It had a dome from which two helmeted figures emerged. The witness fled, but his dog started toward the object. The dog soon retreated, walking

awkwardly as if partially paralyzed. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 232, case # 279; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # A0310).

Oct. 17, 1954; Reims, Marne, France
Early evening. A man was returning from fishing along the canal when he saw a brightly lit cigar-shaped object resting on the grass near the canal. As he approached he saw it was about 26 feet long and 7 feet high. From one end came "phosphorescent" lights, which reflected on the metallic hull of the object. A door appeared from which emerged three hairy dwarves, about 3 feet 9 inches tall, walking "crab-wise," or sideways. Then an even smaller being, a little more than a meter tall appeared, whose lower legs appeared transparent. The witness tried to get closer, but the beings rushed back inside the object at surprising speed. Just then the witness was paralyzed by a red beam of light coming from a porthole in the craft, which turned yellow. The object took off and flew rapidly towards Tinquex. The witness was then able to recover his freedom of movement. (Sources: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # 1954-31 (A0340); Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 206).

Oct. 17, 1954; in Dole Gray, Jura department, Franc
At 8:30 p.m. three witnessese reported watching a luminous object maneuver in the sky, changing colors for ten minutes. Each color lasted several minutes. It finally shot away at high speed. (Source: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 187).

Oct. 17, 1954; in Varigney, Haute-Saone department, France
At 8:30 p.m. several witnesses, among them policeman Beuclair, saw a bright red dome-shaped object descend to ground level 20 meters away. The underside displayed red and white lights. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 188; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 232, case 280; Thomas M. Olsen, *The Reference for Outstanding UFO Reports*, case 56).

Oct. 17, 1954; Naples, Italy
At 7:20 p.m. a luminous orb descended over Naples. It stopped and hovered just five meters above the ground. It rose again, then flew away to the north, generating a great deal of national excitement and press coverage. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 3977).

Oct. 17, 1954; Cape Massulo, Italy
On the Isle of Capri an artist, Raffael Castelle, saw a disc five meters in diameter land on the property of Curzio Malaparte on this night. Upon approaching it he discovered it was not a helicopter as he first thought, and he saw four dwarfs wearing coveralls emerge from it. After 30 minutes the craft made a soft whirring sound and rose vertically, leaving blue sparks. (Sources: France Soir, October 20, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 232-233, case # 281; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # 1954-103 (A0311) ).

Oct. 17, 1954; Ascoli Pisceno, Marche, Italy
At 10:00 p.m. several people in the town of Ascoli Pisceno witnessed an umbrella-shaped disc that slowed down, then shot straight up vertically. (Source: Maurizio Verga, ITACAT, citing *Voce Adriatic*).

Oct. 18, 1954; in Moutier-Rozeille, Creuse, France
10:00 a.m. Mrs. Paquet was tending her cows in a field when she suddenly heard a peculiar sounding language which she could not understand. The conversation came from a nearby heather field. Then two men approached to within 50 meters of Mrs. Paquet. One of them turned towards the mill of Mr. Blanchon, emitting a yell and making gestures. Two more men next showed up, and walked in the direction of the Rozeille River, where they then joined the first two and all four vanished. Fiteen minutes later Mrs. Paquet's dog began to bark furiously, and she see a silent dark cigar-shaped object rise into the air and disappear towards the southwest. The men were approximately 1.80 meters in height and wore dark blue combinations suits. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le Premier Dossier Complet des Rencontres Rapprochees en France*, pp. 184-185, citing *La Montagne*, October 27, 1954).

Oct. 18, 1954; Cisternes-la-Foret, Puy-de-Dome, France
Messrs. J. Augard and J. Chanzotte saw an oval object with a dome, emitting a bright white light and resting in a field. When they approached it the object rose vertically, leaving a reddish trail, and flew off toward the northeast. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 198; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 233).

Oct. 18, 1954; at Pont l'Abbe d'Arnoult, Charente-Maritime, France
Mr. Meunier, a construction supervisor, was terrified by a strange craft, which rose vertically from the ground. He said he

had never been so afraid, even during the war. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 196; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 233, case 283).

Oct. 18, 1954; four miles from Coheix, Puy-de-Dome, France
5:30 p.m. Driving a van Mr. Bachelard, age 42, was going around a bend in the road when he felt half paralyzed and his van's motor began missing and slowed to 20 mph. He then saw hovering in a nearby field a motionless, silent elongated or flattened object 30 feet long. A police investigation was conducted. (Source: Aime Michel, Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery, p. 198; Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 74; Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, p. 3).

Oct. 18, 1954; Louvigne-Du-Desert, Ille-Et-Vilaine, France
An anonymous schoolboy returning from his evening studies was approaching the hamlet of Salmoniere when he suddenly saw a small being with an odd face, which frightened him enormously. The creature entered a machine that was lying in a ditch, and then the machine rose up in the air at a tremendous rate of speed. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*).

Oct. 18, 1954; Fontenay-Torey, Oise, France
8:40 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Lherminier saw a red, cigar-shaped object dive toward them with a reddish trail and land near the road. Upon reaching the top of the hill, they were confronted by a bulky human figure about one meter (3.3 feet) tall. The creature wore a helmet and his eyes were glowing with an orange light. One witness fainted on the spot. Four others saw the object in flight from separate locations. The countryside was illuminated over 2 or 3 kilometers. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 233; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # 1954-104).

Oct. 18, 1954; in Formerie, Oise department, France.
At 8:45 p.m. three witnesses observed a cylinder or rocket shaped device with several illuminated portholes following a complex trajectory along a river in Formerie, Oise department, France. The craft then landed close to the witnesses and several humanoids described as about 1.50 meters in height, with dark skin and wearing metallic helmets and metallic garments, exited the craft. As the witnesses watched stupefied they suddenly experienced headaches and memory loss. Apparently they did not see the object and its occupants depart. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, citing Claude Poher, GEPA “Statistics from 735 UFO observations”).

Oct. 18, 1954; in Royan, Charente-Maritime, France
9:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Labassiere and other witnesses saw two discs in the sky, one orange and the other red, with a sort of luminous "bridge" between them. They landed, and one dwarf came out of each craft and went into the other without any sign. After this exchange of pilots both objects flew away with a tremendous flash. (Sources: Aime Michel, Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery, p. 193; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 233, case 285).

Oct. 18, 1954; in St.-Point Lake, Le Vezenay, Doubs, France
At 10:45 p.m. Miss Marie Louise Bourriot saw a bright red light on Route N437 near an old factory. She was on a motorbike and saw that the luminous object was over the road. Next to it stood a man of normal stature in a trenchcoat. He was motionless, and he was joined by two dwarves who crossed the road ahead of her. She had to swerve to avoid hitting them.The craft took off, flying over the lake at a high speed. Small footprints were later found at the site. Jean-Luc Rivera thinks that woman was witnessing an abduction taking place, and that the man in trenchcoat was an abductee, and not one of the UFO occupants. (Sources: *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue no. 97; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 197; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, pp. 233-234; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-106 (A0314); J. Tyrode, *FSR Case Histories*, October 1970, p. 16; Jerome Clark, *Anomalist*, April 2000, p. 20).

Oct. 18, 1954; between Andigne and Saint-Martin du Bois, Maine-et-Loire, France
Sometime before midnight 15-year-old Albert Geraud was on his bicycle on route D216. when he saw a light that turned from green to red. It descended in a jerky motion and landed on the road, revealing a saucer-shaped object giving off a red gleam on the ground. The panicked witness felt like his legs were paralyzed. Inside the object he could see a small being covered with hair, that stared at him with large eyes. Abruptly the object lifted off, emitting a strong gush of wind toward the teenager, and it zipped away in the direction of Lyon. After the incident the witness had to lie prostrate in bed for several days. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le Premier Dossier Complet des Rencontres Rapprochees en France*, pp. 182-183, citing *Ouest France*, October 20, 1954; Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 2435, citing Figuet & Ruchon).

Oct. 18, 1954; in Erba, Como, Italy
At just before midnight salesman Renzo Pugina, age 37, was parking his carafter returning home from seeing a movie. Pugina noticed a soft glow in the park of the villa, but he attributed this to the moon. After he had climbed a half-flight of stairs connecting the lane to the villa, he observed a strange figure at the top of the steps, near to a tree. The creature was [**continued]** (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, citing Maurizio Verga, *When Saucers Came to Earth*).

Oct. 19, 1954; over Taza, Tetouan, Morocco
At 9:10 a.m. a silent aluminum colored cigar-shaped object flew to the southeast, then curved its trajectory to the east, becoming spherical. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4005, citing *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue #228).

Oct. 19, 1954; over Avignon, Vaucluse, France
On this day two French Air Force jets chased a white disc-shaped object with colored lights.The flying disc easily outpaced them. (Sources: Leonard H. Stringfield, *CRIFO Orbit*, November 1954, p. 5; Loren E. Gross, *The Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse: UFOs: A History. 1954: October*, p. 67).

Oct. 19, 1954; of Amiens, Somme, France
At noon 70 people in the city saw a fiery object spinning high in sky, shooting out green beams of light. (Sources: *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issues # 321 & 260)

Oct 19, 1954; in Montandon, Haute-Marne, France
Also, at the same time a teenager saw a saucer-shaped object land by some woods near a pasture. A man wearing a white spacesuit exited the craft. His report was investigated by the police. (Sources: *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issues # 321 & 260).

Oct. 19, 1954; in Livorno, Tuscany, Italy
Bruno Senesi saw two shining objects emitting smoke land in a field. Out of the craft came several small, monstrous red beings that chased after him. Mr. Senesi was brought to a hospital in a state of great distress , where he tried to hide under a bed while screaming and trembling in terror. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 234, case 287, citing *Il Messagero*, October 20, 1954).

Oct. 19, 1954; in Montlandon, France
A 14-year-old girl reported seeing a strange disc-shaped object descend and land in a field next to some woods. A man dressed in a sort of white cassock or smock was seen briefly onboard the object. The craft immediately took off again and disappeared from sight. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, citing Raoul Robe, Regional Catalogue).

Oct. 19, 1954; in St. Avold, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France
At 7:00 p.m. a disc-shaped object landed in a field. Trees were scorched and the ground was plowed up at the landing site. Figures may have been seen. (Source: Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 116).

Oct. 19, 1954; in Gorizia, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy
At 7:20 p.m. Filippo Corridoni saw what he thought was a half empty balloon at ground level near the Isonzo River. Near it, a ten-meter wide disc-shaped object was resting on a strange frame. The upper part of the disc was white with a black dome, around which was a series of portholes. Some of the portholes gave off a very bright, bluish-white light that suddenly went out as the object took off. The disc rose vertically while spinning and pulling the balloon with it. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 234, case 288, citing *Il Messagero*, October 21, 1954).

Oct. 19, 1954; in St. Didier-en-Velay, Haute-Loire, France
At 8:45 p.m a flaming object buzzed a truck driving causing the engine and headlights to die. They functioned again after the object departed. (Source: Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 115).

Oct. 19, 1954; near St. Samson-La-Poterie, France
Also at 8:45 p.m. 25-year-old Andre Vasseur and his wife were returning home on their tandem bicycle and were approaching the descent that precedes Hericourt-St. Samson when their attention was drawn to a hovering red cigar shape gleaming in the sky. The shiny cigar-shaped object plunged abruptly towards the ground at a terrific clip, leaving behind a red trail and disappearing behind a hedge a few hundred meters from the road. When the young couple arrived at the top of the hill, Mrs. Vasseur cried about when she was confronted by a strange being on the edge of the road, just inches from her handlebars. The figure was of human shape, but squat, and his head was capped with a helmet that came down to the shoulders. The strange being stood staring fixedly at her, and a pencil beam of orange light came from its eyes, which followed the woman. His wife lost consciousness and fell into her husband's arms, but Andre continued on with his wife.

When he turned around to look back the being had still not moved. They both suffered from insomnia after the incident. Police reportedly found mysterious footprints at the site. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, citing *LDLN*).

Oct. 19, 1954; Bondowoso, East Java, Indonesia
At 9:00 p.m. several UFOs flew over. (Source: NICAP files; Jacques Vallee citing Jimmy Guieu and Aime Michel).

Oct. 19, 1954; in Fabriano, Marche, Italy
At 10:30 p.m. two men, satirist Paolo Cutizi and writer Guilio Emery, were in a local park when they saw a disc-shaped object, six meters in diameter, hovering and emitting small violet flashes. On top of the object was a very tall antenna. Two small robot-like beings, 1.2 meters or four feet tall, descended from it on a long ladder. Their eyes were dark red and "sharp." They spoke something that sounded like "Dbanoda skigyay o dbano," then went back aboard their craft and flew away. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 234, case 289, citing *Il Messagero*, October 24, 1954).

Oct. 19, 1954; in Laqueuille, Puy-de-Dome, France
At 11:50 p.m. a disc or orb-shaped object was seen at ground level in some woods. It was seen by two witnesses from a truck, and reportedly had an 'arc-welder' glare.(Source: Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 115).

Oct. 20, 1954; FRANCE, Turquenstein
Evening. While driving his automobile in a wooded region, the single witness noticed a luminous shape resting on the road ahead. He slowed, but when he was within 60 feet, he felt paralyzed. His hands were frozen to the steering wheel. His car motor also went dead, but as the car coasted to a stop, he noticed an increasing sensation of heat. The UFO quickly rose and left to the northeast; the sensation of heat vanished, the witness could move, and the engine was restarted. (Rodeghier, Michel)

Oct. 20, 1954; near Route N83 in Issenheim, Haut-Rhin, France
Lucien Fisch saw an object land. It was luminous. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 234, case 290).

Oct. 20, 1954; in Raon-l'Etape, Vosges, France
At 2:30 a.m. Lazlo Ujvari, age 40, saw a dark domed disc that made a whining noise. He was suddenly confronted by a man wearing a jacket, boots, and some type of cloth headgear, like a pilot's leather helmet. The man pointed a gun at him and said something he could not understand. When Ujvari spoke to him in Russian, the man answered in the same language. He asked whether he was in Spain or Italy, and how far he was from Germany. When he asked the time, Ujvari said "2:30." The man took out a watch and said "You lie, it's 4:00." Then he wanted to know how far away and in what direction was Marseilles. He forced Ujvari to walk with him on the road, and they soon came to a gray craft with an antenna on top. The man left him there and went aboard. When Ujvari had walked about 200 meters from the craft he heard a soft whistling sound and saw it fly straight up, then take an oblique trajectory. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 235, case 291; Michel Carrouges, *Les Apparitions de Martiens*, p. 99).

Oct. 20, 1954; in Binghamton, New York
On or about this date, a Mr. White reported that he met two humanoids dressed in metallic snowsuits on the golf course. They spoke English with a peculiar accent, and said they would intervene in the event of a nuclear war. The UFO they arrived in was round, disc-shaped with a glass ring on the rim. Ground traces included burnt soil in a circle 14 feet in diameter. (Source: NICAP case files).

Oct. 20, 1954; in the Lusigny Forest in Aube department, France
During a rainstorm on this day Roger Reveille saw an oval flying object close to the ground. It was six meters long and hovered at treetop level. He felt intense heat coming from it. It shot up vertically at great speed. Inside the woods the heat had become intolerable and a cloud of dense smoke had formed under the rain. After 15 minutes the witness was able to approach the site, and he found the trees, grass, and ground perfectly dry. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 204; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 235, case 292).

Oct. 20, 1954; of St-Valery, Somme, France
Several unknown objects maneuvered for two hours near the village. One of them was very brilliant and landed in a pasture. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 235, case 293; *Paris Presse*, October 22, 1954).

Oct. 20, 1954; in Mers, France
Two others were seen near a cliff . They appeared to be in communication with UFOs in another group by means of light

signals. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 235, case 293; *Paris Presse*, October 22, 1954).

Oct. 20, 1954; In Turquenstein, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France
At 6:30 p.m. Mr. Schoubrenner, a 25-year-old truck driver, saw a bright light in the distance and soon found his road blocked by a strange object. The engine died, and he felt paralyzed: "My hands were as though glued to the wheel." He also felt a sensation of heat inside his vehicle. The craft looked like an inverted cone, the lower part phosphorescent, the middle dull, and the top luminous with a yellow or orange point. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, pp. 203-204; *Flying Saucers*, September 1962, p. 34; Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 74; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 235, case 294).

Oct. 20, 1954; in Parravicino d'Erba, Italy
On this evening Mr. Renzo Pugina, age 37, had just parked his car in the garage at his residence when he saw a strange being wearing a "scaly" luminous suit. It stood near a tree and was about 1.3 meters (4.3 feet) tall. The entity had what looked like a flashlight, and aimed a beam of light from it at him. He felt paralyzed and was unable to move until he made a clenching motion with his fist on the garage keys that he held in his hand. Freed from the temporary paralysis he ran to attack the intruder, who fled with a soft whirring sound. An oily spot was found at the site. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings,* pp. 235-236, case 295).

Oct. 21, 1954; Woomera Test Range, S. Australia
An erratic dancing light was sighted adjacent to rocket Launcher Apron 1, Range B. The light alternated from a deep orange to yellow and was egg shaped, approximately 500 feet away. Its apparent size was three times the magnitude of Venus. Clouds at the time were at 15,000 feet altitude. (Source: Debbie Payne, Australasian Ufologist, October 2004, p. 33, citing documents released by the R.A.A.F.).

Oct. 21, 1954; in Melito, Italy
At 8:00 a.m. a young man walking in a field heard a rustling noise and saw a strange craft land nearby. Getting closer to investigate, he saw a pilot in a diving suit coming out of the craft, which emitted bronze-green rays of light, flooding the whole countryside. The witness was paralyzed. A dog barking about 100 meters away caused the rapid escape of the pilot into the craft, which took off. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 236, case 297).

Oct. 21, 1954; in Girancourt, Vosges, France
At 8:30 a.m. a vertical cylinder-shaped object hung in the sky, and changed colors. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 4026).

Oct. 21, 1954; in Ranton, England near Shrewsbury
4:45 p.m. Jennie Roestenberg and her two children observed a disc-shaped, aluminium object hovering above their house. Through two transparent panels they saw two men with white skin, having shoulder length hair and very high foreheads. They wore transparent helmets and turquoise-blue clothing, resembling ski suits. The object hovered at a tilted angle while the two occupants looked at the scene "sternly, not in an unkind fashion, but almost sadly, compassionately." (Sources: Gordon Creighton, *FSR Special Issue #1: The Humanoids*, p. 4; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 236, case 298).

Oct. 21, 1954; in Pons, Charente-Maritime, France
On this night an egg-shaped object, about 5.5 meters in diameter, hovered and landed near the road. Two dwarf humanoids, about 1.25 meters (4.1 feet) tall, emerged from it, and went back inside almost immediately. The craft took off vertically leaving a red trail. (Sources: *France Soir*, October 22, 1954; Michel Carrouges, *Les Apparitions de Martiens*, p. 103; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 236, case 296).

Oct. 21, 1954; in Saint Martin-Aux-Chartrains, Calvados, France
At 7:30 p.m. several people saw a disc-shaped object rise from some roadside bushes . (Sources: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 4031, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 118).

Oct. 21, 1954; in Criteuil-la-Madeleine, Charente, France
At 8:00 p.m. a car being driven by a bricklayer, Mr. Fillonneau, stopped running when a large fiery ball flew near it. A violent air displacement was felt. "The battery was dead and the headlights were burned out." A thorough police investigation failed to identify the cause of the phenomenon. (Sources: *France Soir*, October 14, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 236, case 299; Gregory Falla, *BUFORA Vehicle Interference Report*, p. 8; Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, p. 4).

Oct. 21, 1954; Pouzou, Charente-Maritime, France
At 9:30 p.m. a man from Cherbonnieres who was driving between Serifere and Paille suddenly felt painful pricklings similar to electric shocks and his 4-year-old child started crying. They felt increasing pain as the car went on, and suddenly the engine died and the lights went off. They were blinded by a strong red light, which turned orange. It came from an object hovering above the road, and everything returned to normal when it went away. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 204; Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 74; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 236-237, case 300)

Oct. 21, 1954; FRANCE, LaRochelle
Night. A man and his three-year-old son were out on a drive when the man felt an electric-shock all over his body. He also had a sensation of increased heat, and his son began to cry. The engine of the car then died and the head-lights went out. Suddenly an object on the road directly in front of the car became very bright. The witness had not seen it before. It was red in color, which changed to orange as it rose into the air. The car could then be restarted and the physical symptoms disappeared. (Rodeghier, Michel)

Oct. 21, 1954; FRANCE, Criteuil-la-Madeleine
8:00 p.m. A bricklayer's car engine and lights failed when a ball of fire passed nearby. The witness felt a violent displacement of air as it passed. The car could not be restarted--it was found to have a dead battery and burned-out headlight bulbs. (Rodeghier, Passport to Magonia, Vallee; The Humanoids, Bowen)

Oct. 22, 1954; Marysville, Ohio
School principal, teacher, 60 students saw silver cigar-shaped UFO with "portholes" hover over school, then speed away; "angel's hair" fell. [UFOE, VIII]Oct. 22, 1954; in Segre, Maine-et-Loire, France

4:00 AM. An object that resembled a white cloud with lights on each end descended over a country road . It illuminated the road like daylight. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4039, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 119).

Oct. 22, 1954; in Ecaillon, Nord, France
7:20 PM. Eengine of a motorcycle diedand then a cigar-shaped UFO was seen in a field by the rider. Four of more beings were seen inside the craft. One spoke an unintelligible language which sounded like "Chinese" to the listener. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4039, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 216).

Oct. 22, 1954; Guethary, Pyrenees-Atlantiques, France
11:00 PM. A disc-shaped object emerged from the ocean off the coast. When it dove down it illuminated the surface of the water. It then made a final ascent and flew away. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4040, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 118).

Oct. 22, 1954; Marysville, Ohio
3:15 PM. A cigar-shaped object with portholes maneuvered in the sky over a school in Marysville, accompanied by many smaller discs. It was witnessed by 60 students of Jerome Elementary School and teachers Rodney Warrick and Mrs. George Dittmar, as well as thousands of witnesses at an afternoon high school football game. The silver cigar-shaped object traveled at high speed, and wafted a blanket of a web-like material, commonly referred to as "angel hair," which fell to the ground over a three mile area. The UFO flew off quickly in a westward direction. Within minutes of touching the substance it would disappear, leaving a green stain on the fingers. (Sources: *Marysville (OH) Journal-Tribune*, October 25, 1954 & July 22, 1958; Leonard H. Stringfield, *CRIFO News*, December 1954, p. 5; Thomas M. Olsen, *The Reference to Outstanding UFO Reports*, case 59; Richard F. Haines, *Project Delta: A Study of Multiple UFO*, p. 185).

Oct. 23, 1954 - New Yorker
Magazine. "Letter From Parts" column detailed recent French sightings.

Oct. 23, 1954; Cincinnati, Ohio
At 1:30 a.m. EDT a witness heard his radio shriek and his dog began barking. He looked out and saw a huge silent red disc surrounded by halo circles circling overhead. (Source: Leonard Stringfield, *CRIFO Newsletter*, December 1954, p. 5).

Oct. 23, 1954; Tripoli, Libya
3:00 AM. A farmer named Carmelo Papotto saw a flying craft descend to ground level. It hovered about 50 meters away, making a sound like that of an air compressor. It was an egg-shaped machine with six wheels and complex machinery. The top half was transparent and flooded with a bright white light. Aboard were six men in yellowish coveralls; they looked human and had on facemasks. When he touched part of the craft he got a strong electric shock. One of the occupants

motioned for him to stay away. For the next twenty minutes the witness was able to observe the six men, apparently busy with their instruments. Reliable investigations were made. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 237, case 303; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-113).

Oct. 23, 1954; Ernemont, France
At 5:10 a.m. a brilliant crescent-shaped object landed. Three shadowy figures exited the object and went in different directions. This was followed by a power outage. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4044).

Oct. 23, 1954; San Giovanni Vesuviano, Italy
9:00 AM. Two persons in a car saw an object resting by the side of the road. They stopped and walked toward the craft, which was two meters in diameter. As they approached it suddenly changed its clear light into a red glow and took off. (Source: *Il Tempo*, October 23, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 237, case 302).

Oct. 23, 1954; Trondes, France
On this afternoon, baker M. Lelu was in his vehicle on Route 101 and had come to a bend on the road when he spotted two phosphorescent points of light near a glade. He approached the area, thinking it was another car, when he saw a tall blond haired man standing immobile in a nearby field. Thinking that the figure might be an extraterrestrial he drove away from the area in order to get additional witnesses. Later, the harassed owner of the field claimed that the mysterious blond figure was merely a Polish farmer, but this was never confirmed. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, citing Raoul Robe, Regional Catalogue).

Oct. 23, 1954; St. Hilaire-des-Loges, Vendee, France
Evening. Mrs. Boeuf was coming out of her farmhouse when she saw a luminous disc hovering in the sky and called to her family. When everyone saw the object come closer they locked all the doors and spent a sleepless night inside. They did not observe the object's departure, but noticed an unnatural silence that pervaded the area. (Sources: *France-Soir,* October 26, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 237, case 301).

Oct. 23, 1954; Olmstead AFB, Pennsylvania (BB)
8:45 p.m. EST. The pilot of a T-33 jet aircraft observed a blue round object the apparent size of a baseball held at arm's length. The object made a 10 o'clock fighter pass from the left down in front of nose of aircraft making loop and pursuit curves. There was another sighting one hour later. Location of observers: 3410N 8130W (South Carolina) / 3450N 7905W, (North Carolina). The length of the observation was 3-5 seconds. The location given on the PROJECT 10073 RECORD is Olmstead AFB, Penn., a Flight Service Center. (Dan Wilson, Blue Book files)

Oct. 23, 1954; Tinker AFB, Oklahoma (BBU)
9:23 p.m. (CST) Objects on FPS-10 (PPI scope). Upon initial pickup speed was in excess of 3200 nautical mph, but changed to 250 nautical mph. The target appeared in size, shape and brillance equal to a normal IFF. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

Oct. 23, 1954; Cincinnati, Ohio
Radio made harsh shrieking noise, volume increased; then reddish disc seen circling overhead.

Oct. 24, 1954 - American Weekly
Prof. Herman Oberth's article, "Flying Saucers Come From A Distant World."

Oct. 24, 1954; Tuscany, Italy
Approx. 6:00 AM. Ulderico Cardinali, a farmworker, was walking down a path in a marshy meadow in Castiglion Della Pescaia, Grosseto, He entered a patch of fog and started hearing a buzzing noise. When the fog became less dense, he could see a strange object on the ground which he first thought was a downed airplane. It resembled a large "plate" resting on the ground; it was two meters wide and made of some sort of highly polished material. There was a very peculiar looking creature standing beside the craft, who appeared to be no taller than 1.40 meters and was dressed in a yellowish-brown uniform. It seemed that the being was performing some sort of task, moving about the craft. Once it had stopped moving about it went inside the object, entering a sort of cabin, and disappeared from sight. Then the object took off from the location, emitting a slight buzzing noise and flying at very low altitude, nearly brushing the tops of the trees in the meadow. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 1600, citing Maurizio Verga, ITACAT; Larry Hatch, U computer database, citing ITACAT).

Oct. 24, 1954; over Gravatai Air Force Base in Porto Alegre, Brazil
1:00 PM. At first, a dull white aluminum colored UFO was seen zig-zagging in the sky. It began making fast tight circular

turns through the clear blue sky and kept up this behavior for two hours. There was a misty halo around the object when it moved. A second UFO arrived sometime after two hours had elapsed, and circled the first one. (Sources: Donald E. Keyhoe, *Flying Saucer Conspiracy*, p. 212; Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 119; UNICAT, case 561; Richard F. Haines, *Project Delta: A Study of Multiple UFO*, p. 104; Robert Gribble, *MUFON UFO Journal*, October 1989, p. 23).

Oct. 24, 1954; Saint Etienne de Baigorry, Pyrenees-Atlantiques, France
At around 3:00 p.m. a shepherd watching his flock on a mountain peak called “Moumboa”, located at about 800 meters, reported seeing two “men” standing on the slope opposite him, looking around. At first he thought they were excursionists, but he soon noticed a brown craft shaped like a large shell between them, so he did not dare approach. It was three to four meters in diameter and a little more than a meter in height. In the center there was a small cabin, and at the two ends he could distinguish a number of small propellers. He said he did not notice any portholes. At the broad back end there was a bent tripod. After awhile the two men approached the machine, which they then placed upright on the tripod. The witness supposed that the machine must have been made out of some very light weight material. One of the men then opened a narrow door and both individuals disappeared into the cabin. Without any noise the two groups of propellers started to turn, but in opposite directions. The machine took off vertically to an altitude of about 100 meters, and then flew off quickly to the north. The two men were similar to humans, Caucasian in appearance, and between 1.70-1.75 meters tall. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, computerized catalog (N=3073), case 1793, citing Jimmy Guieu; Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, citing Jean Sider).

Oct. 24, 1954; Les Egots, Rhone, France near Sainte Catherine
At 5:30 p.m. , a child saw a man emerge from a strange craft. He was "dressed in red, his clothes looked like iron." He walked stiff-legged, and had long hair and a hairy face. His eyes were large, "like those of the cows." (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia, A Century of Landings*, pp. 237-238, case 305; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # 1954-115 (A0323)).

Oct. 24, 1954 - Bt. Biozat and Effiat, Puy-de-Dome, France
9:00 PM. On the road from Clermont to Vichy, the engine of a motor scooter died when an egg-shaped object took off from the side of the road and rose without a noise, leaving a bright trail behind. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia, A Century of Landings*, p. 238, case 306; Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, p. 4).

Oct. 24, 1954; in Pancole, Tuscany, Italy
9:00 p.m. a doctor driving his car saw a luminous globe stop at 20 meters altitude, just 50 meters away. It took off when he stopped his car. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case #4055, citing Maurizio Verga, ITACAT).

Oct. 24, 1954; FRANCE, near Biozat
9:00 p.m. A motorcyclist's engine died suddenly. He was just beginning to inspect it when an egg-shaped object rose into the air from the side of the road. The UFO left a bright trail. The motorcycle could be restarted after the UFO left. (Rodeghier, Passport to Magonia, Vallee; The Humanoids, Bowen)

Oct. 25, 1954; in northern Italy
6:00 AM. Ulderico Cardinali saw a disc-shaped craft among the reeds of a swamp. It was two meters in diameter and near it stood a small being, 1.40 m (4.6 feet) tall, clad in yellowish-brown coveralls. This creature went inside the machine, which took off at very high speed, touching the tops of the reeds as it flew away. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 238, case 308; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case A0326, citing *Oltre il Cielo-Missili e Razzi*).

Oct. 25, 1954; Belgrade, Yugoslavia
6:15 AM. At least four witnesses at the airport sighted over twenty UFOs. There was one large cigar shaped object and some high speed circular and egg-shaped objects, which were reportedly seen by hundreds. (Sources: Robert Gribble, *MUFON UFO Journal*, October 1989, p. 23; Richard F. Haines, *Project Delta: A Study of Multiple UFO*, p. 58).

Oct. 25, 1954; Vienna, Austria
6:15 AM. A brilliant disc-shaped object was seen by many independent observers spinning over the city. It left a trail behind, and the event lasted five minutes. (Source: *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue 326).

Oct. 25, 1954; Allier, France
6:30 AM. A round silver disc with a flashing light crossed the sky quickly in Varennes-sur-Teche. (Source: Michel Figuet & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le Premier Dossier Complet des Rencontres Rapprochees en France*, p. 199).

Oct. 25, 1954; in Calais, France
6:30 AM. A luminous disc-shaped object with a glowing light was seen rising from a field nearby some beet scales. It was absolutely silent. (Source: Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 121).

Oct. 25, 1954; Colcerasa Di Cing, Marche, Italy
Around 5:00 PM. Two 12-year-olds, Giampieri and Santucci, were walking home next to a field when their dog became agitated and started barking. One of the youths went ahead to see what was wrong and observed three very short, dark figures with huge flattened heads standing next to a large keg like object. They wore shiny black outfits. The first boy yelled for his friend to come and look, whereupon the short humanoids ran into the object. It took off emitting a loud whistling sound, knocking the first witness down with a strong gust of wind. Another witness who was nearby saw the same or a similar object fly over the area. (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case A0327; Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 1602, citing Maurizio Verga, ITACAT Italian UFO database).

Oct. 25, 1954; Meurthe-et-Moselle, France
6:30 PM. Mr. G. Mahou, age 30, a municipal councilor in Arraye-et-Han saw a phosphorescent craft shaped like a chicken brooder, about two meters in diameter and one meter high. It rose vertically from the road leaving a luminous trail. (Sources: *Parisien*, October 27, 1954; *France-Soir*, October 27, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*: *A Century of Landings*, p. 238, case 309).

Oct. 25, 1954; in Benabbio, Liguria, Italy
Around 8:00 PM.A reddish disc-shaped object that emitted a luminous streak from its rear landed near a witness. Two human like figures briefly emerged from the object, then went back inside. The object then took off at high speed. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 1569, citing Maurizio Verga, ITACAT Italian UFO database, quoting from *Nuovo Corrier*).

Oct. 25, 1954; on Terceira Island, The Azores in the Atlantic Ocean
9:30 PM. Many observers watched a four meter long cigar-shaped object fly through the sky for two minutes, making a noise and emitting smoke and fire. (Sources: Lourenco Victor, PORTUCAT - Portuguese UFO database; Project Blue Book case # 3287).

Oct. 25, 1954; Jonquerets-de-Livet, Eure, France
11:00 PM. two 18-year-old farm workers, Jean Cheradame and Rene Marais, encountered a bright light source in a field. When they approached the light, two featureless illuminated humanoid forms emerged from the light source. They lacked both arms and legs, and essentially resembled "white plastic bags" lit from within. The figures emerged from the light source in the field and separated into two distinct forms as they approached. When they receded they again merged into one form before merging with the light source. They were about five feet tall. (Sources: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-117, citing Joel Mesnard & Jean Marie Bigorne; Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 220).

Oct. 26, 1954; 18 kilometers from the town of Angouleme, Charente, France
6:00 AM. Vincent Casamajou and his wife saw a large cauldron-shaped craft, the size of a truck (about seven meters long) at 50 meters distance. It was near the road to Paris. It took off without a sound, leaving a white trail. (Sources: *Le Parisien*, October 28, 1954; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 238, case 310).

Oct. 26, 1954; in Ranes, Orne, France
No time given. A five meter long cigar-shaped object came down in some woods and began to rise off the ground slowly, then shot away when the witness approached. (Source: Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 121).

Oct. 26, 1954; Chateaudun, Eure-et-Loir, France
6:00 PM. Several railroad workers ran toward a luminous ball of light over the railroad tracks. It floated out over a field and then vanished. (Source: Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 122).

Oct. 26, 1954; nr Saint Quirin, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France
Late in the day at Les Metairies, Mrs. Louis and her sons Marc and Yvon observed a six-meter diameter orange craft that flew over them as their tractor engine died. The headlights on the tractor also went out, and the battery was found to be dead after the sighting. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 239, case 312; Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, p. 4).

Oct. 26, 1954; Heiteren, Haut-Rhin department, France
At 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Spinner and another witness saw a flying object come from the west and land a kilometer away. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 239, case 313).

Oct. 26, 1954; over Antimachia, Kos Island, Greece
On this night Mrs. Irene Sarris and Mr. Socrates Caraliamis saw a flying object emitting a blinding light in the sky. The UFO had the shape of a basket, and for a while it headed toward Antimachia, but changed course suddenly and went away. That same night Mr. George Cacamoundis saw a "winged man" crossing the sky over the village, at approximately the same time as the luminous UFO. The witness, terrified, ran to hide in the nearby church, where he stayed for a long time refusing to come out. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, citing Thanassis Vembos, *Hellenicos Vorras*).

Oct. 27, 1954; FRANCE, Linzeux
Evening. A merchant and his deliveryman saw a bright light pass quickly overhead. The motor of their truck stalled and the headlights failed at this point, and both men felt electric shocks. The UFO was shaped like a sphere and quickly traveled out of view. Other people in the area saw the same object in the distance, but experienced no effects. (Rodeghier, Michel)

October 27, 1954; Mezieres, France
Policemen saw a craft which took off from the ground. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, cases 314 & 315; Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, p. 204)

Oct. 27, 1954; Ciolica Alta, Italy
2:00 PM. a young man named Fabrizio Bruni heard a strange hissing sound and saw an object in a field that was emitting a blinding glare. It was stationary, hovering one meter above the ground, and seemed transparent. The witness fell to the ground "because of his strong emotions".. The object took off vertically and suddenly, leaving a trail. Very white, glistening threads were found on the ground. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings,* case 316).

Oct. 27, 1954; Les-Jonquerets-de-Livet, France
7:30 PM. A farmer Gilbert Hee was gathering pears when he suddenly saw an elongated object with a light at both ends resting in the pasture. He didn't dare get closer to investigate, but he did see cows gathering around the object. A minute later, the lights on the object went out, and the witness lost interest and went home.

Oct. 27, 1954; NE of Plouezoch, Finistere, France
Time not given. A 12-year-old girl approached a one-meter long ovoid object on the road. She received electric shocks and was temporarily paralyzed. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4074, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 122).

Oct. 27, 1954;in Moussey, France
At 8:30 p.m. a schoolboy and his school director saw a UFO on the ground. Triangular ground traces were reported.

Oct. 27, 1954; Les-Jonquerets-de-Livet, France
9:30 PM. An 18-year-old man named Cheradame fell from his motorcycle when it suddenly failed at the same spot, and alerted neighbors saw the object again. It had moved only slightly and two occupants were seen. They were short, about one meter tall, and walked in a stiff fashion. They had on clothes resembling bright armor. They vanished suddenly, and the craft took off without making a sound.

Oct. 27, 1954;Oye-Plage, France
At 11:15 p.m. on Route N40, the Mayor's secretary saw a bright, cigar-shaped object for 15 minutes. It was flying very low and following the turns of the road at 20 meters altitude. It suddenly tumed at a right angle from the road and flew away. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings,* cases 317-319; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-120, citing Vallee).

Oct. 28, 1954; Miho Air Base, Japan (BBU 3281)
5:32 p.m. USAF pilots Lt. Col. O. C. Cook and Lt. J. W. Brown, on ground using 7x50 binoculars, saw a brilliant white, round-oval object initially at 12-15 degrees elevation in the SSW, disappearing at 20-25 degree elevation in the SW. Object climbing at same azimuth passing in front of cloud layer aty 21,000' grew larger and brighter. After 45-seconds object made right angle turn to the North, movement lateral, disappearing behing cloud at 4,000'. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Oct. 28, 1954; Padua (Padova), Italy
9:00 PM. Three witnesses watched an eight meter long ovoid object hover just 12 meters over a tree. It directed a beam of

light at the house, and one of the witness's eyes were red and irritated for days following the encounter. (Sources: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 4088; Maurizio Verga, ITACAT Italian UFO catalogue).

Oct. 28, 1954; Rome, Italy
Time not given. Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, American Ambassador to Italy, and others sighted a luminous, round UFO. Angel hair residue reportedly fell to the ground. (Sources: Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 100; Charles A. Maney, *The Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects*, p. 59; Leonard H. Stringfield, *Inside Saucer Post...3-0 Blue*, p. 50).

Oct. 28, 1954; Thoury, Allier, France
9:30 PM. An orange football shaped object bounced up and down, then blinked out. (Sources: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 4089; *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue #128).

Oct. 28, 1954; Chatel-Blanc, Doubs, France
10:00 PM ?. A group of nocturnal lights zigzagged through the sky and may have landed, but the witness fled the scene. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4090, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 123).

Oct. 29, 1954; in Coulogne, Pas-de-Calais, France
1:30 AM. A glowing cylindrical object was seen along the roadside . It had a row of portholes on its side, four tubes and four fins, and took off vertically. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4092, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 124).

Oct. 29, 1954; Mesples, France
7:45 a.m. A 14-year-old boy sought asylum in the farmhouse owned by Mrs. Gentil, screaming that he was being chased by a flying saucer. A disc three times the apparent diameter of the sun, red and purple in color, and spinning rapidly, was seen descending swiftly toward the ground. It then vanished. There was an investigation of the incident by the local police. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 240, case 321; Jimmy Guieu, *Flying Saucers Come from Another World*, p. 232).

Oct. 29, 1954; Palagonia, Italy
2:25 PM. Several workers in a field sighted a luminous translucent disc-shaped object with two red lights on top descend and then hover above them. From inside of the object an unknown creature (not described) could be seen staring at the workers. As the creature scrutinized them they became frightened. The object suddenly descended then shot back up into the sky, emitting a very loud sound as it quickly disappeared from sight. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 1598; Maurizio Verga, ITACAT Italian UFO database).

Oct. 29, 1954; Philippines
6:00 PM. The crew of a U. S. Air Force C-47D transport plane flying over the Philippines saw a long narrow bright blue oblong object emitting deep orange sparks from the front and rear. (Sources: Dominique Weinstein, *Aircraft UFO Encounters*, p. 24; Jan Aldrich, Project 1947 website).

Oct. 29, 1954; Terciera Islands, Azores (BBU 3287)
9:00 PM. Four Portuguese nationals at the airport Terciera Island sighted a UFO shaped like a stovepipe. It had a central bulge and short wings; they estimated it was 10 in length, three feet in diameter, and had wings three feet long. The wings of the object had concave wingtips, and it was gray in color. The UFO made a gargling sound when hovering, then disappeared into the glare of the airplane's landing lights. The sighting lasted 4-5 minutes. (Sources: Project Blue Book files counted in official statistics, case # 3287; Don Berliner, *Project Bluebook UFO Unknowns*; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos files, newspaper clipping dated November 3, 1954).

Oct. 30, 1954; Muro Lucano, Italy
Time not given. Two UFOs were seen by hunters. One touched the ground 50 meters away. It was rhomboid in shape, and a cylinder was hanging from the bottom. A peculiar sound could also be heard. The object shifted its position and the cylinder hit trees, bouncing three times. The craft then gained altitude and flew away, leaving a bluish trail. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 240, case 322).

Oct. 30, 1954; 28 km N. of Tapas, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
11:35 PM. Four lights approached, then surrounded a car until the four witnesses drove away. The UFO changed color from white to blue to violet to orange to red. When the round lights on the object changed color they saw the shape was that of either a dome or sphere. (Source: UNICAT, case # 558 citing Olavo T. Fontes).

Oct. 31, 1954; in Corrompu, Somme, France
Night? Mr. P. Petit and his employee, Mr. Tillier, with shop owner Mr. Pecquet, saw an oval object on the ground. When it

took off the lights of a tractor went out. It measured about 4.5 meters (15 feet) in length and emitted a bright light similar to a welder's torch. It came back, turned, and flew off toward the southwest. It reportedly made the same noise as a swarm of bees. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 240, case 323; Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, p. 5).

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Late October to early November, 1954; United Kingdom
Noon (approx). According to a War Office statement a few days after the events, radars in an undisclosed area of the UK registered "formations" of unidentified echoes on 6 occasions. The story was covered by numerous British and European newspapers. There were not just one but several radar stations that picked this up a formation (more than 40 objects) that changed patterns as the sweeps occurred creating in sequence “U=Z”. (Martin Shough)

Nov. 1, 1954; Cennina, Toscana, Italy
At 6:30 a.m. Rosa Lotti, age 40, was walking into Cennina carrying her stockings and shoes and a bunch of carnations on her way to visit the cemetery when she suddenly observed an object, shaped like two cones with a common base, resting on a grassy space. Two small seats were visible inside the lower cone. From behind the object appeared two dwarfs, one meter tall, who approached her with friendly expressions, the older one laughing. They wore a sort of gray tight fitting one-piece coverall that covered their feet, short gray cloaks, and doublets with shiny buttons; on their heads were reddish helmets with what looked like leather earflaps. They were speaking an unintelligible language that sounded like Chinese, ‘liu, lai, loi.” Their mouths showed strong, rather protruding white teeth. Approaching Lotti, they snatched from her the carnations and one of her stockings, wrapped the flowers in the stocking, and then threw them into the “spindle” shaped UFO. Then one of them took out a brown wrapped circular object, carrying it in the crook of the arm. Lotti ran away, and when she looked back after running 100 yards she saw the little men were still there. A stonemason, R. Berti, saw the object, which he described as a luminous “rocket,” rise up into the air. A deep hole in the ground was later found at the site. (Sources: Sergio Conti, *FSR*, September-October 1971, p. 11; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-123 (A0331); UNICAT, case # 615; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 241, case # 324).

Nov. 1, 1954; Modigliana, Emilia-Romagna, Italy
At 3:30 p.m. a farmer named Adelmo Monti saw a “dark spot” just over the ground, about 500 meters away from him. The object had an apparent diameter of one meter and was surrounded by a number of small cylinders. Monti observed a “very tiny, hard to make out figure” to one side of the object. (Sources: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # A0332; Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 1567, citing Maurizio Verga, ITACAT).

Nov. 1, 1954; Mogliano Veneto, Treviso, Italy
A fisherman, G. Seenza, was on the Dese River on this foggy night placing nets in the water. He noticed a greenish light through the thick fog. Because there were no houses in the area, Sr. Seenza began shouting in order to make contact with the people he thought were associated with the light. When he got no reply he decided to get closer. Seenza sighted a mushroom-shaped object that had landed on the river bank. The object was emitting a green light and around it there were several small stocky beings. They were moving back and forth in an erratic manner. Seenza shouted again and made gestures so as to be noticed, but was unsuccessful. Then suddenly, the object silently took off straight up. Some beams of silver colored light emanated from the object’s “stem” illuminating the surrounding area. The object made aerial maneuvers and then disappeared. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 1568, citing Maurizio Verga, ITACAT).

Nov. 1, 1954; Ordenes, La Coruna, Spain
At 10:40 p.m. taxi driver Gonzalo Rubinos Ramos' cab broke down. He saw a strange white spherical object take off, estimated to be six meters in diameter, while at the same time all the dogs in the area were barking. Other witnesses nearby reported seeing the UFO, estimated to have been 400 meters away. (Source: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, *Catalogue of 200 Type-I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal*, case 15, citing Oscar Rey; UNICAT, case 437).

Nov. 1, 1954; Bucine, Tuscany, Italy
At 11:45 p.m. a red ovoid object buzzed a man on a motorcycle at a low altitude on a road near Bucine.. It had a blinding light that illuminated the area. (Source: Maurizio Verga, ITACAT Italian UFO database).

Nov. 2, 1954; Viomenil-Bataille, France
6:15 AM. A green disc landed on a farm. It left no physical traces, but there were independent witnesses to the event, who reported seeing a second disc fly over heading quickly to the west. (Source: Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 125).

Nov. 2, 1954; Santo Amaro, Brazil
At 10:30 a.m. Maurilio Braga Godoi left the streetcar terminal and started to walk home. The area was deserted at that hour, and when he arrived at a street corner he was surprised to see a large circular object sitting in an empty lot between two [continued] (Source: Coral E. Lorenzen, *Flying Saucer Occupants*, pp. 198-199).

Nov. 2, 1954; Cremona, Italy
Around six o'clock in the evening two students, Pietro Alberini and Pericle Sacchi, were hunting when they saw a one meter tall dwarf with a "rubber" head and a flexible tube connecting his face mask to a cylindrial container on his back. When they got closer to it the being wrapped itself in a bluish cloud. When that happened the witnesses ran away. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 325).

Nov. 3, 1954; Oued Beth, Morocco
Time not given. *Maroc Presse* reported that one of its employees, Mr. E., the driver of a delivery truck and "a man of sane judgment and excellent eyesight," observed an object flying over the Beth River. "I am positive it was not an aircraft or any known machine but a circular, flat craft which had the appearance of copper. It flew normally for some time, and then it suddenly flipped over. Therefore, I was able to see the whole disc and was amazed when it came down into a field where it landed on edge, very gently. Almost immediately it rose into the sky at great speed, resumed its horizontal position and was soon lost to sight." (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 241; *Maroc-Presse*, November 4, 1954).

Nov. 3, 1954; Palavas, Herault, France
At 6:00 a.m. a reportedly reliable witness encountered a thick fog. Inside was a hovering blue, disc-shaped UFO. It stayed stationary a short while, and then shot straight up at an extremely fast speed. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4122, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 223).

Nov. 3, 1954; Mareil-sur-Loir, France6:30 AM. Two dwarf humanoids wearing metallic suits with helmets were seen in a thick fog at a farm. They glided over ground. There is the possibility that the two witnesses experienced an episode of missing time. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4123, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 224).

Nov. 4, 1954; in Le Sourn, Morbihan department, France
At 6:30 a.m. a six-meter wide diameter disc was seen spinning in the sky over a farm. It flew toward the south, making multiple landings and emitting beams of light. The farm animals were frightened by it. The incident lasted 30 minutes. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4129, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 125).

Nov. 4, 1954; on the island of Sardinia
3:15 PM. A domed disc-shaped UFO, estimated to be 15 meters in diameter, was observed on the roadside in Nuoro, Italy near Monte Ortobene. It had grates on the bottom. After eight minutes it took off vertically making a noise. (Sources: Alberto Perego, *FSR Case Histories*, June 1973, p. 5; Maurizio Verga, ITACAT, Italian UFO Catalogue).

Nov. 4, 1954; in Pontal, Sao Paulo state, Brazil
On this evening Jose Alves was fishing on the river when he saw a luminous object come "wobbling" down from the sky. It was 3-4 meters (10-15 feet) in diameter, and it looked like "two washbowls joined together." It came down and hovered six feet above the ground and only a few feet away from the witness. Three small dwarfish men with dark skin and wearing white uniforms with "skull caps" emerged from the disc. They collected foliage and a sample of the river water in a metal tube. They then jumped back in the craft. The UFO rose vertically, making no sound. (Sources: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4136, citing Coral & Jim Lorenzen, *Encounters with UFO Occupants,* p. 146; Coral E. Lorenzen, *Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence of the Invasion from Outer Space*, p. 50; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-126 (A0338), citing Olavo T. Fontes, *APRO Bulletin*, July 1957, p. 9; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case 327).

Nov. 4, 1954 (on or about this date); in the Amacuro Delta
At night. Venezuela Fernando de Moya, age 39, was hunting from his launch, when he saw a luminous sphere hovering six feet above the ground. The two Indians with him fled in terror, but he approached and saw two three-foot tall figures with round heads and large eyes running back and forth to the sphere. They ran making little jumps, and picking up various

things. They entered through one of two windows in the UFO. When they saw De Moya, they jumped into the object, which ascended vertically. (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-127 (A0338), citing *APRO Bulletin*, November 1954; Leonard H. Stringfield, *Inside Saucer Post...3-0 Blue*, p. 68).

Nov. 5, 1954; La Coruna, Spain
No time given. Gonzalo Rubinos Ramos, whose car had broken down, saw a large, shining disc rise 150 meters away with a slight noise like an explosion. It flew away at fantastic speed. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case 328, citing *Le Parisien*, November 8, 1954).

Nov. 5, 1954; La Roche-en-Brenil, France
10:10 AM. Raymond R. saw a craft that made a noise like a large transformer and gave off an orange light, land in a pasture. Three men in dark coveralls were standing nearby. One was holding a sort of box, "which emitted a beam of light three meters long." The other two were holding objects that looked like weapons. Another witness fled and felt pricklings on his face as he ran. Four photographs of the scene were taken. Traces included a whitish substance and a circle three meters in diameter where the ground had an ashlike appearance. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case 329; Michel Figeut & Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le Premier Dossier Complet des Rencontres Rapprochees en France*, p. 445).

Nov. 5, 1954; Lookout Point, N.Z.
Orange elliptical object with blue "portholes" observed. [UFOE, XII]

Nov. 6, 1954; Rome, Italy
11:00 AM. Alberto Perego watched about 100 white spots traveling in the sky with short white trails. They flew in formations of two, three, four, seven, and twelve for over a two hour period. They often would form lozenge-shaped formations of four objects ov V-shaped formations of seven. They executed curves, and an "angel hair" residue fell to the ground. On the same day several unknown radar blips were tracked over England for a two hour period. (Sources: Alberto Perego, *Flying Saucers*, March-April 1970, p. 17; Richard F. Haines, *Project Delta: A Study of Multiple UFO*, p. 37).

Nov. 7, 1954; Monte Ortobene, Sardinia, Italy
Time not given. A motorcyclist saw a disc-shaped machine land near the road. He tried to turn too sharply and fell off his motocycle 50 meters away from it. A taxi driver stopped to observe the object, which gave off a soft whirring sound and soon took off. Farmers on the other side of the mountain saw it fly away. The disc, about 15 meters in diameter, was made of a silvery, rough metal. It supported a dome and showed several portholes. (Sources: Harold T. Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 237; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 242, case 330).

Nov. 7, 1954; Baltimore, Maryland
5:08 PM. Two witnesses sighted a luminous vertical cigar-shaped object that turned to a horizontal position, then flew off through some clouds and was lost from sight. (Source: Loren E. Gross, *The Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse: UFOs: A History. 1954: November-December*, p. 16).

Nov. 8, 1954; Monza, Italy
10:30 AM. A crowd of about 150 people jumped barriers to get closer to a luminous craft that had landed in the stadium. The object rested on three legs and had a dome emitting a blinding white light and supported an antenna. Two small figures dressed in white and gray, wearing transparent helmets, were seen. They spoke with guttural sounds. One of them had a black face with sort of trunk. When a man sicced a boxer dog onto the dwarfs, the animal turned around and bit him. The object rose with a shrill sound and vanished rapidly. Probable fabrication according to Italian researchers on the Project 1947 list. (Sources: Harold Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 237; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 242, case 331).

Nov. 8, 1954; Voussac, France
6:00 PM. A number of people in the Vacheresse Forest reported seeing a luminous sphere land at the edge of the forest and then become dark. The next morning, an investigation disclosed that an area 4 or 5 meters in diameter had no leaves, while the ground elsewhere was covered with them. The earth seemed to have been dug up. (Sources: Harold Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 238; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, p. 243, case 332).

Nov, 8, 1954; FRANCE, La-Tessoualle
Dusk. As a single witness saw a blue disc, his car engine died and the headlights went out. The disc came closer and the witness was paralyzed with a feeling of pricklings on his hands. When the blue light on the UFO disappeared, he could move and start the car. The UFO, which was five to six meters in size, now appeared again 200 meters away. As he drove towards it, the object again turned off the blue light and flew away with a soft whistling sound. (Rodeghier, The Humanoids,

Bowen)

Nov. 8, 1954; Knoxville, Tennessee (BB)
7:00 p.m. Mrs. Holbert riding in a car with her husband saw two round silver objects the size of a nickel at arm's length at an elevation of 45 degrees at 170 degrees azimuth. The objects with one in front and the other slightly to the right moved from the SE to the NW until they were almost over the observer. At one point the objects appeared to stop. The objects then changed directions and headed SE. No sound was heard. The objects were observed for approximately 5 minutes. The sketch in the AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT shows a sharp turn made by the objects from NW to SE. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 9, 1954; Bois de Villers, Belgium
Time not given. Two villagers reported the landing of a two-meter-high "flying egg" in a pasture. Screams seemed to be emanating from it. (Source: Harold Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 251; Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case 334).

Nov. 10, 1954; Porte Alegre, Brazil
Time not given. An agronomist and his family driving in their car saw a landed disc-shaped object from which two men, normal in height, with long hair and coverall-like uniforms, emerged and came toward their car with arms raised. As the frightened witnesses sped away, they saw the men reenter the disc, which rose and flew off at very great speed. (Sources: Coral E. Lorenzen, *Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence of the Invasion from Outer Space*, p. 42; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case 335).

Nov. 11, 1954; Ispica, Sicily, Italy
Night. Two men, Raffaele Favara and a journalist named Tino, and were walking down a road after the conclusion of the last movie show that night, when they noticed a greenish-blue light coming from inside the nearby soccer field. Approaching the gate, they noticed a triangular object on the ground. It had wheel-like floppy disks on each tip that rested on the ground. There were bright flashing silvery lights that at times illuminated several strange figures who appeared to have membrane wings, moving around the craft. The two men ran to find additional witnesses but as they did so the triangle rose up into the air and quickly left towards the sea. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, citing CISU Sicily).

Nov. 12, 1954; Arqua'Polesine, Italy
8:00 AM. A fisherman watched a three meter wide transparent globe descend, stop and hover momentarily, and then dive into the canal leaving behind a cloud of vapor. At eleven o'clock that same morning a Brazilian priest working at the Vatican's Castel Gandolfo mountain residence in Italy had a close encounter with two UFOs. (Sources: Verga Maurizio, ITACAT Italian UFO Catalogue; Alberto Perego, *FSR Case Histories*, June 1973, p. 6).

Nov. 12, 1954; Louisville, Kentucky (BB)
3-6 p.m. A spherical UFO hovered for a long period over Louisville. U.S. Air Force jets chased it over Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. It was also observed from the ground through a theodolite. (Source: Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 134).

Nov. 13, 1954, Curitiba, Brazil
At 3:30 a.m. Mr. Cheminot, a Brazilian railway employee, saw three short beings in tight fitting, luminous coveralls examining the ballast on the ground around the railroad tracks with a lantern. When they saw him, they entered a lens or oval-shaped craft, which rose rapidly into the sky. (Sources: Coral E. Lorenzen, *Flying Saucer Occupants,* pp. 109-110; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-129 [A0343], citing Jim & Coral Lorenzen).

Nov. 13, 1954; FRANCE, near Buchy
A luminous UFO rose from the ground as the engine of the witnesses' car slowed but did not fail completely. They also were paralyzed and felt pricklings on their skin. (Rodeghier, The Humanoids, Bowen)

Nov. 14, 1954; Curitiba, Parana State. Brazilov
3:30 a.m. A disk-shaped object was seen landed on the railroad tracks at a place between the railroad stations of Coponhae and Uray, Parana State. The witness, Mr. Jose Rodrigues, working with Group 19 from "Parama-Santa Catarina Railroad Network", reported that three little "men" of small size, dressed in shiny, close-fitted clothes and with very strong colors, jumped from the machine, an oval-shaped object, and began to inspect the tracks with the help of luminous objects they had in their hands. "They were examining the 'ballast' with the aid of lanterns. When they spotted me, they hurried back to their apparatus, which took off at a great speed." Approximately at the same hour, a professor saw a "shiny" object over the

village of Urai, mentioned before. The prefect (sheriff) of this city and several inhabitants of the region went to the place of the incident.(CUFOS Rob Swiatek, Barry Greenwood, Rio's newspapers, “CORRETO DA MANHA, etc.).

Nov. 14, 1954; St. Maudan, France
6:00 AM. A 12-year-old girl saw a luminous boat-shaped craft land in a nearby field. Three hairy humanoids emerged from the object and began to gather apples from a nearby orchard. (Source: *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue # 325).

Nov. 14, 1954; Forli, Italy
Three tractor drivers watched a bright red, luminous UFO approach them in a farm field. As it came near, the two engines that worked by internal combustion failed, but the diesel engine still ran. The men ran away; when they returned, the UFO had departed. The two engines that had failed still caused some trouble after the sighting. (Sources: Aime Michel, *Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery,* p. 211; Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 74; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia, A Century of Landings*, case 341).

Nov. 14, 1954; Isola, near La Spezia, Italy
7:45 PM. A bright cigar-shaped object landed in a farmer's field. Three dwarf humanoids wearing metallic "diving suits" emerged from the craft, speaking among themselves in an unintelligible language. When Sr. Lorenzini became convinced that the humanoids were intent on stealing some of his rabbits, he attempted to shoot at them with his shotgun, but the gun suddenly felt heavy, failed to fire, and he became unable to move or speak; he suddenly felt so weak that he dropped the gun. The dwarfs took the rabbits, and the paralysis wore off when the UFO took off. (Sources: Jimmy Guieu, *Flying Saucers Come from Another World*, p. 236; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia, A Century of Landings*, case 339; Project Blue Book).

Nov. 14, 1954; Frederick, Maryland
2:00 PM. Another electro-magnetic interference effect case occurred. A large rotating silver disc-shaped object passed over the car of a civilian witness, causing static on the car radio. (Sources: Project Blue Book files counted in official statistics; Loren E. Gross, *The Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse: UFOs: A History. 1954: November-December*, p. 22).

Nov. 14 (?), 1954; Wasmes, Belgium
On this night on or about this date Marcel Pipers, a gardener, saw a disc-shaped craft resting near the road that gave off a very bright light. His clothing was partially burned when he went close to it. (Sources: *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue # 104, Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia, A Century of Landings*, case 340, citing Quincy).

Nov. 15. 1954, Verviers, Belgium
"Flying cigar" escorted by 4 other "shining objects" on Saturday night. No further information. (Egyptian Gazette)

Nov. 15, 1954; Augusta, Maine (BBU 3326)
4 p.m. N. Gallant, manager of radio station WFAV, saw 10 gold, circular objects fly in vertical V-formation, straight and level. (Don Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 16, 1954; Catania, Sicily, Italy
11:30 p.m. Four young men, Salvatore Rapisardi, Antonio Espada, Gaetano Nicolosi and Cavallaio Angel, observed a disc-shaped object descend in front of the main entrance to the cemetery of Acquicella. It hovered 50 meters above the ground. The object resembled a circular metallic platform, about seven meters in diameter, which emitted a strange sound. There was a sudden flash and a hatch was opened, and then a small human looking occupant stuck its head out. Moments later the object ascended at very high speed. (Sources: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 1566, citing Maurizio Verga, ITACAT; Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4175).

Nov. 18, 1954; St. Maudan, Cotes-Nord, France ;
6:00 PM. A 12-year-old girl saw a UFO looking like "a glowing boat" land in a nearby field. Three hairy dwarf humanoids emerged from the object and began to gather apples from the nearby orchard. (Sources: *Lumieres dan la Nuit*, issue #325; Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4177; Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 225).

Nov. 19, 1954; 130 miles ESE of New Orleans, Louisiana (BBU)
9:04 p.m. Crew of National Airlines Flight 918 at 17,500 ft en route from New Orleans to Tampa, Flor., heading about 105°, saw a light flashing blue and white moving up and down directly in front at an unknown distance for 3-5 mins when it moved to the NE out of sight. (NARCAP; McDonald list; Mary Castner/CUFOS)

Nov. 19, 1954; Corvallis, Oregon

4:15 PM. P. J. Gunn, an assistant professor of art at Oregon State University and an ex-U.S. Navy aviation cadet, sighted a bright white light hovering. It remained stationary for 8.5 to nine minutes, then crossed 20 degrees of sky in 3-3.5 minutes. (Sources: Project Blue Book files counted in official statistics, case # 3331; Don Berliner, *Project Bluebook UFO Unknowns*, p. 24).

Nov. 20, 1954; Blaison, Maine-et-Loire, France
3:00 PM. Mrs. Besnier was returning from fetching some onions and garlic cloves from storage. As she walked out from the cellar she saw a circular metallic object that had landed in her farm's courtyard. It appeared to be made out of aluminum. A small being, the size of a child, rushed at her and took the onions, which she held in a fold of her apron. Other short humanoids now became visible. The humanoids were human in appearance and were totally wrapped in a brown costume. In their mouths they carried some kind of pipe that connected to a sort of hood and breathing apparatus attached to their backs. Their skin was yellow and they had small black piercing eyes. Mrs. Besnier ran away and did not see the humanoids return to their “saucer”. Mrs. Besnier could not eat for 48 hours after the incident and remained confined to her bed for some time. (Sources: Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 226; *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue # 325; Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database # 2398, citing LDLN).

Nov. 20, 1954; Laize-la-Ville, Calvados, France9:10 PM. A 15-year-old boy saw a huge top-shaped saucer cross the road at near ground level. It was rotating and glowed red. (Source: Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 132).

Nov. 20, 1954; bt. Uberaba & Sao Paulo, Brazil
5:45 AM. Two men, Sobral and Hardy, aboard a Brazilian Air Force mail plane flying from Uberaba to Sao Paulo, Brazil saw a UFO that was hovering close to the uninhabited island on Rio Grande. It was surrounded by a yellow halo, and took off at 30 degree angle. (Source: UNICAT, case # 540, citing Olavo T. Fontes).

Nov. 21, 1954; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
11:30 a.m. local. Crew, passenger of Brazilian airliner saw 19 glowing UFOs. [UFOE, X]

Nov. 21, 1954; Teignmouth, Devon, England
At noon 20 golden spheres raced across the sky in formation, causing a huge wave of radar blips. They flew off to the south out to sea. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 4182, citing *FSR*).

Nov. 22, 1954; Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
9:45 PM. A radio operator at the Santa Maria Air Force Base, saw a huge, dark object about 30 meters in diameter hovering at treetop height. With four other persons he watched it for several hours, sometimesglowing softly, sometimes coming down almost to the ground. (Sources: *APRO Bulletin*, July 1957; Coral E. Lorenzen, *Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence of the Invasion from Outer Space,* p. 51; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 342).

Nov. 23, 1954; Colcerasa, Macerata, Italy
At around five o'clock in the evening two young shepherds, M. G. and P. T., age 12, were returning to their flock when they noticed that the sheep had moved from were they had left them and that their sheep dog was barking. M. G. observed three “dark colored, animal like creatures” moving between some bushes and a couple of bonfires that the shepherds had lit earlier. They also saw what looked like a small barrel, 60-70 centimeters wide by 1.5 meters long. The edges of the object were flattened. M. G. was unable to view the beings clearly; they stood approximately 35 cm tall and had rather disproportionately large, flat-topped heads. They appeared to be dressed in dark shiny suits, as if made out of plastic. The creatures quickly retreated into the object, which quickly took off producing a hissing sound. When the object had reached an altitude of 20 meters it expelled a large fireball. This exploded just before touching the ground, and a strong gust of wind struck both boys. The object sported something like “antennae” situated on its forward section, which vibrated when the object lifted off. The craft zipped rapidly in an easterly direction and disappeared from view to the left of Mount La Cesa. Both boys ran home to relate what they had just seen. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 1602, citing Maurizio Verga, ITACAT).

Nov. 23, 1954; Torpo, Norway, Anne & Tora Storedal and Tora Moy Hauge
On this afternoon three 10-year-old girls returning from school--found themselves being followed by a flying saucer. It came down to hover only 3 or 4 feet away from them. It was round, about 10 feet in diameter, and the bottom was black, trimmed with yellow spots which could have been lights, with a number of small, "red jags." The upper part was a transparent dome, and a man who was operating controls was visible inside. He wore black trousers, a black jacket, and immense red goggles over his eyes. He stared at one of the girls. When the craft rose it collided with a high-tension power line with a shower of sparks, and the girls ran away. They noticed a smell "like fried sausages." A "streak" was found in the snow, apparently left by the craft having brushed the surface of the snow covered ground. (Sources: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-132 (A0345), citing Oddvar J. Larsen, CSI-New York).

Nov 23, 1954; 4602-ATIC-report_of_visit

Nov. 25, 1954; Calcerosa, Sicily, Italy
On this evening two 12-year-old boys, G. Marziano and P. Santucci, watched three 1.2-foot-tall beings with very large heads and gray skin enter a small sphere concealed 10 meters away from them, behind some bushes. The UFO had two propellers in front that started spinning. The object took off with a hissing sound. (Sources: Harold Wilkins, *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 136; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia*, case 343, citing Oltre Cielo).

Nov. 25, 1954; Cordoba, Argentina
A weatherman and an air traffic controller watched two luminous objects hover over the Cordoba airport for two hours starting at 5:25 a.m. (Sources: Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 119; Leonard H. Stringfield, *CRIFO Orbit*, June 1955, p. 1; Loren E. Gross, *The Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse: UFOs: A History. 1954: November-December*, p. 29).

Nov. 26, 1954; Millville, New Jersey
On this night an object with four reddish-yellow lights forming a rectangle circled over Millville. Shortly afterward a searchlight caught the object, revealing it to be a huge disc. As soon as the light touched it, the UFO sped up and swiftly disappeared. (Sources: Donald Keyhoe, *Flying Saucer Conspiracy*, p. 232; Otto Binder, *What We Really Know About Flying Saucers*, p. 171).

Nov. 27, 1954; Red Square in Moscow, Russia
10:15 AM. A green colored cylindrical object hovered over Red Square for more than 25 minutes. It was estimated to be about 250 meters in length. It rose into the sky like a jet, and flew off toward the northwest. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *Challenge to Science: The UFO Enigma*, p. 133; Ion Hobana and Julien Weverbergh, *UFOs from Behind the Iron Curtain*, p. 282).

Nov. 27, 1954; Kariambkam, Madras, India
At 8:30 p.m. about a hundred people saw the passage of a UFO described as “a flying boat” with a brilliant light on the back. The object then approached the ground and performed a vertical landing. Three people wearing “western” suits emerged and made hand gestures to the locals, who panicked and ran to their houses. The object remained on the ground for five minutes and took off in a vertical ascent, disappearing at high speed. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, citing Michael David Hall, *UFOs: A Century of Sightings*).

Nov. 28, 1954; Petare, Venezuela
2:00 AM. two men had a violent encounter with three hairy dwarfs. They first saw a luminous sphere on the ground with a hatch door open. Out of it came three hairy dwarfs wearing loincloths. They were about three feet tall with clawed fingers. The dwarves fought with the men, who reported that they appeared to have phenomenal strength. At one point one of the man attempted to stab one of the creatures with a knife, but the blade glanced off as if the creature’s body was made of steel. There was a blinding light and the creatures and the craft were gone. (Sources: newspaper clipping dated November 30, 1954; Coral & Jim Lorenzen, *Flying Saucer Occupants*, p. 52 & 103; APRO Bulletin, November 1954; Jacques Vallee, Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings, case # 344).

Nov. 28, 1954; Palmarito, Venezuela
On that same night a group of peasants saw a sphere land and discharge three very short dwarfish men. When they re-boarded and the object flew away, they reported the craft left behind a slightly visible trail in the sky. (Sources: Coral E. Lorenzen and Jim Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, p. 63; Donald E. Keyhoe, *Flying Saucer Conspiracy*, p. 239).

Nov. 28, 1954; Manila, Philippines (BBU 3341)
10:50 a.m. AIIR states that a confidential source, a medical doctor, considered fairly reliable, was traveling in the back seat with his chauffeur driving after a game of golf when he noticed a strange orange glow in the south approaching the area. The witness ordered the car stopped and then got out to observe. The object at 30-degree elevation grew in size, and after 3 minutes stopped at 45-degree elevation for 1 minute, then reversed its path, then made a 180-degree turn due North and was gone 3 seconds. Object described as being at about 8,000', bright orange, flat-bottomed, domed, 65-70 ft across, 18-20 ft high. AIIR states: "UFOB had 4 evenly-spaced bright yellow discs along the sides with a portion of a 5th disc visible." Object had a bright orange exhaust trail while in motion. No sound. Duration: 4 mins 3 secs. Listed by the Air Force as an "unknown": "This report is significant, in that if true, an airborne object which cannot be positively identified has on at least one occasion been sighted in the Manila skies." (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 28, 1954; five miles east of the city of Manila in the Philippines
12:45 PM. Two 39-year-old men, one of them a doctor, watched an orange domed disc maneuver through the sky. The craft was about 70 feet in diameter, and had five evenly spaced yellow portholes. The body of the object itself was flecked with red streaks, and it made no sound as it moved. The UFO reversed direction and was gone in three seconds. Listed as a Project Blue Book "unknown" case. (Sources: Project Blue Book files counted in official statistics, case number 3341; Thomas M. Olsen, *The Reference for Outstanding UFO Reports*, case # 61; Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 59).

Nov. 29, 1954; Moze-sur-Louet, Maine-et-Loire, France
6:00 AM. A beam of light from the sky searched back and forth, then struck and gave an electric shock to a bicyclist. It then shocked him a second time, but no object was seen. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4196, citing Jean Sider, *Dossier 1954 et l'Imposture Rationaliste*, p. 132).

Nov. 29, 1954; St. Martin-d'L-Place, Maine-et-Loire, France
7:00 PM. A single witness saw a luminous object that had landed in a wheatfield at the same time as a power outage. A 1.2 meter (4 foot) tall humanoid was seen standing next to it. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4197, citing *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue #325).

Nov. 29, 1954; Bourbon-L'Archambault, Allier, France
8:30 PM. An orange cigar-shaped object flew toward the northeast from Bourbon-L'Archambault. It stopped in midair, then shot back toward the southwest into the clouds. (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case 4198, citing *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue #128).

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Dec. 1, 1954; in Bassoues, Gers, France
4:30 AM. A 39-year-old civilian saw a very bright oval light. It was illuminating the countryside. After some maneuvers and oscillations in mid-air, it landed for a couple of minutes less than three kilometers away, and then flew off to the east. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case 346).

Dec. 2, 1954; Ceuta, Spanish Morocco (BBU)
2:10 p.m. local. A French military radar site at Ceuta tracked a target which was simultaneously observed visually by the crew of a fighter in the air. The speeds and altitudes of the target were recorded for a continuous period of about one hour from 1410 to 1510, during which time its altitude varied between 7 km (23.000') and 18 km (59,000') with variations in speed from 10 kph (6 mph) to 220 kph (137 mph). The altitude/speed diagram shows a rate-of-climb of >1500 fpm maintained for some 17 minutes (speed 100 mph slowing latterly to 40 mph) up to an altitude of nearly 59,000', levelling off with speed dropping briefly to near-zero, then accelerating steadily to 137 mph over about 12 minutes at the same altitude before suddenly dropping 20,000' in 1 minute down to 39,000' and again levelling off, still at 137 mph, for about 10 minutes, at which point the target dropped, with a simultaneous rapid deceleration, at a mean rate of about 5000 fpm for 3 minutes down to another level of 23,000' at <60 mph, maintaining this speed and level for some 10 minutes until contact was lost. Radar duration: 60 mins. approx. (Vallee CS 1966 186; NARCAP TR -6, Pg. 52, McDonald list)

Dec. 3, 1954; Gulfport, Mississippi (BBU 3352)
12:12 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mellen saw a translucent grey, round, flat object rotating on its vertical axis at high rate. Headed SE at 500-600 mph. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Dec. 3, 1954; Wilmington, N. C.
Civil Aeronautics Administration personnel watched round, yellowish UFO through binoculars. [UFOE, V]

Dec. 4, 1954; Zuaga, Spain
Time not given. Twelve workers saw what they described as a square machine, ten meters on a side, land and take off at great speed, flying toward the south. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case 347.

Dec. 4, 1954; Caselle di Nogara, Italy
On this night a waiter saw a circular object in a pasture. It remained stationary for several minutes, and was about 50 meters away. It was blue with symmetrical openings which emitted a bright red light. The witness got a rifle and fired twice at a very tall figure that emerged from the turret on the craft. Immediately, a very strong wind was felt and the craft took off

amidst a reddish glow. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-137, citing Vallee).

Dec. 4, 1954; Coronel Pringles, Argentina
6:00 AM. Sr. E. Aguirre Zavala, an employee of a commercial firm, observed a very bright disc come down to just 20 inches above the ground, where it remained suspended. In the middle of this disc there moved about a strange looking figure, which seemed to be a dwarf with an enormous head. The UFO rose up shortly afterward after emitting a very bright light. (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-136, citing a newspaper source).

Dec. 5, 1954; North East, Pa.
Domed object with double row of square "ports" hovered low over Lake Erie. [UFOE, XII]

Dec. 7, 1954; Gainchurizqueta, Irun, Spain
Time not given. A 26-year-old man riding a bicycle near a farm saw an object land nearby. It came from the sea on a north to south flight path, and passed within 6 meters. It was round, three meters in diameter, with a headlight and four fins. Traces: ground marks and metallic samples. (Source: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, *Catalogue of 200 Type-I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal*, case 16).

Dec. 7, 1954; Cape Province, South Africa (BBU 3356)
1:15 p.m. Weather officer, using a theodolite was tracking a weather balloon, when the reflected light from another object attracted his attention. He reported that he saw a white, semi-circular, flat object with a dome on top, same size as the balloon, move slowly from W to E, then turn N. Observed for 7 minutes. (Berliner; UFOE, X)

Dec. 7, 1954; Edenton, North Carolina (BB)
At 3:05 p.m. Capt. Dayton Robinson, Jr. was flying a Marine TV-2 aircraft near Norfolk, Va., with his passenger Cpl. Edwin G. Capone, when they observed a dull white balloon-shaped object. Robinson rolled the aircraft toward the object with the intention of circling the object. At this time the object appeared to accelerate rapidly and moved to the south in a slight climb at approximately 15,000 feet. The speed of the object was estimated to be 2,700 to 3,000 mph. The object was observed for approximately 20-23 seconds. (BB files).

Dec. 8, 1954; Zuera, Zaragoza, Spain
Time not given. Mr. M. Sevilla Galvez, a hunter, saw a luminous craft 60 feet in diameter and 12 ft high, with antennas and propellers, land 50 yards away. A door opened, and two men speaking an unintelligible language emerged. They re-entered, the door closed, and the craft rose vertically at great speed with a hissing sound. (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # 1954-138, citing *FSR Special Issue # 4*; *Data-Net Report*, March 1971, p. 11).

Dec. 8, 1954; Gricignano Di Aversa, Caserta, Italy
Early in the morning. A 100-year-old farmer, Giovanni Aquilante, left home early to do his chores and did not return that day. The evening of the day after his disappearance, two of his sons and another relative were returning home from searching for the old man when they encountered two odd looking beings with phosphorescent eyes hiding beyond a low wall. The three men were utterly petrified by the vision, but one of Aquilante's sons (Andrea) managed to move towards the two "phantoms". When he got to the rear of the wall, the figures had vanished. The third day at about 6:00 am, the elder Aquilante returned home. He was hungry and in shock, and he did not respond to the questions of his wife and sons. Despite the fact that it had rained over the previous two days, Aquilante's clothes and shoes were completely dry. A few hours later he told his story to one of his relatives. The morning he disappeared he was walking past the village railroad bridge when two dwarves emerged from behind a bush. They both wore suits "having colors like the rainbow." They took him by his hands and lifted him skyward. Aquilante didn't recall how he had spent the 48 hours away. He remembers that the dwarves left him next to his house, telling him they would return to get him again. According to one of his sons, Paolo, his father suffered a lot from the experience, and lived in a nearly perpetual confused state, having difficulties speaking. The old man was regularly frightened that "they might come back to get me." (Sources: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case A2273; Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 132, citing Paolo Fiorino, *UFO Universe*, October-November 1991).

Dec. 8, 1954; Miranda province, Venezuela
Time not given. "Saucers" were reported to have landed at several places in the town of Chacao. Toms Betancourt said he threw himself on one of the "Martians" and grappled with him. "He was gelatinous and very slippery," and got out of my

hands." (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case # 1954-37 (A1782), citing *El Universal*, December 9, 1954).

Dec. 9, 1954; in Dorf-Gull, Germany
7:30 p.m. Ernst Jung and his wife saw an intense red, luminous object descending toward them at great speed. It stopped and hovered five meters above the ground when they stopped their motorcycle. It was cigar shaped, five meters long and two meters wide. They saw it turn off its lights and fly towards a forest. Other people in a bus saw the same thing. (Sources: *UFO Nachrichten*, October 1956; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case # 350).

Dec. 9, 1954; Linha Bela Vista, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
On this evening Sr. Da Costa e Rosa, a farmer living inBrazil heard a sound something like a sewing machine, and saw a cream-colored object "shaped like a tropical helmet" hovering just above the ground. A broad-shouldered man with pale skin was inside the craft. Another was outside examining a fence, while a third was closer to the farmer. Da Costa dropped his hoe, and this third man, with a smile, picked it up and gave it back to him. All three men were broad shouldered, with very pale skin, slanted eyes, and long blond hair. They wore light brown coveralls fastened to shoes without heels. After plucking a few plants, the men returned to their craft, which rose into the air slowly for 30 feet and then shot off at a high speed. The witness had never previously heard about flying saucers. (Sources: Coral E. Lorenzen, *Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence of the Invasion from Outer Space*, p. 52; Gordon Creighton, *FSR*, May-June 1970, p. 30; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-139 (A0351), citing Donald Hanlon, *The Humanoids: FSR Special Edition No. 1,* p. 20).

Dec. 10, 1954; El Tigre, Venezuela
Several daylight disc sightings and two humanoid encounters, one at night, occurred in Venezuela on this date. A photograph of five objects was taken in El Tigre.

Dec. 10, 1954; Floresta, Venezuela
At 6:30 p.m. a doctor driving with his father in Floresta stopped his car to watch two little men run into some bushes. Shortly afterward they saw a luminous, disc-shaped object take off from behind the bushes at a high speed and dart off into the sky with a sharp "sizzling" sound. Later that same night in Chico-Cerro de las Tres Torres, Venezuela two hunters, Lorenzo Flores and Jesus Gomez, saw a luminous object "like two washbowls put together." It was three meters wide and hovering just two feet off the ground. Flames emanated from the base of the object. Four hairy dwarfs, three feet tall, emerged and grabbed Gomez and tried to drag him toward their craft. Flores struck one with his gun butt, but it had no effect and felt like striking rock. The wooden rifle butt cracked from the impact. Gomez fainted from fright, and both young men were scratched and bruised. When they told their story to the police it was obvious that their shirts had been shredded into ribbons. (Sources: Coral Lorenzen, *Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence of the Invasion From Outer Space*, p. 49; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-141, citing *APRO Bulletin*, January 1955).

Dec. 11, 1954; in Predale, Casina, Italy
On this morning a young girl, Miss Frassinetti, saw a luminous barrel hovering vertically over a nearby field. She said that a "man" was watching her through a window in the object. (Sources: Maurizio Verga, ITACAT: Italian UFO Catalogue; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case A0354).

Dec. 11, 1954; Linha Bela Vista, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
At 5:00 p.m. farmer Pedro Morais first noticed a disturbance among his chickens in the farmyard. He then saw a UFO shaped like an "enormous polished brass kettle" with a rectangular structure on top, making a sound like a sewing machine, hovering in the air with an oscillating motion. Two small humanoids "enveloped in a kind of yellow sack from head to toe" were standing in a nearby field. As he approached, one ran toward him, the other raised its arm. The first one knelt down and plucked a tobacco plant from the field, then both jumped into the craft, which vanished within a few seconds. (Sources: Donald Hanlon, *FSR Special Report #1: The Humanoids*, p. 34; Coral E. Lorenzen, Flying Saucers: *The Startling Evidence of the Invasion from Outer Space*, p. 53; Coral & Jim Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, p. 171; Gordon Creighton, *FSR*, May-June 1970, p. 30; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-142 (A0355), citing Donald Hanlon & Coral Lorenzen; Jader U. Pereira, *Les Extra-Terrestres*, p. 80, citing *O Cruzeiro*, January 15, 1955; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case 353).

Dec. 11, 1954; Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Florida
Navy jets were involved in a dogfight with a round, reddish UFO at 9:00 p.m. The UFO encounter was tracked on military radar. (Sources: Donald E. Keyhoe, *Flying Saucers: Top Secret*, p. 195).

Dec. 13, 1954; Campinas, Sao Paulo state, Brazil
At dusk. Three gray discs performed acrobatics over farmland. One peeled off from the others, diving low over the roof of a woman's house, where it dropped a liquid substance "like silver rain." Chemical analysis revealed that the metallic material collected at the site was 90% tin with some other alloys. Jacques Vallee believes this case may provide clues to the propulsion system employed by the vehicles. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, in Peter Sturrock, *The UFO Enigma*, p. 242; Donald H. Menzel, *The World of Flying Saucers*, p. 231; Jacques Vallee, *Confrontations: A Scientist's Search for Alien Contact*, p. 49).

Dec. 15, 1954; in Campo Grande in the state of Mato Grosso del Sol
Time not given. A man had a close encounter with three aliens in Brazil while fishing in the river. He saw a small sphere revolving around a larger sphere, about two meters above the ground. The larger object had landing gear shaped like three round balls. Three human-looking occupants who were small in stature got out. They had with them a luminous basket and a metal tube with a cone-shaped end. They used these tools to collect soil samples. (Sources: Coral E. Lorenzen, *Flying Saucer Occupants*, p. 195, citing an investigation by Olavo T. Fontes).

Dec. 15, 1954; Australia
Bogus report says that during the day a Royal Australian Navy pilot reported that two UFOs paced his aircraft. The UFOs appeared on radar. [Bogus report - Jan Aldrich] (Source: Richard M. Dolan, *UFO's and the National Security State: Chronology of a Cover-up* 1941-1973, p. 408).

Dec. 16, 1954; near San Carlos del Zulia, Venezuela
Time not given. Taking a rest stop while driving along the Pan-American highway, Jesus Paz left his two friends in their car and walked off a short distance to relieve himself. They heard him screaming and then saw him fall unconscious. A small hairy dwarf ran off from the spot to a flat, shiny hovering UFO. The machine shot off with a loud whistle. Jesus Paz had deep scratches on his body from the creature. (Sources: Coral E. Lorenzen, *Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence of the Invasion from Outer Space*, p. 55; *APRO Bulletin*, January 1955, p. 15; Frank Edwards, *Flying Saucers--Serious Business*, p. 177).

Dec. 17, 1954; Bersaillin, France
At 5:00 p.m. on a country road in Jura department, a woodsman sighted a very bright light on the road, coming from a dark craft some 80 meters away. When the light became brighter the man felt an intense wave of heat and he thought that he would die. After a short while the light moved away. (Source: Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia, A Century of Landings*, case 355).

Dec. 18, 1954; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
At 3:45 a.m. several hundred people, including sentries guarding the Catete Palace witnessed a yellow glowing object that slowed from a high speed and stopped in just three seconds, and then hovered for 20 minutes. It illuminated the surface of the water in Guanabara Bay, and finally climbed up at an oblique angle, and was gone in 4-5 seconds. Two small jets of exhaust were seen flowing from the lower part of the object while it was accelerating. (Source: UNICAT, case 557, citing Colonel Adil de Oliveira, Brazilian Government report dated October 1956; *APRO Bulletin*, July 1957).

Dec. 19, 1954; Vienna, Austria
UFOs shot through the sky over Vienna. There were many reports including several from police witnesses. (Source: Richard Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, p. 122; Loren E. Gross, *The Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse: UFOs: A History. 1954: November-December*, p. 65).

Dec. 19, 1954; Cartaya, Huelva Province, Spain
On the same night a circular craft landed 50 meters away from two witnesses. As the witnesses walked towards it the UFO rose up to a very high altitude and flew away toward Portugal, making a great deal of noise. (Sources: *Noticiero Uni,*newspaper clipping dated December 20, 1954; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, *Catalogue of 200 Type-I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal*, case 17).

Dec. 19, 1954; Valencia, Venezuela
At eleven o'clock in the evening Mr. Parra, an 18-year-old jockey watched a disc-shaped UFO land and six three foot tall humanoids disembark and set about collecting vegetation samples and loading stones into the disc. When he attempted to approach them he was paralyzed by a violet beam aimed at him by one of the creatures. All the short beings entered the craft, and it took off. The UFO left behind ground traces. (Sources: Newspaper clipping dated December 21, 1954; APRO Bulletin, January 1955, p. 15; Coral E. Lorenzen, *Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence of the Invasion from Outer Space*, p. 52; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case 356).

Dec. 19, 1954; Vienna, Austria
High-speed UFOs reported. [UFOE, X]

Dec. 20, 1954; Pontiac, Mich.
Red-orange circular UFO, with white glow from "portholes" at front, sped overhead. [UFOE, XII]

Dec. 20, 1954; Valencia, Venezuela
At 3:00 a.m. on this day an employee of the Barbula Sanatorium saw a luminous UFO on the ground but decided not to report it until another employee, three hours later, saw the same craft. It took off soon after the second witness spotted it. (Sources: *Passport to Magonia, A Century of Landings,* case 357; Coral E. Lorenzen, *Flying Saucer Occupants*, p. 52).

Dec. 23, 1954; NE of Nogales, Arizona (BBU)
At 10:19 p.m. MST, an F-86D pilot had both radar and visual contact with an object described as a hazy glow of red and green flashes. The object remained 5,000 to 10,000 feet above the F-86 at all times. The length of the observation was approx. 40 minutes. Momentary interference was noted on radar scopes both in the F-86D and at the 684th AC&W Squadron at Davis-Monthan AFB. (Dan Wilson, Weinstein)

Dec. 27, 1954; in Mooi River, South Africa
Around 10:00 AM. Alerted by some children to the presence of a UFO, Elizabeth Klarer ran to a nearby hill. Twenty yards away was a domed disc-shaped object, about 60 feet in diameter, that silently descended to 10-12 feet above the ground. It had a flat hull rotating around a flattish dome, which contained portholes. In one of the porthole windows she saw a man "with a thin face, aquiline nose, and high cheekbones," who looked at her with hypnotic intensity. Then, with a blast of hot air, the craft rose and shot away at tremendous speed. Ms. Klarer had a contactee experience 18 months later. (Sources: Cynthia Hind, *Fate*, August 1969; John Wallace Spencer, *World Atlas of UFOs*, p. 146; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-146 (A0359), citing Cynthia Hind, *Fate Magazine*, August 1969).

Dec. 28, 1954; nr San Rafae Moreno, Mendoza province, Argentina
3:30 AM. Traveling by car to Mendoza on Route # 143 Garvia Holgado de Amaya, a concert pianist and history professor, and six others traveling together saw a brilliant glow at the side of the road near San Rafael Moreno, Mendoza province. It was a luminous object about 100-200 meters away in a nearby field, and it was emitting a bluish light like that from a welding torch. According to the description by Professor Maria Luisa de Amaya, it had the form of two deep dishes placed together rim to rim. They could not make out any structural details. The witnesses stopped their car and got out, then walked toward the object. When they were about 50 meters away they noticed two human figures next to it. The beings were of normal height, wearing dark one-piece diver's suits, with their heads covered with a kind of cowl. One of the humanoids was crouching next to the object. After he got up, the two individuals entered the UFO through a rectangular door. The object began to emit smoke from its central region and rose up vertically, stopping a few meters from the ground and throwing out two flickering red lights. Alarmed, the witnesses rushed back to their car and took off driving at high speed. The object pursued them for 20 minutes, until by the first light of dawn they could no longer see it. (Sources: Oscar A Uriondo, *MUFON UFO Journal*, September 1979, p. 10, David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1954-38 (A1532), citing Roberto Banchs, UNICAT, case 542).

Dec. 29, 1954; San Diego, Calif. (BBU)
Daytime. Crew flying B-47 saw 2 objects pass the plane. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Dec. 29, 1954; near Gardonne, Gironde, France
At 9:00 p.m. a red oval-shaped object was seen on the ground near a river in Bru, 50 meters away from witnesses. The main witness, a Mr. Gamba, tried to approach it but was unable to move. The object rose up into the air, and as it did it changed color from white to red. Traces found at the site showed that the ground had been dug up, and some small trees had been cut. (Sources: Jacques Vallee, *The Humanoids: FSR Special Edition No. 1*, p. 20; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia: A Century of Landings*, case 358, citing *Sud Quest*, December 31, 1954).

Dec. 29, 1954; in Bergamo, near Clusone, Italy
Time not given. A cigar-shaped object was seen hovering 25 meters from the ground at midnight. Several figures could be seen inside a transparent compartment. (Sources: Jimmy Guieu, *Flying Saucers Come from Another World*, p. 240; *Lumieres dans la Nuit*, issue #326).

Dec. 30, 1954; in Sommaprado, Lombardia, Italy
6:30 AM. A man, age 62, was walking along a path near a local church when he heard a sound like a motor. He looked

around but did not see anything, but moments later he heard the noise again. This time he saw a shiny brass colored cigar-shaped object hovering nearby. It had a "bump" or dome in the middle and six rotor blades, three in front and three in the rear. The rear of the object was transparent and inside he could see two short beings dressed in black and wearing large helmets. The beings looked human with olive colored skin and black hair. They looked at the witness and smiled at him. The frightened witness fell to the ground and watched as the object departed at high speed. (Sources: Maurizio Verga, ITACAT; Larry Hatch, U computer database, case # 4251; Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1954, case # 1564, citing ITACAT).

Dec. 31, 1954; in Camaqua, Brazil
At ten minutes after midnight, four men in a forest in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, saw a 30 meter wide disc stop and hover silently one meter above the ground. A human looking occupant got out of the craft and walked around it with a lamp of some kind. (Source: Felipe Machado Carrion, *Phenomenes Spatiaux*, December 1971, p. 32).

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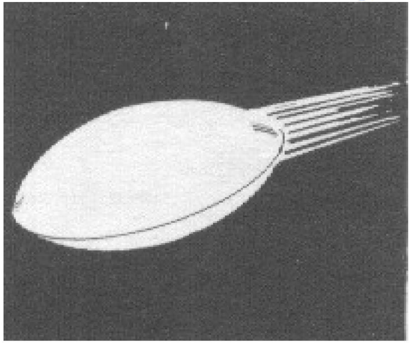

**Aug. 21-22, 1955; Kelly (Hopkinsville), Kentucky (BBU)**
**Report**

Map of sightings for 1955, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database

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This is a 13-page report on an on-going project involving a number of people. With the help of Rebecca Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson, Jean Waskiewicz, the task became much easier. As an indication of what the Air Force was doing I have added the redacted sighting lists by month. Unredacted versions can be accessed below at the beginning of each month. Finally, there is the Sparks' catalog entries for 1955. All of the cases are listed within the chrono, many of which have case directories and supporting documents. Loren Gross' "UFO's: A History" is a good place to start.

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NARA-PBB1-121 - (Unredacted) January Sightings

1955; Agrinion, Greece
Cat. 3. Truck driver and hotel manager driving over mountain road saw luminous object fly overhead, truck engine stopped.

1955; Virginia, nr. Washington, D. C.
Navy pilot observed domed disc. [UFOE, IV]

Jan, 1, 1955. [20] 30 miles E of Cochise [County, Ariz., not NM]
6:44 or 6:55 a.m. (MST). BB mistakenly filled out BB Record Cards with the wrong date (correct date Feb. 1 not Jan. 1), wrong time and wrong location. (Sparks; Greenwood; NICAP/Ridge; Berliner; cf. NARCAP)

Jan. 2, 1955; Nr. Punta San Juan, Venezuela
Airliner en route to Maracaibo approached by luminous UFO. [UFOE, X]

Jan, 3, 1955; AUSTRALIA, Melbourne (E-M)
7:25 a.m. Two persons in a car saw a flying object come within 70 metres of them after their vehicle was stopped (stalled) . (Source: Vallee, J. Passport to Magonia. p.248. Catalogue number 359, Rodeghier) Email from Keith Basterfield

Jan. 05, 1955 San Sebastian, SPAIN
A red circular object 3 m in diameter was observed to land and take off again. (360, Quincy)

Jan. 7 (or 8th), 1955; Cobalt, Ontario
Bright white discs were seen Friday and Saturday by at least 10 people, according to the Halifax Mail-Star, Jan. 14. (Source: Pg. 162, .Science, the public and the UFO. Ottawa, ON, Canada: Bray Book Service; Franz Nentwich)

Jan. 11, 1955; Caracas, Venezuela
A blue light at a high altitude was accompanied by an explosion (FSR, 1955, May, p. 6, Franz Nentwich).

Jan. 14, 1955; Bet. Virginia and Kansas (BBU)
6 p.m. Airliner pilot saw a dark object leaving a contrail. (Project 1947)

Jan. 19, 1955; Pacific Ocean (BBU)
8:10 a.m. U.S. military pilot saw a white-reddish globular object flying level with the aircraft. (Project 1947)

Jan. 26, 1955; Lakeland, Florida (BBU 3401)
6:15 p.m. J. M. Holland saw a black smoke trail make a circle. There was an explosion and some objects fell. No further information in file. (Berliner)

Jan. 28, 1955; Fairbanks, Alaska
Midnight. The man reporting said he was involved in an 'occurrence' while a member of the Air Defense Command stationed at Fairbanks, Alaska. He and his pilot were on number one alert, when the scramble bell sounded at 12:01. GCI radar had an unknown track with a heading of 135 degrees. The target, at first report was travelling at 2,800 knots; in the space of some ten minutes the targets' speed had been recomputed as 3,200, 3,600, and finally 4,800 knots. The target crossed their interception track while still out of range of the airborne radar and out of sight visually. Another pilot who was in the air at the time told him that he saw a 'blood red' glow in the sky in that part where the unknown should have been. This object was above 30,000 feet altitude, climbing at that altitude and they were still climbing when they gave up the chase. (Letter: To: APRO. From: Herbert B. Johnson, Jr. Rt. 1, Box 244, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. 55744. Date: 6 March 67. APRO files. Photocopy in Loren Gross files).

Jan. 29, 1955; Winterset near Des Moines, Iowa (BBU)
9:07 p.m. (CST). Iowa Air National Guard pilots, Major A. Packer and Lt. D. Myers with 132nd Fighter Bomber Group flying a T-33A jet (s/n 52-9590) heading 30° at 290 knots (330 mph) saw a white light flashing at a set rate, no trail, on a direct head on collision course in level flight at 20,000 ft. At the last instant the object rose and flew over the jet, climbing rapidly to 35,000 ft. When the pilot tried to chase the object it out climbed and out turned him, seemingly using radar or similar means to track the T-33A so as to employ highly maneuverable tactics at "excess" speed and altitude. (Project 1947; NARCAP)

Jan. 31, 1955; Fuju [?], Japan (BBU)
1:33 p.m. U.S. military pilots saw a white circular object, no trail, moving against the wind. (Project 1947)

NARA-PBB1-122 - (Unredated) February Sightings

Feb. 1, 1955; 20 miles E of Cochise, Arizona [not NM as previously presented] (BBU 3414)
7:55 [6:55?] p.m. Instructor Capt. D. F. Ritzdorf and aviation cadet F. W. Miller flying TB-25 bomber/trainer (s/n 44-86894) at 13,000 ft and ground speed 238 mph saw a very bright round object with red and white hues approach then hover off the left wing of the TB-25 for 5 mins about 5° above horizontal. Object climbed rapidly on a parallel flight track to disappearance in 3 mins. [See details at link and note the Jan. 1, 1955, incident.] (Berliner; NARCAP)

Feb. 2, 1955; Miramar NAS, Calif. (BBU 3416)
11:50 a.m. USN Cdr. J. L. Ingersoll saw a highly polished sphere, with reddish-brown coloring, fall, then instantly accelerate to 1,000-1,500 mph. [More details at link above] (Berliner)

Feb. 2, 1955; Valera (near Merida), Venezuela
Aeropost Airlines pilot, approached by top-shaped object, with "portholes" and central ring. Radio went dead both at Valera and Barq. as pilot started to report a UFO sighting. [UFOE, X]

Feb. 3 (or 7), 1955. Knights Landing, Calif. (BBU)
4:30 p.m. (PST). Electronic technician and civilian pilot George M. Allender sighted from the ground a large 350 to 500 ft size delta-wing or flying wing type aircraft in the NW headed towards him at about 2,500 to 4,000 ft altitude and about 2,500 ft ground distance. No exhaust, no smoke, no markings, no visible means of propulsion. Object climbed vertically about 34,000 ft in 20 secs to 38,000 ft, then accelerated ahead of a flight of about 7 jets (possibly F86's) flying SE from his NW at about 600 mph, then object dove about 37,000 ft in 12 secs to about 1,000 ft altitude. Object could almost hover motionless and reach speeds of 2,000 mph. 4-5 mins. (Sparks)

Feb. 6, 1955; New Zealand
A brightly-lit silvery cigar-shaped craft moved at a high velocity and losing altitude, shortly after which an explosion was heard over an area of several hundred square miles (FSR, 1955, May, p. 6, Franz Nentwich).

Feb. 7, 1955; Harrisburg, Penna. (BBU)
10:18 a.m. Flying Tiger pilot saw a brilliant object flash off to the S. (Project 1947)

Feb. 7, 1955; Knights Landing, California (BB)
4:30 p.m. local. During observations of conventional jet aircraft the witness observed the antics of a winged UFO that reportedly executed a vertical climb and later, a steep dive. This incident was discovered in an OSI document to the FBI, found in the Blue Book file collection. If this actually occurred it would be an interesting, but distant encounter, worth posting in the Cat. 1 file. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Feb. 7, 1955; Ft. Wayne, Indiana (BBU)
At 7:55 p.m. EST American Airline pilots of Flight 266 while flying over Fort Wayne, observed 5 star-like stationary objects due north at an estimated altitude of 30,000 to 40,000 feet. The objects then departed at terrific speed.

Feb. 10, 1955; Bethesda, Maryland (BBU 3427)
10:03 p.m. E. J. Stein, model maker at U.S. Navy ship design facility, saw an object, shaped like a small portion of the bottom of the Moon, with a radiant yellow color, hover for 30 seconds. The bottom changed to a funnel shape. (Berliner)

Feb. 10, 1955; Dunedin, New Zealand
A woman in Dunedin saw an oval object surrounded by a halo (Flying Saucer Review, 1955, May, p. 6, Franz Nentwich).

Feb. 11, 1955; Ryukyu Islands, S Japan (BBU)
7:15 p.m. local. USAF MATS crew flying C-124 transport saw a yellow or amber object shaped like a Jack o lantern flying at 25,000' and 1,000 mph. (Project 1947) All we have is the Project Record Card and "case missing". "Considering reliability of crew and good weather conditions, evaluations considered unknown, Duration and other factors missing and case carried as insufficient data." (Project 1947)

Feb. 11, 1955; Miama to New York
Pan American Airways flight saw two reddish-green objects speed past under wing. [UFOE, V]

Feb. 14, 1955; Green City, Missouri (BB)
5:15 p.m. CST. A civilian witness reported that a disc-shaped object, 100' in diameter and 12' thick, hovered at 500'. This object, complete with "windows", would be classified as a flying saucer, and in 1955 was suuposed to be investigated by Project Blue Book. It was reported to the Air Force as the UFOB Index Card shows. "The observer was driving a vehicle at the time of sighting and estimated that he was one mile from the object at this time. Due to the brevity of sighting (20-25 secs), the delay in the receipt of the preliminary report at this Headquarters, and, therefore the improbability of investigation turning up more valuable information, no subsequent investigation was directed." (BB files, Dan wilson)

Feb. 17, 1955; Blackstone, Virginia (BBU)
USAF pilot in flight saw an extremely large light-blue object at 35,000 ft. (Project 1947)

NARA-PBB1-123 - (Unredacted) March Sightings
NARA-PBB1-124 - (Unredacted) more March Sightings

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A 1954-1955 study by Douglas Aircraft Company of unconventional propulsion systems; with references to "flying saucers." Memo dated 1 March 1955. (Basterfield/Greenwood)

March, 1955 Branch Hill, Ohio
04:00 a.m. Robert Hunnicutt, a businessman, saw three men kneeling on the side of the road. They were about 1 m tall, had gray skin, and wore tight-fitting gray clothes. They had a froglike face, long slender arms, normal eyes, but no eyebrows. One of them held a dark object (emitting blue flashes) between his raised arms. Hunnicutt tried to go near but "must have lost consciousness," because he found himself driving to the police station without remembering what took place in the meantime. (Stringfield; FS May., 61; Sanderson 147)

March, 1955; Nr. Los Angeles, California
Bt. 10:00 PM & Midnight. Duty officer in the radar van of an M-33 Radar/90 MM Antiaircraft Artillery battery site in Baldwin Hills reservoir area just southwest of Los Angeles and north of Inglewood. "During an alert for an unidentified aircraft in the SE area, a strong return was spotted at maximum range due west over the ocean, moving due east. Return moved within track radar acquisition range, and was locked on. Estimated speed of approach 2,000 mph, prior to lock-on. At estimated 10-15,000 yards, target made abrupt turn to port, breaking track lock-on, and moved rapidly north out of range. Intensity of the blip indicated a vehicle equal to a larger than the largest commercial aircraft. No known aircraft could perform the turn that the blip described on the PPI scope. The turn was made within a few seconds of track radar lock-on--- no time to verify speed. Speed estimated by travel between returns based on search radar sweep time. Calculations verified by radar operator on duty---he also saw return on scope. Sighting not reported te Area Control until after off-screen. Thought might be system failure. Heard nothing more from A.C." (Source: Schuessler, John F. "Unusual Radar Tracking Reported." Skylook. #39. Feburary 1971)

March, 1955; SPAIN, between Montorn-es del Valles and La Roca (E-M)
Two adult males were driving when their car's motor failed. They got out, lifted the hood, then saw a grey metallic UFO about 250 meters away. It had a dome surrounded by a ring that reminded them of the planet Saturn. There were two humanoids in the dome. The UFO rose rapidly at a 45° angle and disappeared almost instantaneously. Their car could then be restarted. Scorched grass was later found. (Rodeghier, Catalog of 200 Type-1 UFO Events in Spain and Portugal, Ballester-Olmos)

March 2, 1955; Huntley, Illinois (BBU)
5:00 p.m. Car was followed by 3 elongated "balloons," each showing 8 red lights and about 20 ft long. (Vallée Magonia 362)

March 16 [17?], 1955; 35 miles N of Salton Sea [or Ripley?], Calif. (BBU)
9:24 a.m. USAF SAC pilot flying B-47 saw a silver circular object on a steady course S fading in the distance. (Project 1947)

May 17, 1955; Mojave, California (BB)
8:15 p.m. PST. Two independent observers saw 9 round, red objects the size of a grapefruits (at arm's length?) moving overhead across the sky. The 9 objects were 2 in front, then 3,2 and 2. Interference on T.V. was noticed - lost voice and picture. Six of the objects faded out, 1 flared and 2 disappeared.The objects were observed for 10-15 minutes. Project Blue Book Evaluation: Aircraft. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

March 20, 1955; Johnson AFB, Tokyo, Japan (BBU)
4:21 p.m. CPS-1 air traffic control radar of the USAF 1954th AACS Sq, Johnson AFB, Tokyo RATCC, detected 4 unidentified targets due N at about 32 miles, then after adjusting manual scan found 16 unidentified targets in 6 separate formations N of base at ranges of about 20 to 28 miles, which slowly moved [about 50 mph] from radar scope azimuth 0° to 20° while heading about 145° over 10 mins until 4:31 p.m. F-86D was scrambled from Yokota AFB.......... (See full report)

March 24, 1955; Ryukyu Islands, S Japan (BBU)
March, on or about the 24th, 1955; Ryukyu Islands, Japan
2:30 p.m. The pilot of a private one-engine Beechcraft airplane experienced the following, according to Lorenzen and Lorenzen (1969, p. 65): at an altitude about 1,500 feet the pilot's passenger (a student friend) alerted the pilot to a hat-shaped circular craft with "three window-like apertures in the 'crown' section;" the craft changed colour from white to orange and back to white again; the circular craft seemed larger than the Beechcraft; over the next few minutes, the craft flew over, in front of, and under the airplane; when the pilot decided to put the plane into a dive, the craft stayed with the plane; the plane's instruments stopped working; the pilot did a steep right turn but the craft still accompanied the plane;

when the plane's engine began to stall the pilot called Naha Tower [Okinawa, Japan]; Naha Tower informed Kadena Air Force Base [near Okinawa], which sent up two jets, but by that time they arrived the craft was long gone; after the pilot landed at Okinawa, a report was made and the pilot and passenger were asked not to mention the incident again. (NARCAP, Project 1947, Franz Nentwich)

March 29, 1955; Sonoma & Soledad, CA (BBU)
7:35/7:38 p.m. (PST) McGrath (GOC observer) and Brown. (McDonald list) A round silvery white object with red and green flashing lights was seen to rise vertically at a 45 degree angle . The 666th AC&W Squadron reported 8:15 p.m. (30/0415Z) that they had a slow moving blip in that area, but for only a few sweeps of their radar. The area was searched thoroughly by two F-51 aircraft but without results. (Dan Wilson)

Mar. 30, 1955; near Tucson, Arizona (E-M)
3:15 a.m. Andy Florio sighted a "disc machine" at least 100 feet in diameter. It made the sound of "electrical humming" and had bluish-green lights on its top, and amber lights from openings on the rim. Florio stopped his car when the radio failed, the lights dimmed, and the car slowed involuntarily to 12-15 mph. The UFO swayed back and forth while hovering and shot a beam of white light at the witness, burning his elbow and bubbling paint on the car. Florio also felt heat and a tingling sensation. Eventually the UFO departed, and when the car was checked, it was found to have a defective battery, dead radio, and only three spark plugs still firing. (Rodeghier, CUFOS)

NARA-PBB1-125 (Unredacted) April Sightings

> During the week of April 3-9, five green fireballs were reported in New Mexico and two in northern California. After a number of sightings reported about mid-morning April 5, LaPaz said: "This is a record. We believe we have it narrowed from the many reports to three. But they were seen within a very few minutes of each other."

April, 1955; northern Rhodesia
A flying saucer followed a car driven by Army veteran D. Clarke (Flying Saucer Review, 1955, May, p. 2, Franz Nentwich).

April 6, 1955; Beaumont, Calif. (BBU)
7:45 p.m. (PST) Briggs. (Hynek UFO Rpt p. 44; FUFOR Index)

April 6, 1955; New Mexico
Three unusual green fireballs; heavy radio and TV disturbances. (NICAP, 1960)

April 8, 1955; Rockford, Illinois
GOC members, on watch, witnessed a UFO near their post and sent in a report to the Filter Center in Chicago. Within minutes, jets were up on an intercept mission, and, according to them, fired on the mysterious object, causing it to explode. Before the explosion, however, GOC reported that a smaller round object shot out of the side of the parent device, then, in horizontal flight, passed up the jets, after which it was seen to turn on edge and disappear straight up into the sky.

April 21, 1955; 3 miles NE of Moisant Airport, New Orleans, Louisiana (BBU)
4:00 p.m. CST. Air National Guard pilot Ponticelli flying L-19 aircraft saw a bright silver delta-shaped object. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Apr. 22, 1955; Tintinara, South Australia
07:45 hrs (CST). Driving with two companions, a man looked to his right and at 5 deg. elevation saw an object in the sky. Stopping the car, he got out, as the object approached and crossed the road 100 yards behind the car. The object at its closest, was a silver, aluminum like, sphere, 10 feet in diameter, surrounded by a flat flange making the overall diameter 30 feet. This flange was bright red in color. The object moved smoothly and silently at 15 m.p.h., with the flange horizontal. There were no markings, and no portholes. It then travelled east, parallel to the road. Once it got to 500 yards distance, he got back in the car and followed it. It accelerated. He got up to 70 m.p.h. in the car and followed it for 15-20 miles and couldn't catch up with it. Twenty minutes after first seeing it, he stopped the car and last saw the object at 45 deg. elevation, climbing rapidly. (Keith Basterfied; reported to the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society [AFSRS] by the driver. AFSRS "Australian Saucer Record." Second Quarter, 1955. Vol. 1, No. 2, p.8.)

April 24, 1955; AIbuquerque, N. Mex. April 23 (AP)

> Dr. Lincoln Lapaz: "I'm sure the yellow-green fireballs aren't ordinary meteorite falls. I've been observing the skies since 1914, and I've never seen any meteoric fireballs like them."

April 28, 1958; Dahlgren, VA (BBU)
At 1:20 p.m. (EST), AG1 David F. Robinson was tracking a pibal with a ground theodolite when he came upon a UFOB. He described the object as round, 20-30 feet in diameter, silver metallic in color, and seemed to be elongated at times. The object seemed to waver at times. The object was 31.8 degrees elevation and 40 degrees relative bearing from Dahlgren Operations, US Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia, at 1:20 p.m. The object was at 19.8 degrees elevation and 59 degrees true bearing at 2:40 p.m. from same location. Other manner of observation was air surveillance radar. Analysis shows that this WAS NOT a UFO but a celestial target. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list, Brad Sparks BBU listing).

April 30, 1955; Travis County, Texas (BBU 3517)
7:30 a.m. USAF Wing Intelligence Officer Maj. L. J. Pagozalski saw 4 black objects in a cluster make a whooshing sound like a zephyr. (Berliner)

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NARA-PBB1-127 (Unredacted) May 16-31 Sightings

May (a Saturday), 1955; Dinan, France
11:45 pm. a Mr. Droguet described seeing two humanoids, each with a black box into which one of the humanoids was placing samples, probably pebbles (Flying Saucer Review Case Histories, 1970, Oct., pdf p. 16, Franz Nentwich).

May 4, 1955; Keflavik Airport, Iceland (BBU 3523)
12:38 p.m. USAF Lt. Col. E. J. Stealy and 1st Lt. J. W. Burt saw about 10 round, white objects, one of which left a brief smoke trail, flying in an irregular formation, some of them making erratic movements. (Berliner; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

May 12 (11?), 1955; Thurmon, Colo. (BBU)
6:06 p.m. MST. Crew of American Airlines DC-7 saw an object flying on a SE course at 20,000 ft. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

May 13, 1955; Duluth, MN (BBU)
8:30 PM. Two airmen flying in a F-89D at 26,000 feet on an air intercept mission locked onto an object on the RO's radar scope. The target was at 8 miles distance and move to 6 miles distance. The target moved to within 6000 yards and stopped dead. The object immediately began going out in range faster that it came in. The estimated speed at the time target indication was going out in range, according to scope interpretation and pilot's and RO's experience in running interception, would be over 1000 knots. Air-electronics: APG-40; APA-84 Observers were: 1/Lt. Charles M. Middleton, pilot, and 2/Lt. Donald. G. Fisher, radar observer, both of the 11th FIS, and both rated as completely reliable. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

May 14, 1955; USSR coast sea of Japan (BBU)
HF jamming and SIGINT (?). Jan Aldrich; AFOIN files).

May 18, 1955: Niagara Falls AFB, New York (BB)
8:40 p.m. One spherical, white object, approximately 10 feet in diameter was observed by the pilot of an F-86D jet aircraft while flying over Niagara Falls AFB. The object was observed for about 2-3 seconds. (Dan Wilson)

May 20, 1955; Tokyo, Japan (BB)
4:45 p.m. (20/0745Z) . A military pilot made an air-visual sighting of a swept wing object at approximately 60,000 feet between Tokyo Radio and Daigo Homer. It was observed for approximately 14 minutes then the object disappeared leaving puffs of smoke. The observer pilot was very experienced. (Blue Book files, Dan Wilson)

May 23 [23-24?], 1955; Cheyenne, Wyoming (BBU 3565)
12 midnight. USAF Airman/Basic I. J. Shapiro and E. C. Ingber saw 2 slender, vertical rectangles low on the horizon, and two ovals with tops, dark, with dark blue illumination, which flew higher. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

May 25, 1955; Alexandra Park, London, England
Circular, luminous object approached B-47, quickly reversed direction and shot away. [UFOE, II]

May. 29 (approx), 1955 Smithfield, near Cairns, AUSTRALIA

7:20 p.m. Three farmers, among them Thomas Robinson, saw a light growing in size for 2 min and flying between them and Mt. Williams. Looking like a "light airplane on fire," it changed course, losing altitude and trailing flames. It touched the ground, lighting up the whole area, rose again, and began to "feel its way along the crooked edge of the cane field and the swamp toward our house." It returned to earth four times. The dogs ran out barking as it landed within 100 m of the witnesses before taking off again. (UFO Bulletin Mar., 58)

May. 31, 1955 Puy-Saint-Gulmier, FRANCE
11:10 a.m. A farmer, 74-year-old J. B. Collange, was watching his cows on a clear, calm morning when he suddenly observed, in an easterly direction, a vertical circular object about 3 m away, the bottom edge about 30 cm from the ground. It measured about 1.10 m in diameter, was very luminous, white, but not blinding. Many filaments of various colors were radiating from the disk. Their length varied between 0.5 and 2 m. The object rose over a hedge and was lost to sight behind some woods. (364, Ouranos 14, 15, 22)

NARA-PBB1-128 (Unredacted) June Sightings

Summer, 1955; Alabama
A UFO produced twin vortices of dust as it flew over a farmer’s field at a low altitude (Randle K. D., 1997, p. 135, Franz Nentwich).

June 1, 1955; N. Canada (BBU)
RB-47 onboard APG-32 gun-controlled radar and radar jamming case (Sparks)

June 2, 1955; N. Canada (BBU)
RB-47 onboard APG-32 gun-controlled radar and radar jamming case (Sparks)

June 4, 1955. Melville Sound, N Canada (BBU)
0030 (GMT). RB-47 crew sighted "glistening silver metallic" object and "obscured by contrails" confirmed by onboard APG-32 gun-control radar tracking of target at 7,000 yards range (4 miles) from 0030 to 0039 GMT. Object stayed "low and to the rear of the RB-47” until the UFO "broke off contact to the north with an increase in speed." Gun camera photos. 9+ mins. (Sparks)

June 4, 1955; Parker, Arizona (BB)
7:50 p.m. (PDT). GOC observation post observer in Parker, Ariz., sighted round object in the W traveling to the W, using binoculars, appeared red on bottom, white or pale yellow in middle, blue or green on top, disappeared suddenly after 3 mins. Near Vidal, Calif. (about 13 mi W or about 260° from Parker, Ariz.) USAF flight instructor 1st Lt. B. E. Beecroft, Laredo AFB, flying T-33 trainer, with student cadet, heading 260° at 20,000 ft at 350 knots (400 mph), saw an “extremely large” white star-like stationary object high in the W that suddenly disappeared after 3 mins. Noted extreme variations in magnetic compass and slave gyro as they approached UFO location, with precession of 20° per 12 miles of flight when nearing Vidal, Calif., reaching 320° apparent (but false heading) when 30-40 miles W of Vidal, and continued until landing at Norton AFB, San Bernardino, Calif. Radar station 751st ACWRON, Mt. Laguna, Calif., noted that on nights of June 2 and 3, 1955, other aircraft approaching Vidal, Calif., experienced severe compass problems requiring radar control directions to avoid serious accidents. (Sparks; BB fikes; NICAP website; Project 1947)

June 5, 1955; Namur, Belgium
Three photographs of UFOs taken on this day were considered genuine mainly because of the short condensation trail (Flying Saucer Review, 1961, Jan., p. 13, Franz Nentwich). Oct. 25, 1955; Yugoslavia Milorad Protic, director of the Belgrade Observatory, reported an object at a high altitude that observers at the observatory had decided that it was not a meteor or any other astronomical body, but after Sputnik was launched two years later, Protic decided that the 1955 object had been an experimental Soviet satellite (Lorenzen & Lorenzen, 1969, p. 68, Franz Nentwich).

June 6, 1955; City not noted, New Mexico
Cat 3. Three unusual green fireballs; heavy radio and TV disturbance reported.

June 8, 1955. S. of Bathurst Island, N. Canada (BBU)
June 8, 1955. S of Bathurst Island, N Canada. 2044 (GMT). RB-47 crew detected UFO briefly on the onboard APG-32 gun-control radar, visual contact was made for 20 minutes from 2044 to 2104 GMT, object trailing behind RB-47 at about 5-10 miles range. Second RB-47 some 80 miles behind the first spotted the contrail left behind as the UFO disappeared.

(Sparks)

June 16, 1955; Eastern U.S.
UFOs observed over wide area, jets scrambled. [UFOE, III]

June 17, 1955; Nr. Adelaide, Australia
At 1415 hrs local time (CST) , a Mr McIntyre, watched a shiny object in the western sky, looking like a large star, at 10-15 degrees elevation. It was lost behind trees. At 1445 hrs local time, he viewed it through binoculars and observed an oblong shape with two points of brightness. It was silver in colour and moved behind clouds. (Source: Australian Saucer Record, Vol. 1; No. 3.1955,UFOE, XII)

June 23, 1955; Utica, NY / Boston, MA
12:15 p.m. A Mohawk Airlines DC-3 was cruising at 3000' in good daylight visibility below a 4000' overcast, about 15 miles E of Utica, N.Y., on a heading ESE to Albany, N.Y. at 160 knots. Both pilot and copilot saw an object come over the top of their aircraft from behind, an estimated 500' above their altitude, on a heading that made a 20-degree angle with the vertical as it crossed the windshield. They estimated the length of the object at about 150'. It was described as: "light gray, almost round, with a center line .... Beneath the line there were several (at least four) windows which emitted a bright blue-green light. It was not rotating but went straight. [The lights] seemed to change colour slightly from greenish to bluish or vice versa [as the object receded]. A few minutes after it went out of sight, two other aircraft (one, a Colonial DC-3, the other I did not catch the number) reported that they saw it and wondered if anyone else had seen it. The Albany control tower also reported that they had seen an object go by on Victor-2 [airway]. As we approached Albany, we overheard that Boston radar had also tracked an object along Victor-2, passing Boston. (NARCAP)

June 26, 1955; Holt, Florida (BBU)
Civilian and military witnesses. (Hynek UFO Rpt p. 45)

June 26, 1955; Washington, D. C.
A brilliant round object with trail 4 or 5 times its own length approached National Airport, stopped, oscillated, and moved off at high speed. Ceiling lights at airport went out when object approached; returned to operation when UFO left. [UFOE, VIII, XII]

NARA-PBB1-129 (Unredacted) July 1-15 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-130 (Unredacted) July 16-31 Sightings

Mid-Summer, 1955; Westbrook, Ontario, Canada
Daylight hours. On a hot, humid morning, with flashes of sheet lighting in the distance, the witness was standing in front of his father’s general store when a ball-of-lightening rose out of the graveyard. It rose to about five feet in height and then silently dodged its way through the headstones, out onto the road and boom. It disappeared. It was composed of beautiful bluish and reddish shades and moved without crackling nor any odor. (Mike Swords)

July 1955; S. Alabama
2:00-2:30 p.m. Colonel William Coleman (a few years later the AF PIO officer for Blue Book) was flying a B-25 out of Miami with a co-pilot, flight engineer, a Lockheed test engineer and a General Motors jet engine guy (names forgotten of the latter two). He got to Mariana, Florida, then [northward] into S Alabama when he spotted at 2 o'clock high what he called a "craze" in the windshield. After a while he called the others' attention to it. Eventually chased it at low altitude over farmland saw its shadow on the ground, saw two vortexes coming out of the shiny metallic disc which kicked up dust on the ground, and when he tried to cut it off at max speed of 300 knots the object was gone leaving behind the vortexes on the ground. Duration 10-11 minutes. (Brad Sparks)

July 1, 1955; 50 miles SE of Sacramento, CA
11:10 AM. Silver object moving straight down from an estimated altitude of 32,000 feet. Observation made by air-visual and ground radar.(Dan Wilson)

July 1, 1955; China Lake, Calif. (BBU)
[Might be the same incident described above] (McDonald list)

July 3, 1955 Stockton, Georgia
Mrs. Wesley Symmonds was driving near this town when she saw four "bug-eyed" creatures near the road. They were small beings with thin arms, large eyes, and pointed chins. Two were turned away from the witness; one was bending over

with something like a stick in its hand; and the fourth one was facing her with its right arm raised. It had bulging eyes, a sort of cap, no visible mouth, a long pointed nose, a chin which came to a sharp point, and long thin arms with claws. (365, Stringfield; Humanoids 54)

July 5, 1955; Newfoundland, Canada (BBU)
3:00-3:56 a.m. (AST). At 3:00 a.m., USAF 97th Air Refueling Sq pilot Lt. Homer H. Speer and copilot Lt Paul Daily of KC-97 call sign Archie 29, and pilot Lt. Robert W. Schneck and copilot Lt. David Cueldner (sp?) of KC-97 Archie 91, both planes at 20,000 ft on a refueling mission out of Harmon AFB (48°32.7'N, 58°33.0'W), saw 2 bright objects at 49°10' N, 59°50' W, at 20,000 ft appearing stationary. (See detailed "Archie 29" report, click blue link.)

July 8, 1955; Augusta, Maine
At 9:00 p.m. EDT, one spherical object with a green hue and a trail 9 -10 miles long was seen. A loud humming sound was also noted. The object was observed air-visually, ground-visually and on GCI radar. The length observation was approximately one minute. (Dan Wilson)

July 9, 1955; Santa Catalina Channel, Calif
Family aboard boat saw a round cylinder, grayish and white, surrounded by a "haze of fumes." UFO zigzagged upward, then sped away. [UFOE, XII]

July 11, 1955; Toulon, France (BBU)
Daytime. Military pilot of C-47 transport saw a round reddish-orange light changing color to bright white, no trail. (Project 1947)

July 11, 1955; China Lake NAS, California
(12/0510Z;July 1955) At 9:10 p.m., a round orangish-red object, the size of a dime held at arm's lenght was observed from the tower with 60 power and 8 power binoculars. The object seemed to have a tail 4 times the length of the object. F-86D's were scrambled but failed to contact anything. Type of observation: Ground-Visual and Ground-Radar. The object was observed for 20-30 minutes. Charles P. Chitwood, control tower operator gave this description of the object. The object was in the northern sky at a 340 degree heading. The object moved on a heading of 240 degrees for 7 minutes, then suddenly reversed its course and sped away at an 80 degree heading. The object then reversed its course again and disappeared on a measured course of 277 degrees. At 9:06 p.m. (12/0506Z), the AC&W Squadron at Boron, Calif., had an object on their scopes. They made a call to Edwards AFB, who in turn notified China Lake NAS. (Dan Wilson, BB files, Footnotes.com)

July 17, 1955; Canton, Ohio
Disc hovered, climbed away as airliner approached. [UFOE, XII]

July 18, 1955 Plessiel Airfield, near Abbeville, FRANCE
03:00 a.m. Mr. Maupin and five other witnesses on the airfield were blinded by a light from a disk-shaped object 150 m away. It left orange glows in its trail. Silent, flying slowly, it hovered near the Metro station, close to the ground, but did not actually land. It left toward the northwest. A woodsman from Mareul-Caubert, Mr. Rolle, saw the object half-an-hour earlier. It came from the direction of Amiens. (Magonia, 366)

July 20, 1955; Portland, Oregon (BBU)
2 fighter pilots and GOC ground observers saw a round object with a silver lower part climb when fighters approached. (Weinstein; BB files??)

July 25, 1955; Near Syracuse, New York (BBU)
5:22 a.m. [12:22 a.m. EST ?] Pilot flying F-86 fighter saw an orange object. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

July 26, 1955; Kansas City, Kansas (BBU)
9:34 p.m. [3:34 p.m. CST ?] USAF pilot flying B-47 bomber saw a round object, no trail. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

July 26, 1955--Lasham, Hants, England
Members of British Gliding Association watched boomerang-shaped object (or flattened triangle) hover above glider then speed away. [UFOE, XII]

July 29, 1955; Cincinnati, Ohio
Zigzagging UFO made shrill sound. [UFOE, VIII]

July 29, 1955; Columbus, Nebraska (BBU)
10:45 p.m. (CST) Morrice Raymond saw 4 orange flashing lights and a white flashing light move up and down like yoyos. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Late July, 1955; near Niagara Falls, New York (E-M)
About 8:00 p.m. Two families were having a picnic on the shore of Lake Erie. A UFO rose out of the water and approached them, moving in swoops like a pendulum. It was 100 feet in diameter and silvery-colored. They ran to their cars to escape, but the cars wouldn't start. The UFO came within 30 feet and witnesses saw four humanoids with white heads inside, wearing black robes. The UFO then went back over the lake and rose up vertically. (Rodeghier, CUFOS)

NARA-PBB1-131 (Unredacted) August Sightings

Sometime in August, 1955; Jedburgh, Scotland, UK
Cat. 4. Dog bolts as cigar-shaped object flies by.

Aug. 1, 1955 Salon, near Arles, FRANCE
Two persons in a car saw night a lighted object dive toward them and hover about 30 m above the road. A disk, 12 m in diameter, it flew around the car and went away without noise. The witnesses were tourists, who went straight to the Arles police. (105)

Aug. 1, 1955 Chardon Road, Ohio
9:00 p.m. Mr. Sheneman, who was coming from Willoughby, came out of his car and saw a circular object with a red light on it that came down fast, hovered, and emitted two beams of light. The witness fled toward his house, and the object appeared to chase him at less than 70 m altitude. It measured about 30 m in diameter and supported a dome. Mr. Sheneman, his wife, and their two children saw it fly away. (368, Evidence 114)

Aug. 2, 1955; Fresno, Calif. (BBU)
1:30 p.m. (PST). US Weather Bureau observer Langer at Fresno Airport sighted a bright, silvery metallic circular UFO sharply outlined against the blue sky, with no shadows or markings, crossing the field of view of his balloon-tracking theodolite, which he then trained on the UFO to track its steady motion. UFO was brighter than the white 5 ft pilot balloon he had been tracking at 27,000 ft in the theodolite, with about ¼ to 1/5 the apparent size of the balloon. Langer’s impression was that UFO was farther and higher than the balloon but he could not be sure, possibly moving from the NE (in a different direction than the balloon) at 80-130 knots if at 40,000 ft MSL or 120-200 knots if at 60,000 ft MSL. Lost UFO after ½ minute when he had to return to tracking the balloon. (Sparks; BB files)

Aug. 3, 1955; Bronwood, near Dawson, Georgia (E-M)
A UFO was seen, after which the engine of a jeep stalled and a strange, hairy, six-foot-tall entity came near. It attempted to attack the witnesses, but was driven off. (Rodeghier, Orbit, Vol. 2, No. 7)

Aug. 5, 1955 Buzancy, Ardennes, FRANCE
2:30 p,m. Messrs. Coisin and Mahieu saw five brown, disk-shaped machines coming down and up again at great speed. One of them flew under the others, then two disks appeared to land 300 m away near the German cemetery. The others flew away toward the south at tremendous speed. (Magonia files)

August 6, 1955; Cincinnati, Ohio
Oval-shaped UFO observed ascending at high speed. [UFOE, XII]

Aug. 11, 1955; Iceland (BBU 3699)
11:45 a.m. USAF 2nd Lt. E. J. Marlow saw 12 grey objects, from cigar to egg shaped, vary formation from elliptical to wavy line to scattered to straight line to trail formation. Speed varied from hovering to 1,000 mph. (Berliner)

Aug. 16, 1955 Bradford, ENGLAND
04:00 a.m. Mr. Ernest Suddard, 35, and his 13-year-old son were in a lorry on Roundhill Street when they saw what seemed to be a human being about 1.20 m tall, dressed in skin-tight black clothes. It held its arms close to its sides, its feet close together, and walked by a series of jumps. On its chest was a silver disk perforated with holes. It turned off suddenly into a passageway and was lost to sight. The witnesses were too amazed to follow it. (370, Constance 222)

Aug. 19, 1955 Bradford, ENGLAND
11:30 p.m. About 700 m away from Round Hill street, Mr. Wood, a warehouseman, saw a bright, bullet-shaped, silvery

object behind a hillock. It measured about 4 m in height, 1.5 m in diameter, had a surface similar to chromium and made a high- pitched buzzing sound. (371, Constance 222)

August 21, 1955; Chalmette, La.
Glowing-white Saturn-shaped object hovered, rotating; turned sideways and shot away. [UFOE, XII]

Aug. 21-22, 1955; Kelly, 7 miles N of Hopkinsville, Kentucky (BBU)
7, 8-11 p.m., 2:30-4:45 a.m. At about 7 p.m. Billy Ray Taylor went into the backyard of the Sutton farmhouse and saw a bright object from the SW [or actually about SSW about 210° azimuth from the direction of Fort Campbell U.S. Army base] then pass over and descend into a gully about 500 [300-600?] ft N of the farmhouse and about 35-40 ft lower elevation. Mrs. Glennie Lankford and 6 other adults [most Sutton family], plus 3 children (Charlton, Lonnie and Mary Lankford), saw two or more 3 ft tall gremlin-like creatures float down from trees and approach the house from the dark, which were shot at by rifle and shotgun fire without effect. At about 11 p.m. the entire group fled in terror in their two cars and drove at high speed into Hopkinsville to report the incident to the Police Dept. State police officer leaving the Shady Oaks restaurant 3 miles N of Hopkinsville in a car to respond to the call heard several meteor-like objects streaking over him sounding like artillery shells, and was able to see 2 in a series looking like meteors from the SW [or actually about S, from about 190° azimuth, headed towards Kelly from the direction of Fort Campbell and the TOP SECRET Armed Forces Special Weapons Project Site C, Clarksville Base, 36.665° N, 87.487° W, National Stockpile Site for nuclear weapons storage apparently recently including multi-megaton yield H bombs]. City, county, state and military police and reporters drove out to the Sutton farm to investigate from around 11:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. UFO entities returned at about 2:30 a.m. and were again shot at without effect, finally disappearing at about 4:45 a.m. (Davis-Bloecher 1978; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 212-6; Vallée Magonia 372; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 21, 1955; Dog Town nr. Evansville, Indiana
Two women swimming in the Ohio River near Dog Town encountered a river monster. The day after the story was published in the Evansville Press, "several persons came forward to say they had observed a "shiny oval" a few hundred feet above the river at about the time the alleged incident had taken place". (Creatures of the Goblin World, Jerome Clark & Loren Coleman, pg. 32)

Aug. 22, 1955 Casa Blanca, near Riverside, California
2:00 pm. A group of children was playing in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas when they observed a hovering object which disappeared and reappeared as a spinning disk with curved lines radiating from it. Other objects, silvery and semi-transparent, soon appeared and were seen by all children. They made musical sounds as they vanished and reappeared. One of them landed, and a creature the size of a 4-year-old child, transparent, wearing a belt with a bright disk, was seen nearby. Another creature appeared and spoke to one of the boys. All the children experienced visions of the object and the creatures, as well as "arms" which appeared to beckon to them. (373, TSR 67, 5)

Aug. 23, 1955; Cincinnati, Ohio (BBU)
11:50 p.m. Several SAC USAF fighter pilots saw 3 round disc-shaped objects making evasive maneuvers. "Dogfight" with UFOs, first detected by radar. (Weinstein; BB files??)

Aug. 23, 1955; Arlington, Virginia (BBU 3720)
10:45 a.m. G. M. Park, using a 400x telescope saw several (6+) orange lights moving singly or in groups, circling and stopping. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 25, 1955; Bedford, Indiana
House lights dimmed and brightened as hovering UFO pulsated. (NICAP, 1960).

Aug. 25, 1955 Greenhills, Ohio)
Four adolescents in a car saw a creature with a luminous body, standing near a fire-plug. (374, Stringfield 64)

Aug. 25, 1955; Fordland, Missouri (BBU)
7:56 p.m. (CST) (26/0156Z) A blip appeared on a ground radar scope moving at about 1000 mph. After a few minutes the target began to slow down perceptibly to around 320 mph. A fighter plane, "Dropkick 17" was scrambled and was directed toward the target. When the fighter approached to within 5 miles of the target it faded. The target then popped up dead ahead 20 miles away. As the fighter DK 17 approached to 1/2 mile of target it faded away. From then on it was like a game, the target would pop up about 20 miles away and when the fighter would head toward it the target would fade away. This happened 10 to 15 times until DK 17 reported he was low on fuel. When DK 17 was about 50 miles away the UFOB began painting like a B-52 and was not moving. Radar personnel at the Fordland AFS were: 1st Lt.John N. Oliver, Director; A/2C

J.L.Bossom, Radar operator; A/2C Issac N. Young, Radar operator. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, footnotes.com, BB files).

August 28, 1955; Yonkers, N. Y. Board of Education official and others saw a white Saturn-shaped object through a telescope. [UFOE, XII]

Summer of 1955; Solomon's Island, Maryland
During this humid and quiet summer night, the witness' eyes were on the skies. He had walked to nearly the end of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory's half-mile long pier stretching far out into the calm river and aimed in the direction of the Patuxent Naval Air Station directly across the moon-drenched river… The air was still and there were few visible stars. The pier was his favorite spot on the little half-mile-long island. He reached what he called the visitor's alcove where a wooden awning hung overhead and the hard cement benches were a welcome relief for the weary. His attention was drawn to what at first appeared to be a faint light in the distance quickly approaching from the jaws of the Chesapeake. With wide-open eyes and a vivid imagination, he strained to see what it was. Then the light grew brighter and illuminated a large silvery disc-shaped object that appeared to be about half the length of a football field. In clear view, he watched as the UFO suddenly dropped down into the water and disappear for perhaps twenty seconds, then reappeared as he saw streams of water fall from its bottom. He grabbed tightly onto one of the pier poles as the object approached him. Then, as it was close enough to the pier to scare him,, a large panel at its bottom opened and what seemed like several tons of water splashed close enough to his spot on the pier. He sat down with his eyes still on the object as it swiftly glided silently overhead and disappeared out of sight heading north. (Gordon Lore, Flying Saucers From Beyond Earth: A UFO Researcher's Odyssey by Gordon Lore, Oct 2018, Bear Manor Media).

NARA-PBB1-132 (Unredacted) September Sightings
NARA-PBB1-133 (Unredacted) More September Sightings

September or October, 1955; GREECE, Agrinion (E-M)
A truck driver and hotel manager driving over a mountain road saw a luminous object fly overhead. The truck engine stopped. (Rodeghier, The UFO Evidence, NICAP)

Sept. 3, 1955; Bellingham, Wash. (BBU 3743)
9:30 p.m. (PST) GOC observer Saunders saw white pinpoint move slowly across 30° of sky. No further information. (Berliner)

Sept. 7, 1955; Washington, D.C. (BBU 3750)
6:30 a.m. (EST) 2 photographers, one plate maker for the Army Map Service, one named Smith, saw a glowing round object fly an arc. (Berliner)

Sept. 9, 1955; Near Alcoa [Rock Garden?], Tenn. (BBU 3757)
12 noon. M. N. Dawkins, using binoculars, saw a brown, almost square object fly with a circular motion. (Berliner)

Sep. 16, 1955 Boisseuges, FRANCE
6:00 p.m. A young shepherd heard a whistling sound as a dark mass appeared to fall from the sky and a rush of air swept him from his feet. The object looked like a machine with an opening where a stairway became visible. Two occupants were seen. One was observed to have a reddish face, a bald head and very fine teeth. The craft was round, about 3.5 m diameter, 2 m high, lighted with neon-like light. The occupants gathered some plants and flew away to the northwest. (375, Magonia)

Sep. 17, 1955 Bush Pine, New York
Mr. and Mrs. Bordes, of New night York City, were fishing when they heard a loud splash and a "gurgling sound," saw a pink, iridescent, mushroom-shaped object rise about 70 cm above the water, and sink into the reservoir. Later, they saw the object again, about 5 m long and surrounded with turbulence. It reversed direction several times without turning around and finally flew away very fast. (376, Constance 226; FSR 55,5)

NARA-PBB1-134 (Unredacted) October Sightings
NARA-PBB1-137 (Unredacted) More October Sightings

Air Force (Project Blue Book) "Fact Sheet, issued in October 1955

October, 1955; SCOTLAND, Newton Stewart
7:30 p.m. For about five minutes, Maurice Brazier's van was circled by a UFO. The object was shaped like a double saucer with a ring of rotating lights around the rim. The engine of his van failed while the UFO was approaching and circling.

Brazier heard a high-pitched buzzing sound and then a clicking sound which became louder as the UFO moved around the van. (Rodeghier, FSR, Vol. 1, No. 5; Vol. 2, No. 1)

Oct. 2, 1955; Akron and Alliance, Ohio
Hovering disc- like UFO observed over wide area. [UFOE, VII]

Oct. 4, 1955. Across Transcaucasus region, SW of Baku, USSR (BBU)
7:10 p.m. Was Top Secret. Senator Richard B. Russell, Jr. (D-GA), then chairman of the Armed Services Committee, was on a Soviet train when he spotted a disc-shaped craft taking off near the tracks. Senator Russell "saw the first flying disc ascend and pass over the train," and went "rushing in to get Mr Efron (Ruben Efron, his interpreter) and Col. Hathaway (Col. E. U. Hathaway, his aide) to see it," the report said. "Col. Hathaway stated that he got to the window with the Senator in time to see the first (UFO), while Mr. Efron said that he got only a short glimpse of the first. However, all three saw the second disc and all agreed that they saw the same round, disc-shaped craft…as the first." A fourth witness was unidentified. The Air Force Intelligence report says Russell and his two traveling companions spotted the UFO's on October 4, 1955 while traveling by rail across Russia's Transcaucasus region. "One disc ascended almost vertically, at a relatively slow speed, with its outer surface revolving slowly to the right, to an altitude of about 6000 feet, where its speed then increased sharply as it headed north," the report states. "The second flying disc was seen performing the same actions about one minute later. The take-off area was about 1-2 miles south of the rail line…" The Air Force report was written by Lieut. Col. Thomas Ryan, who interviewed Senator Russell's companions in Prague, Czechoslovakia, on October 13, after they arrived there from Russia shortly after the sighting. (Maccabee, FOIA files, Swords)

Oct. 2, 1955: Poughkeepsie, New York (BB)
At 6:16 p.m. EST, (2/2316Z). Colonial Airline Captain Edson Wood was flying at an altitude of 6,000 feet when he observed a round blue-white object that passed abeam to the port side of the aircraft and then it appeared to hover for 10 to 15 seconds. The object appeared as large as a baseball held at arm's length. It then departed on a southeasterly heading at an extreme rate of speed. As the object faded in the distance it appeared to gain altitude. The object was also observed by the co-pilot. The total length of observation was 30 seconds. Captain Wood tried unsuccessfully to contact Air Defense Radar in hopes they might track this object. (Blue Book files, Dan Wilson)

Oct. 8, 1955; Loogootee, IN (BBU 3800)
4:38 [5:38?] p.m. R. D. Prather and H. Ahern saw a round, silver or white object fly straight and level at more than 1,000 mph. (BB docs submitted by Dan Wilson. Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 11, 1955; Pt. Lookout, Maryland (BBU 3810)
4 p.m. B. Hale and A. Ostrom saw round object, white in daylight and turning red with sparks near end of sighting, with a deep roar unlike an aircraft. (Berliner)

Oct. 19, 1955; 40 miles NW of Knoxville, Tenn (BBU)
8:30 p.m. (EST). An Air Force pilot flying in an F-86D at 25,000 feet observed a round, orange object flying straight and level at about 10 to 20 thousand feet above him to the east at 20 NM. After the visual observation, contact was made with the object on airborne radar (E-4) and a chase was attempted. The pilot was unable to close on the object. Total time of observation was two to three minutes. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list, FUFOR Index)

Oct. 20 [21? 26?], 1955; Minneapolis, Minn. (BBU)
7:40 CST. USAF pilot, 1st Lt William F. Steck, 432nd FIS, while flying an F-89D at 25,000 feet was making a turn into the glide path when he saw a white glowing, oblong-shaped object 45 degrees to the right of his aircraft. The object was moving in a straight line very fast. The object then made a sharp 90 degree turn to the right. The object was picked up on radar by fighter pilot of the same organization. Airborne radar paint observed at 7 miles distance on scope. In 15-20 seconds the object was at 15 miles distance. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, Weinstein; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 26 [30? 21?], 1955; Minneapolis, Minn. (BBU)
Same as Oct. 21, 1955, case?] (McDonald list)

October 28, 1955; Galloway, England
Disc with row of blue lights on rim, maneuvered slowly over car on lonely road. [UFOE, XII]

October 31, 1955; Nr. Auckland, N.Z.
Bright object passed National Airlines DC-3. [UFOE, X]

NARA-PBB1-135 (Unredacted) November Sightings

November 1, 1955; Mojave Desert, Calif.
Astronomer observed cigar-shaped UFO and smaller disc. [UFOE, VI]

November 2, 1955; Williston, Fla.
Deputy-sheriff A. H. Perkins, C. F. Bell, and a dozen other witnesses saw six bell- shaped objects moving by successive leaps. One came close to a patrol car; the men inside felt that their arms and legs "went dead" and that their clothes were burning them. (378, UFO Evidence, VIII 64)

November 5, 1955; Cleveland, Ohio
Minister observed elliptical UFO with square "windows". [UFOE, VII]

November 9, 1955; Philadelphia, Pa.
Newspaper photographers and others saw 12 silvery-white round objects in formation. [UFOE, VII]

Nov. 14, 1955; Deming, New Mexico (BBU)
6:00 p.m. MST. Commercial airline pilot in flight saw a fast moving object, with a light on the rear, come from the SW. (Project 1947)

November 14, 1955; San Bernardino Mts., Calif.
Pilot saw a globe of white light approach plane, blinked landing lights; object blinked in seeming response, reversed course. [UFOE, V]

Nov. 17, 1955; St. Louis, Mo. (BBU 3860)
6:10 a.m. J. A. Mapes saw 12 round, flat objects, silver on top and dark on the bottom, fly in 4-deep formation, tipping in pitch and roll angles. [AF claimed UNIDENTIFIED but suggested birds] (Berliner)

Nov. 20, 1955; Lake City, Tenn. (BBU 3862)
5:20 p.m. Operations Officer Capt. B. G. Denkler and 5 men of the USAF 663rd AC&W Sq saw 2 oblong, bright orange, semi-transparent objects fly at terrific speed and erratically, toward and away from each other. (Berliner, UFOE, IX ) At around 5:38 p.m. EST, at least 7 witnesses, including the five men from the 663rd observed elliptically shaped objects that appeared to be made of metal flying to the west at speeds estimated from hovering to 900 mph. Witnesses estimated the apparent size of the objects from a pea held at arm's length to that of a football held at arm's length. The actual size of the objects was estimated to be 100 to 200 feet long. After the visual sighting the 663rd AC&W Squadron direction center scrambled two F-86D aircraft to go after these objects. No completed intercept was accomplished. (Dan Wilson)

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November 23, 1955; Spirit Lake, Iowa
Ground Observer Corps spotters reported a brilliant object which changed color, moved erratically. [UFOE, VII]

Nov. 25, 1955. LaVeta, Colo. (BBU 3869)
10:30 a.m. State Senator S. T. Taylor reported the sighting of an object to the FBI. He described the object as a luminous, greenish-blue, seemed jellish-like, dirigible, slightly barrel-shaped with a larger front end, and tapered toward the tail. It suddenly appeared overhead, diving at a 45° angle, leveled out, and then ascended at a 30° angle for its short 5-second duration. No exhaust was observed and no sound was heard. Senator Taylor estimated the object travelled SW to NE for about 10 miles, at about half the speed of a meteor, and about 15,000 foot elevation before disappearing over Mt. Mestas. (Berliner, Wilson)

NARA-PBB1-139 (Unredacted) - December Sightings

Dec. 6, 1956; Marianna, Florida (BBU)

6 [1?] a.m. USAF pilot flying MATS transport radar tracked unidentified target. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

December 6, 1955; Ashfield & Greenfield, Mass.
Several people watched a cigar-shaped object with long rows of brilliant, reddish body lights, moving slowly south. [UFOE, XII]

Dec. 11, 1955; Near Jacksonville, Florida (BBU)
9 p.m. 2 airliner pilots [and crews?] and ground observers saw fast maneuvering orange-red round object, with ground radar tracking. 2 USN jets on a practice night-flying mission were vectored to the object by a Jacksonville NAS controller, on approach the object suddenly rose up to 30,000 ft then dove back down in a circle, buzzing the jets. (Weinstein; NARCAP; BB files??; UFOE, XIII)

Dec. 13, 1955; Caddo Lake, Louisiana (BBU)
8:45 p.m. CST. USAF pilot flying B-47 in 513th Bomber Sq saw and radar tracked oblong object. (Project 1947)

Dec. 14, 1955. Caddo Lake, Louisiana
2:45 a.m. USAF pilot flying B-47 in 513th Bomber Sq saw and radar tracked oblong object. (Sparks; Project 1947)

Dec. 17, 1955; Laguna [Mt. Laguna ?], Calif. (BBU)
At 9:45 p.m. PST, three USAF radar operators tracked one target for 13 minutes at speeds estimated as fast as 3000 knots on an AN/FPS-3 radar. The target was inbound from Prescott Radio toward Thermal Radio, seemed to check 20 NM north of Thermal, then turned outbound toward Telescopepeak. According to the report, the object appeared to be using radio aids at Blythe, Thermal, Dagget and Inyokern.   Maintenance said there was no internal interference on the radar equipment and the target did not resemble any previously know interference. The track passed out of radar limits. (McDonald, Dan Wilson)

Dec. 17, 1955; Laguna [Mt. Laguna ?], Calif. (BBU)
9:45 a.m. (PST) (McDonald list)

Dec. 21, 1955; Caribou, Maine (BBU 3893)
11 p.m. Roberta V. Jacobs saw a round, very bright gold, domed disc in a short climb, then rotate, hover and accelerate. (Berliner)

December 29, 1955; New Britain, Conn.
Shiny object hovered, sped away. [UFOE, XII]

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Aug. 13, 1956; RAF Bentwaters, England

**Radar-visual. Hovering-darting objects outmaneuver Venom NF-3**

Map of sightings for 1956, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database

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This is a 13-page report on an on-going project involving a number of people. With the help of Rebecca Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson, Jean Waskiewicz, the task became much easier. As an indication of what the Air Force was doing I have added the redacted sighting lists by month. Unredacted versions can be accessed below at the beginning of each month. Finally, there is the Sparks' catalog entries for 1956. All of the cases are listed within the chrono, many of which have case directories and supporting documents. Loren Gross' "UFO's: A History" is a good place to start.

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NARA-PBB1-140 - (Unredcated) January Sightings

Jan. 3, 1956; over Pasadena, California
A pilot and a cameraman in a Cessna 180 saw three orange discs, each 50 feet in diameter, circle their airplane at a speed of about 1,200 mph, with no vapour trail left behind (FSR, 1956, Mar., p. 5).

Jan. 8, 1956; Robertson Island near the Antarctic Peninsula
Before 7 a.m., according to FSR (1968, Mar., p. 20), a Chilean field party of four saw the following: two cigar-shaped craft of similar sizes with their long axes vertical were hanging motionless; through binoculars the objects had smooth, polished,

apparently metallic surfaces; at 9 am one of these objects almost directly above turned from a vertical to a horizontal position, changed to display a spectrum of colours, made rapid changes in direction, stops and accelerations for about 5 minutes, all silently, after which it went back to a vertical position, regaining its metallic appearance; the second object then went through a similar routine, stopping after about three minutes to resume its vertical position; a flash-type Geiger counter showed radioactivity 40 times normal background values; numerous colour and black and white photographs were taken; by 9 pm the two craft were still in the same positions; the next day, with the two objects still in the same places, a theodolite [an instrument to measure angles accurately], was used to determine that the two objects were at a height of 8 km, that their length was about 150 m, and that their maximum diameters were 25 m; one of the Chileans directed a beam of polarized light at one of the craft, which seemed to respond by moving to a lower altitude and then back up to its original position; calculations showed the speed of the objects was 40,000 km per hour and that the accelerations and decelerations appeared to be instantaneous; at 11 pm the second day, the sky clouded over and the radioactivity level dropped; Air Technical Intelligence Centre (ATIC) in the U.S. was informed of the details of this case.

Jan. 11, 1956; Wurtsmith AFB, MI (BBU)
6:40 p.m. (EST) F-89D. F-89D pilot 1/Lt. Culpepper and radar observer 1st Lt William H. Freeland. Wurtsmith AFN Control Tower operators S/Sgt Compeau, Airman/3C Kenneth James Seger, GCA radar operator S/Sgt Paul D. Porter sighted reddish light like jet aircraft exhaust from behind, not quite round, estimated at 6,500- 7,000 ft at 240° azimuth 15°-20° elevation (probably Venus at 235° az 11° elev though normally not reddish). Radar airborne tracking of UFO by F-89D at 7,000 ft heading 230° then radar lockon for 2 mins at 6:50 p.m. by Lt Freeland at 11 miles range, 5° right, level, with F-89D's overtake speed of 50 knots (57 mph) (thus UFO at 400 knots TAS) lockon broken by UFO's rapid 40° climb at 6:52 p.m. outclimbed pursuing F-89D which was in 450 knot TAS climb to 11,000 ft, but no visual except from the ground with 7x50 field biniculars. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Feb., 1956; Ludhiana, India
Thousands of people saw a cigar-shaped craft fly over the city for 20 minutes, leaving a trail of smoke (FSR, 1956, May, p. 23).

Feb., 1956; Arequipa, Peru
A cigar-shaped craft was seen for 80 seconds by four Peruvians (Flying Saucer Review, 1956, May, p. 24).
Feb. 13, 1956; the Moon
Two bluish-white hazy lights were seen (FSR, 1956, July, p. 12).

Jan. 16, 1956; the western darkened side of the Moon
A light flashed constantly for an hour and a half, and eight days later, flashes were seen on the wall of the crater Cavendish (Saucers, Space and Science, 1964, no. 35, p. 5).
Jan. 17, 1956; Orangeville, Canada
Disc-shaped UFO seen at close range; rings of light visible on bottom. [UFOE, XII]

Jan. 18, 1956; Itazuke AFB, Japan (BBU)
10:00 a.m.. Air crew sighting of white round balloon-shaped object traveling at high speed, no trail. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 22, 1956; Gulf of Mexico, nr. New Orleans
Pan American Airways flight engineer saw a large elongated object, emitting yellow flame or light, pass aircraft from horizon to behind a weather front. [UFOE, V]

Jan. 24, 1956; Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya (BBU)
At 2:52 p.m. local time an unidentified object was picked up on radar at 99 degrees azimuth at 75 miles range. The object was tracking at 330 degrees at 75 knots at 1000 feet altitude. The target was tracked for 12 minutes at which time the object faded from the radar. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

### Jan. 28: Ruppelt's Book Published

> The landmark publication by Doubleday of the revealing book by former Project Blue Book Chief, Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, marked a new phase in understanding the inside workings of the AF on UFO's, a term Ruppelt helped popularize within the government as well as outside with this book. With frequent references and allusions to high-level AF policy debates and numerous detailed accounts of inexplicable UFO cases many people found Ruppelt's book to make a sober and disturbing case for the existence of the UFO phenomenon by someone who officially investigated the subject for the US Government. Ruppelt's book was an enlargement of his article in TRUE magazine of May 1954, which was in effect a first draft outline of the book which he

worked on with ghost coauthor-editor and Long Beach newspaper reporter James Phelan through 1955 (see numerous notes in the unpublished Ruppelt papers). Ruppelt's Book

Ruppelt Coverups paper by Brad Sparks in the SHG 1999 Proceedings online

NARA-PBB1-141 - (Unredacted) February Sightings
NARA-PBB1-142 - More February Sightings

Feb. 1956; Nr. Fishguard, SW Wales
Evening. A man considered in some circles to be the greatest test pilot of all time, Eric "Winkle" Brown, of the Royal Navy described a disc sighting he made in February 1956 (perhaps located in the vicinity of Fishguard, in SW Wales). He was flying a deHavilland Vampire jet fighter, and could not climb to the saucer's altitude or catch it. (Don Berliner)

Feb. 2, 9, 21, 1956; Camp Irwin, Calif. (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Feb. 7, 1956; Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Mississippi (BBU)
8 a.m. (CST). Identified as 3 tethered large plastic balloons IFO. (Basterfield; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index) FUFOR Index)

Feb. 11, 1956; S of Japan (BBU)
7:15 p.m. MATS C-124 air crew sighting of a yellow or amber object at 1,000 knots (1,150 mph). (Project 1947)

Feb. 12, 1956; Goose bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU 3969)
11:25 [10:55? 11:10?] p.m. (AST). USAF F89D pilot Bowen and radar observer Crawford saw a green and red object rapidly circle the jet, and tracked on radar. No further details. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 13, 1956 letter to Max Miller from Ed Ruppelt

Feb. 15, 1956; Riverside, Calif. (BBU)
8:40 [12:40?] p.m. USN pilot Taylor flying aircraft saw a cigar-shaped brown object on a straight level course. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 18, 1956; N of Montelimar Airdrome, France (BBU)
8:20 p.m. 3 USAF C-119 crew, 780th Troop Carrier Sq, saw a round dot change color every 30 secs from white to red to green. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index, UFOE,V)

Feb. 18, 1956; Paris, France (BBU)
10:50 [8:20?] p.m. Air France pilot De Vaux of DC-3 and radio operator saw large red blinking light flying erratically, tracked by ground radar at Orly Airport. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Feb, 19, 1956; Houston, Texas (BBU 3977)
6:07 a.m. (CST). Crew of Eastern Airlines Super Constellation saw intense white light, moving 4-5 times the speed of the airplane, evaded by the pilot. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

NARA-PBB1-143 - (Unredacted) March Sightings

March 2 [5?], 1956. Spokane, Wash. (BBU)
4:40 p.m. (PST). Stoner. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

March 3, 1956; Spokane, WA (BBU)
4:40 PM PST, (04/0040Z) 1st Lt. Donald A. Stoner flying an F-86D at 22,000 feet on an air defense mission saw a target on his radar that moved up the scope rapidly and faded. The pilot later stated that this incident was peculiar and worthy of calling this incident to someone's attention "for as I say I had never before seen such rapid target movement away from an aircraft going almost 300 mph in the same general direction." The pilot also stated, "I have 560 hours in the F-86D, 930 hours total time." Types of observations listed as, Ground-Radar, and Air-Intercept Radar.

March 5, 1956; Honolulu, Hawaii
UFO formation photographed. (UFOE, VIII)

March 23, 1956; Goose Bay, Labrador (BB)
At 6:39 a.m. local time, a round bright blue object, trailing a heavy yellow-orange fire and sparks was observed for approximately 60 seconds by the pilot and co-pilot from an aircraft at 30,500 feet altitude. The object appeared to be 2-3 miles to the left of the aircraft and 2000 to 5000 feet above. Both pilots estimated the object to be traveling at 500-600 knots. The overall shape of the object was teardrop shaped. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

March 26, 1956; Westover AFB, MA
9:17 PM. A strange blip appeared on Westover tower radar scopes. Jets were quickly scrambled, then vectored toward the circling UFO. Flying the lead interceptor, Captain E______, closed in on a large round object, near enough to illuminate it with his landing lights. The strange machine appeared to be 100 to 150 feet in diameter, and 8 to 12 feet thick at the center. The pilot noted a green fluorescent glow around the outer edge. As he tried to get closer, the weirdly glowing disc, climbed steeply, the disappeared in the night at 30,000 feet. The report named a tower operator and radioman, besides the jet pilot. (Reference: Donald Keyhoe, FLYING SAUCERS: Top Secret, pages 78-79.)

NARA-PBB1-144 - (Unredacted) April Sightings

April 4, 1956; McKinney, Texas (BBU 4050)
3:15 p.m. Fat, bright silver object observed from two separate locations. The local weather observer, Capt. Roy Hall, U.S. Army (Ret.), filed the report. At the weather station, Captain Hall ran a triangulation baseline of 3 miles and the object showed a convergence of about 3 degrees, which he estimated put the object at about 100,000 feet but he admitted that it could have been much higher. With a small 4X telescope he further determined that the object itself substended about 1 minute of arc, making it over 200' in diameter. The object was about 7-degrees to the north of Venus and visible for about 6 hours until dark. An amateur astronomer there placed a 200X telescope on the object and was able to draw a picture of it. Object was oblong and had a vertical raised band of two lines that never changed position during the full time obsrved. Object never changed location in relation to Venus and disappeared at about the same time as Venus set. Hall reported that observers a hundred miles away also saw it, but overhead. (Don Berliner, Dan Wilson)

April 5, 1956; Almy Pond, Newport, Rhode Island (BBU)
12:30-12:35 p.m. (EST). USN Underwater Ordnance Test Station physicist Mrs. Genevieve Mathison and her 3 children from the front door of their home saw a circular silver object with no trail or sound descending from 45° elevation in the N down to 0° elevation on an approaching path, with a receding 135° maneuver [?] and disappearing by whirling into the haze. (Jan Aldrich)

April 6, 1956; 5 miles E of McKinney, Texas (BBU)
A man by the name of Mitchell and his companion (another man) were driving about 5 miles East of McKinney, Texas, when they saw a silvery object, about 5-8 feet in diameter slant down in a field 300 ft away from them. They stopped their car to investigate, but the object took off at fantastic speed. They thought it resembled a balloon. The Air Force listed this as unidentified. (Vallée Magonia379; FUFOR Index)

April 8, 1956; N of Schenectady to W of Syracuse, New York (BBU)
10:15 p.m. (EST) Capt. Raymond E. Ryan, First Officer William Neff, flight attendant Phyllis Reynolds, and passengers, took off in an airliner from Albany heading N then nearly due W (about 280° True) at 260 mph and 6,000 ft N of Schenectady when a brilliant white light about 2-3 miles away was spotted about 90° to the left appearing like an airliner heading in to land at Albany. The white light moved about 90° to dead ahead position about 8-10 miles away at high speed estimated at about 800-1,000 mph where it changed color to orange and seemed to block the airliner’s path or risk collision, disappeared briefly, reappeared as an orange light again but standing still ahead of the airliner to the W. Airliner contacted Griffiss AFB, Rome, NY, where controllers asked pilot to turn lights off and on to help identify aircraft and was told airliner was seen and the orange UFO to the S. Airliner was ordered to maintain course to follow the UFO to the W, skipping its scheduled landing at Syracuse after nearly 30 mins of following the object. Promised fighter jet interception was not seen. Object disappeared at high speed to the NW (or N) towards Oswego, NY. (UFOE, V, IX; McDonald list; NICAP website)

April 08, 1956; Elboeuf, near Exauroux, FRANCE
11:45 p.m. Two brothers, 18 and 20, saw a red ball to their left coming down and hovering at tree height. It then left at fantastic speed. Three additional witnesses reported it independently. The object was a disk about 7.5 m in diameter, with a red dome, and rotating fins under it. It emitted a yellow-orange glow. (380)

April 13, 1956. McKinney, Texas (BBU)
9:15 p.m. (CST). At Charles Anderson's house, Weather Bureau observer Capt. Roy F. Hall, U.S. Army (Ret.) sighted 2 rapidly moving red lights pass low over house tops to the S disappearing in the W. Later obtained independent report from another observer, Tully B. Lucas, Jr., [about 0.57 mile to the SSW at 33°11.55' N, 96°37.69' W] who had sighted objects passing directly overhead, though seeing 3 pale blue lights, and Hall used the data to triangulate objects as passing over at about 150 ft height [~3° elevation?] and covering 40° of arc [~2,000 ft traveled?], thus estimating speed at about 1,800 mph [incorrect; actual speed ~700 mph if at ~3,000 ft distance]. Possible meteor IFO? 2 secs. (See April 4 and 6, 1956, sightings near McKinney, Texas.) (Sparks; CUFOS; BB files)

April 16, 1956; Henderson, North Carolina (BBU)
5:00 a.m. FBI agents Richards and another, driving on Route 1, just before dawn, saw a top-shaped object as large as the road pass over their car, no sound. (Vallée Magonia 381)

April 28, 1956; Old Bridge, NJ (BBU)
8:30 p.m. Lockheed/Curtis-Wright technical rep and JCS scientific consultant and his wife saw bright white star increase in brightness in the E for 10+ secs at "high altitude," dim to medium dull red, then move from E to W roughly 3°/sec, dimming after 30 secs of travel to dull red, accelerating to "enormous speed," wobbling as it disappeared. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 91-92)

NARA-PBB1-145 - (Unredacted) May Sightings

May 1, 1956: Tokyo, Japan
TV distortion. (NICAP, 1960)

May 8, 1956; Aliquippa, Penns (BBU)
At 9:48 a.m. (EST), a flight of seven objects, silver in color, appearing the size of a baseball held at arm's length were observed moving south at an altitude of 5,000 to 15,000 feet at an estimated speed of 36 mph. An F-86D fighter was scrambled but negative sightings. The sighting was visual and electronic by TPS 1D radar. Length of observation was 10 minutes. (McDonald list, Brad Sparks, Dan Wilson)

May. 09, 1956; Jacksonville, Florida
11:00 p.m. Two girls, Joan Frost and Gertie Wynn, while waiting for a bus, saw two pulsating lights flying horizontally and disappearing. 15 min later the lights were seen again, stopping at the zenith, merging, and diving to 50 m altitude. As the bus arrived, it seemed that the objects had separated and were about to abduct the witnesses, and they ran to the vehicle in terror. (382, APRO Mar., 59)

May 22, 1956; 58 miles NW of Monroe, Louisiana (BBU)
11:05 p.m. (CST) USAF officer Earl D. Holwadel, piloting T-33 jet, and an unnamed officer in the back seat during a night flight heading 50° at 18,000 ft, saw a bright light due E, then saw it again in the E at 11:15 p.m. Holwadel banked right to the SE somewhat behind the object now seen in the SE at great distance. Object suddenly came straight at them at high speed passing in front of the T-33 at about 225 ft away under the "nose" of the object, no jet wash, on a heading of 330° when the object flashed an intensely bright white light from a "greenhouse-shaped dome" or cockpit window at its front end that lit up the canopy of the T-33. Object about 30-40 ft long, elliptical in shape, shorter than a C-47 but wider, a small steady red running light in the center, with no wings, only stubby protrusions extending 3-4 ft and 25 ft long on each side, bottom surface like steel with ribs extending down 2-4 ft with a wave-like appearance. Object moved away then returned at high speed on a W course with "fantastic" maneuverability never changing flight attitude at any time. (NARCAP; McDonald list; Hynek-CUFOS files)

NARA-PBB1-146 - (Unredacted) June Sightings

Summer, 1956; near Nellis AFB, Nevada (E-M)
Night. As a pilot was driving in the desert at night, the engine of his car died. Then he spotted a disc-shaped UFO with a dome, about 100 feet in diameter. He saw three circular "landing gear" on its bottom. It eventually rose straight into the air and the car could then be restarted. (Rodeghier, Flying Saucer Occupants, Coral and Jim Lorenzen)

June 2, 1956; Newton, Mississippi (BBU)
10:51 p.m. Military pilot of Convair T-29 saw white-green light on parallel course at 5-7 miles [distance?]. (Project 1947)

June 6, 1956; Banning, Calif. (BBU 4127)
5:30 [4:30?] a.m. Mr. Bierman saw a thin disc with a small dome, shimmering silver, hover about 300 ft away at 100 ft height then zoom up. [Crossed the road slowly, turned, crossed the road again behind the car and vanished suddenly. ??] (Vallée Magonia 383; FUFOR Index)

June 10, 1956; Hobsonville, New Zealand
At night. B. Lovelock saw a bluish-white domed saucer, which after a while "shot" straight up and disappeared (FSR, 1956, July, p. 24).

June 27, 1956; Trieste, Italy
Luminous object hovered, sped away. (UFOE, XII)

June 29, 1956; an area 50 miles around Melbourne, Australia
An explosion was felt (FSR, 1956, July, p. 32).

June 29, 1956; Los Angeles to San Diego, Calif. (BBU)
At 5:10 p.m. PST, a round, sometimes irregular shaped object was observed high in the sky to the east of the observers. The object was silver-white to rosy in color. Types of observations listed in the report are: Ground-Visual, Air-Visual, Ground-Radar, and Air-Intercept Radar. F3D aircraft tried to intercept the object with no success due to the extreme altitude of the object. The total length of the observation was approximately 2 hours. The radar site at Mt. Luguna (P-76) detected the object at 59,000 feet with no speed. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

NARA-PBB1-147 - (Unredacted) July 1-19 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-148 - (Unredacted) July 20-31 Sightings

July 6, 1956; Euclid, OH (BBU)
9:37 a.m. (EST).One spherical object, large, white in color, appeared to be revolving at 5 to 6 thousand feet. Ground visual and ground radar sighting. AN/FPS-E radar used. Local fighters diverted to Cleveland lake shore area. No visual contact. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

July 12, 1956; off Wakaya Island, Fiji
While fishing, ten men saw a saucer with square portholes through which a strong light shone (FSR, 1956, Sept., p. 8).

July 17, 1956; Mastic Airport, Long Island, NY (BB)
8:55 p.m. EST. An Air Force pilot made an air-visual sighting of one green tear shaped object the size of a 10 by 5 foot door seen for 1-2 seconds. It appeared to flash off and on. Five minutes later the pilot saw three more green flashes. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

July 17, 1956; Westover AFB, Mass. (BB)
At 9:30 EST, (18/0230Z) a regular but larger than ordinary radar target was picked up on a CPN 18-A radar set. The target had fast acceleration of speed as high as 2400 mph and was able to make a 180 degree turn in less than 6 seconds. The target increased and decreased speed in a matter of seconds. The length of observation was 4 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

July 17, 1956; Otis AFB, Westover, Mass. (BBU)
11:42 p.m. (EDT). USAF jet fighter pilot saw a whiteyellow circular object that reversed course. (McDonald list; Weinstein; FUFOR Index)

July 19, 1956; Hutchinson, Kansas
Naval Air Station reported tracking "a moving unidentified object" on radar, observed visually by state police as "teardrop shaped" light source. (UFOE, VIII) Noticeable maneuvers of UFO "vertically and horizontally over a wide area of the sky" mapped by Wichita Eagle.

July 19, 1956; Phoenix, Ariz.
Luminous round object hovered, sped away. (UFOE, XII)

July 20, 1956; Panorama City, California
Three witnesses independently claimed that they observed a huge, ball-shaped object from which emerged three beings. They were nearly 2 m tall, had long, blond hair, and wore tight, green suits. (384, Hanlon; Humanoids 64)

July 23, 1956; England, Arkansas
Several witnesses reported shape changes of a UFO from oval to flat to diamond(Swords M. P., 2012, p. 218).

July 24, 1956; in the foothills of Drakensberg, Natal, South Africa
11:30 a.m. Elizabeth Klarer observed a dull metallic grey object, which according to FSR (1956, Sept., p. 8), was surrounded by "a sort of shimmering, heat haze."

July 26, 1956; Rio de Janeiro
A cigar-shaped object was seen and tracked on radar. And the CIC radars said it went off the scope in two or three sweeps. That was witnessed by John C. Hau, Chief Warrant Officer." Aboard Aircraft Carrier FDR. (Carl Feindt catalog)

July 26, 1956; Atlantic 43.12N 49.30W / 500 miles SE of Gander, Newfoundland (BB)
10:12 p.m. local time. A civilian airline pilot flying a Pan American Airways DC-7 at approximately15,000 feet observed a circular blue green pulsating light the size of a golf ball with a speed greater than any aircraft. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

July 29, 1956; Pasadena, Calif.
Hovering/speeding light seen by Ground Observer Corps, tracked on radar. (UFOE, VII)

NARA-PBB1-149 - (Unredacted) August 1-9 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-150 - more August 1-9 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-151 - (Unredacted) August 10-18 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-152 - more August 10-18 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-153 - (Unredacted) August 19-30 Sightings

Aug. 1956; Boulder City, Nevada
Research technician observed formation of five flat, circular UFOs. (UFOE, VI)

Aug. 3, 1956; Suva, Fiji Islands
A vertical light emanating from a UFO had a tapered end that was curved and diffused (FSR, 1956, Nov., p. 6).

Aug. 4, 1956; Copenhagen, nr. Bornholm Island, Denmark
Radar case.

Aug. 6, 1956; a southern Nepalese village
A flying saucer was seen by thousands of people (Flying Saucer Review, 1956, July, p. 27).

Aug. 8, 1956; 20 miles S of Quartzsite, Ariz. (BBU 4270)
11 p.m. (MST). Attorneys W. B. Buttermore and J. W. Smith saw a blue-white pulsating light fly fast, straight and level. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 8-19, 1956; Connecticut. Concentration of sightings over 12-day period. Retired fire department engineer in Hartford saw an oblong UFO with halo (August 8); an egg-shaped UFO was seen over West Redding (August 11); unidentified white lights reported over West Hartford by Ground Observer Corps (August 14) (UFOE)

Aug. 9, 1956; over the Northern Rhodesia Copperbelt
A UFO was seen (FSR, 1956, Sept., p. 7).

Aug. 10-11, 1956; Duncanville AFS, near Dallas, Texas (BBU)
10:00 p.m. The first report of an unknown object came from the White Rock Lake area at 0400Z. That object disappeared. At approximately 12:05 a.m. (0605Z) an unknown object was reported to the GOC filter center in Dallas. This object was reportedly over the North Dallas area. At approximately the same time 745th ACWRON sighted an unknown aircraft on their CPS-6B radar. According to the Air Intelligence Information Report, the track that was sighted on radar was in the same vicinity that the civilian personnel reported seeing their unknown object. 12:05/12:20 p.m. (CST). (Jan Aldrich; McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 13, 1956; RAF Bentwaters, England, UK (BBU)
9:55 p.m. Extremely high speed radar-visual approximately 18,000 mph E-W radar track of brilliant white light, from about 30 miles E to 30 miles W passing directly over the radar site, "streaked under" C-47 at 4,000 ft near base. Radar track

provides height-finding data confirming extremely low altitude, roughly 2,000 ft, also estimated by ground visual observers. (Sparks)

Aug. 13-14, 1956; RAF Lakenhearth, England, UK (BBU)
11 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Radar-visual of hovering-darting objects that outmaneuvered Venom NF-3 jet interceptor beginning at 12:01 a.m. Later attempted intercepts at about 2-3 a.m. were unsuccessful. (Sparks)

Aug. 16, 1956; Near Azores (BBU)
12:45 a.m. local time. An orange and white bobbing brilliant light was seen from a DC-4 airliner (Eastern Airlines Flight 49). The object passed within 40 feet of the aircraft coming in from above and below. The aircraft was flying at 4000 feet altitude. The figure of 6000 feet is also given as the altitude of the DC-4. Evasive action was taken by the aircraft. The light was observed for 20-30 minutes. [Time: August 17, 1956, 12:45 a.m. local time. Time given on Project 10073 Record Card is 17/0145Z. The Azores is just one hour behind G.M.T. (NARCAP; Weinstein; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 17, 1956; SSW [of] Spragueville, Maine (BBU)
10:50 a.m. EST. An object was picked up on airborne radar of an F-89D aircraft. The Radar Observer estimated that the object was moving at over 500 knots. The target gave a bright return the size of 2 aircraft on the APG-40 scope. The paint was held for 3 minutes The target crossed in front of the F-89D on a 45 degree angle. The target went off side of scope at 4000 yards and contact was lost. (McDonald list)

Aug. 19, 1956; Newington, Conn.
Fiery object made turn, dimmed, window-like markings became visible. (UFOE, XII)

Aug. 20, 1956; Citrus Heights, Calif.
Man & wife saw 25 or more bright, Saturn-like UFOs in a rough semi-circle formation. (UFOE, XII)

Aug. 20, 1956; North Bend, Oregon (BBU)
10:15 p.m. PST. An object was initially sighted on height finder radar at 320 degrees azimuth at 54,000 feet altitude at 60 miles range. The object descended to 50,000 feet and moved to 32 degrees azimuth. The radar station contacted the radar station at Nasselle, Washington and requested that they try and get a height measurement on their radar. They were able to pick up the object and verify the original radar reading. After two hours the target faded from the radar scope. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Aug, 21, 1956; near Hamilton AFB, California (BB)
At 11:35 a..m. PST, a round silver object the size of a dime held at arm's length was observed first by the radar operator, Lt. John W.Curtiss, of an F-89D aircraft at 20,000 feet. The object was observed for approximately one minute when the pilot, 2nd Lt. Robert C. Morelli went for a closer look and the object appeared to go between the F-89 and a contrail above the interceptor. This led the pliot to believe that the object was close and he initiated maximum performance of the F-89 to intercept, climbing at 250 knots IAS but the object appeared to pull away and up. Fuel became low on the F-89 and the intercept was terminated and the pilot turned toward home base at Hamilton AFB. The object was observed for approximately 10 minutes. The radar was inoperative on the F-89D. (BB files Dan Wilson)

Aug. 21, 1956; Wyoming-Montana
Dumbbell-shaped UFOs approached plane. J. Gordon Campbell observed ... objects while flying between Sheridan, Wyoming, and Billings, Montana. Mr. Campbell is president of a Minneapolis machine tool and industrial supply company. Shortly after 8:00 p.m., a dark elongated object with knobs at each end rapidly approached his plane, hovered, then sped away. Seconds later, four similar objects maneuvered near his plane). (UFOE, VII)

Aug. 22, 1956, Bornholm, Denmark (BBU)
8:50 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. Radars first reported 2-3 objects on an easterly heading at 700 knots. Approximately 2 hours later 4 objects appeared and were orbiting over the location, 53 degrees 30 minutes N - 18 degrees 00 minutes E, at 25,000 feet altitude at 700 knots. About 1 1/2 hours later the tracks faded. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 24, 1956; Westerville, Ohio
A civilian reported a round, red object the apparent size of a basketball at arm’s length that shrank to the apparent size of a softball(Swords M. P., 2012, p. 218).

Aug. 26, 1956; New_Brunswick, New Jersey
According to the newspaper, the second sighting where the photo was supposedly taken was Sunday August 26, 1956, hour

unknown, single witness. Reference: The Central New Jersey Home News (New Brunswick, New Jersey), Thursday August 30, 1956, pages 7 and 14. Witness and photographer, 14-year-old Lazzlo Malyasovszky (6 James Street, New Brunswick). Reporter: Neil Gallagher. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos)Photo.

Aug. 27, 1956; nr. Fort McCleod, Alberta, Canadian Rockies
7:20 PM, MDT (about 20 minutes before sunset). A Royal Canadian Air Force pilot was flying nearly due west over the Canadian Rockies near Ft. MacCleod, (49.5 degrees latitude, 113.5 degree longitude). He was flying at 36,000 ft (about 11 m) in the second position (far left side) of a formation of four F-86 Sabre jet aircraft. While approaching a large thunderhead (cumulonimbus) at a ground speed of about 400 kts (740 km/hr) he saw, at a much lower altitude, a "bright light which was sharply defined and disc-shaped" or "like a shiny silver dollar sitting horizontal" (Bruce Maccabee).

Aug. 27, 1956; Juniata, Penna. (BBU 4348)
9:55 p.m. Mrs. R. S. Pope saw a bright disc with a clear dome fly vertically, then N. A very cold breeze seemed to emanate from the object. (Berliner)

NARA-PBB1-154 - (Unredacted) September 1-12 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-155 - (Unredacted) September 13-30 Sightings

Sept., 1956; Cabo Frio, BRAZIL
8:30 p.m. O. Guarichi was walking on the beach with his dogs when he saw an object come from the sea and land. Two men, 1.80 m tall, wearing metallic-looking uniforms, emerged. One of them picked up objects from the beach. There was an exchange of gestures with the witness. One of the dogs turned away when the witness approached the craft, which was 20 m wide 3 m high and showed flashing lights as it left. (385, Nachrichten Mar., 61)

Sept., 1956; FRANCE, Serdon (E-M)
12:05 a.m. A man and woman, both in their early twenties, experienced car trouble. They were able to restart the car, but then saw a UFO overhead about 200 meters in altitude. The object was 100 feet in diameter and shone a light beam which was not continuous. Everything illuminated by the beam changed colors. The witnesses also experienced a tingling sensation. The UFO hovered in the area for some time while the witnesses hid. It eventually left, first vertically, then made a right-angle turn. (Rodeghier, The Crack in the Universe, Bourret)

Sept. 3, 1956; Whenuapai, New Zealand
6:42 p.m. The commanding officer of a Transport Squadron, who was flying at an altitude of 500 feet, as well as another squadron leader, saw a glowing object with a white nose pass by at high speed (FSR, 1956, Sept., p. 4).

Sept. 4, 1956; Takutai, near Hokitika, New Zealand (just over the sea)
10 p.m. A bright cigar-shaped craft was seen hovering in a vertical position with the top end rounded off, and with the lower end tapered, accompanied by several smaller craft, all of the same shape (Flying Saucer Review, 1956, Nov., p. 8).

Sept. 4, 1956; Copenhagen, Denmark
Radar tracking of several UFOs at about 1800 mph. (UFOE, VIII)

Sept. 4, 1956; Dallas, Texas (BBU 4379)
9 p.m. USMC T/Sgt. R. D. Rogers and family saw a large star, changing to red color, remain stationary for 20 mins, then move W at 200 knots (230 mph). (Berliner)

Sept., 1956 at in Cabo Frio, Brazil
10:30 p.m. A 20-m-wide craft emerged from the sea, landed on the beach and two humanoids in metallic-like uniforms emerged, who began picking up objects on the beach (FSR, 1970, July, p. 38pdf).

Sept. 6, 1956; Pasadena, California
Western Airlines pilot reported erratically moving white lights to Air Defense Command; visual confirmation from ground. (UFOE, V)

Sept. 7, 1956; a farm near Ballyniel, The Loup, near Moneymore, Ireland
About noon. A red windowless object with four white stripes around its circumference landed on the only dry spot in an otherwise muddy field and was described as follows in Flying Saucer Review (1956, Sept., p. 2): it was pear-shaped with a pointed top, it was only about three feet six inches high and two feet in diameter; when the farmer kicked it over, it righted itself; when the farmer picked it up by its stationary base the upper part began to rotate, accelerating up to about 300 rpm

for about three minutes; it weighed less than about two pounds; while held by its base it could not be turned over, and in spite of a heavy rain, it was dry; when he put it back on the ground it flew rapidly straight up, with the white stripes becoming self-luminous.

Sept. 7, 1956; Chosi City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan
7:30 p.m. The following transpired, according to FSR (1957, Nov., p. 3): a UFO dropped pieces of metal foil (10 µm thick) shortly after it accelerated away; analysis revealed that the foil consisted of aluminum, lead, silicon, iron and copper, and that it was not made in Japan.

Sept. 8, 1956; near Mars
Night. A faint point of light near Mars was seen in New Mexico by an astronomer who saw it through a telescope (Saucers, Space and Science, 1964, no. 35, p. 5).

Sept. 8-9, 1956; an Idaho ranch
Cattle rustling was reported by three witnesses when a 400 pound steer disappeared after a flying saucer 200 feet in diameter landed near it (FSR, 1956, Nov., p. 7).

Sept. 11,1956; Baltic Sea. Radar sightings of "mysterious objects": flying at speeds of 2,000 to 2,500 mph., in a curved course, during previous three weeks. (Altus (Okla.) Times-Democrat; 7-11-56.) (UFOE)

Sept. 13, 1956; S Calif., near Santa Barbara (BBU)
9:35 [9:34?] p.m. United Airlines Flight 459 crew saw a star-like object stationary then moving. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 14, 1956; Highland, North Carolina (BBU 4399)
1 a.m. Scaly, N. Car., policeman O. S. Gryman saw 14 yellow-to-red round objects with tremendous exhaust fly in a vague formation from SW to E to NE and back again, while swooping up and down. (Berliner)

Sept. 21, 1956; Birchleigh, Transvaal, Africa
11:30 a.m. A spinning shiny silvery-grey saucer, three to four times larger than an airliner, left a vapour trail as it accelerated rapidly upwards, after which something resembling lightning, but without thunder, shot back along the vapour trail, almost hitting the ground (FSR, 1956, Nov., p. 6).

Sept. 22, 1956; Cleethorpes, Linconshire, England
Afternoon. A spherical object about 80 feet in diameter at a height of 54,000 feet was detected on radar was seen hovering in spite of a 40 mph wind at that altitude and left the area when two fighter aircraft were sent up to investigate (FSR, 1956, Sept., p. 4).

Sept. 25, 1956; Grand Rapids, Mich. (BBU)
4 p.m. Cessna pilot Marcus saw 2 delta-shaped objects flying S under the right wing. (Weinstein; CUFOS files; FUFOR Index)

NARA-PBB1-156 - (Unredacted) October 1-14 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-157 - (Unredacted) October 15-30 Sightings

Oct. 1956; Oslo, Norway
Driver in auto felt “prickly sensation,” wristwatch magnetized (according to jeweler). UFO flew in front of car and hovered over road. (NICAP, 1960)

Oct. 6, 1956; Wetherford, Essex, England (BBU)
6:55 p.m. (GMT). USAF witness Pollock. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index). Numerous GCA radar observations which included targets the size of B-36's on October 6 and more numerous targets the size of an L-20 on October 6 and 7. No unusual weather on either night. (Dan Wilson)

Oct. 7, 1956. Castle AFB area, Calif. (BBU)
10:45 p.m. (PST). 2-3 USAF F-86D pilots, Lt Jerry Owen Robinett, Lt Alvin A. Akins, and possibly Lt. Donata Correa, Intelligence Officer, [on ground?] from 456th FIS, Castle AFB, were scrambled or redirected already in air about 11:10 p.m. to intercept a UFO reported by ground witnesses [Thomas Salazar and police officers in Merced, and another in Merced]. Football-shaped or dome-shaped UFO estimated at 100-120 ft diameter and 50-60 ft high, dipped up and down

vertically into an overcast cloud bank layer at 11,000 to 21,000 ft, playing “cat and mouse” with F-86 pilots stationed above and below cloud layer to catch the object. Akins got brief airborne radar contacts that immediately terminated as if the UFO was monitoring the radar beam (by ELINT). (Sparks; Jan Aldrich; Loren Gross Sept-Oct 1956, Nov-Dec 1956 Supp.; McDonald papers; BB files)

Oct. 9, 1956. Little Easton, Essex, England (BBU)
6:55 p.m. (GMT). USAF witness Pollock. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

Oct. 17, 1956; Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya (BBU)
11:17 p.m. local time, two different tracks of unidentified slow flying objects were carried on radar by the 663rd AC&W Squadron. F-86D aircraft made radar contact with the objects and made repeated intercepts with the E-4 weapons system through all phases to Splash without any visual contact being made by the pilots. Both objects gave a bright return on ground and airborne radar. At around 1:46 a.m., Oct.18, F/Blue 2 F-86D got a radar contact at two miles from the target. This was 29 degrees and 28 nautical miles from the ground radar. F/Blue got a Splash on this target at 1:48 a.m. This was the last radar contact by any type of radar. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)x

Oct. 23, 1956; Washington Daily News
" 'Project Skylight', New Group Setting Sights on Saucers."
T. Townsend Brown announces the formation of NICAP.

Oct. 28, 1956; Minot, N. Dakota
Cat 3, 8, 9. Photos by missile crew, radar. (Listed here for the record only, this is a 1966 incident and **NOT 1956**, a typo in Hynek's UFO Report).

NARA-PBB1-158 - (Unredacted) November 1-11 Sightings
NARA-PBB1-159 - (Unredacted) November 12-30 Sightings

Early Nov. 1956; Malibu, Calif.
Flat oval object with three window-like markings on underside flew low, through searchlight beam. (UFOE, XII)

Nov. 1, 1956; 60 miles E of St. Louis, Missouri, near Mt. Vernon and Sandoval, Illinois (BBU 4489)
5:30 p.m. CST. A light yellow round light was observed flying across the sky at an estimated speed of 1200 knots by Lt. Col Walter A. Rosenfield, Pilot, and Captain Orville H. Daniel, Aerial Weather Reconnaissance Officer flying in a T-33 aircraft at 35,000 feet. (Berliner; FUFOR Index; etc.)

Nov. 4, 1956; Point Arena, California (BBU)
8:22 p.m. PST. Two objects, slightly larger than DC-7 aircraft, were located by ground radar at 178 degrees, 175 miles, at 21,000 feet, and 183 degrees, 185 miles, at 21,000 feet. The objects moved at 6 to 10 knots on an erratic course. The objects were observed for 99 minutes for the first object and 61 minutes for the second. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 8, 1956; Miami, Florida
Pan American Airways radar tracked a UFO at 4000 mph. (UFOE, VIII)

Nov. 9 [?], 1956; Destin, Florida (BBU)
7 p.m. (EST). USAF pilot flying RF-84F with 3242nd Test Group saw a long narrow object with a series of bright orange lights. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Nov.11, 1956; El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Calif. (BBU)
9:30 p.m. (PST) and continuing for up to 8 hours many targets were tracked on radar at speeds of 50 knots to 15,000 mph. At times lights were seen in the area where the radar targets were being detected. At times smaller objects appeared to join larger object and merge with it to form a larger blip. A few seconds later the smaller objects would depart and dash all over the screen leaving the larger blip in its original size. ( (Weinstein; FUFOR Index, .Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks)

Nov. 14, 1956; SE of Jackson, Alabama (BBU)
10:10-10:12 p.m. Capital Airlines Flight 77 pilot Capt. W. J. Hull with 3 million miles and 17 years' flight experience and author of anti-UFO skeptical article "The Obituary of the Flying Saucer" in The Airline Pilot magazine (Sept. 1953), with copilot FO Peter MacIntosh were flying from New York to Mobile, Ala., in a Viscount airliner at 300 mph descending at 10,000 ft, when they saw a brilliant bluish-white light (mag. -7) descend in a steep downward angle diagonally (about 45°?) from left to right from WSW at azimuth 315° to dead ahead SSW at 205° azimuth 30°-40° elevation where it stopped at the

same or slightly higher altitude. Hull radioed Bates tower near Mobile to look for object, then at that moment the object began a series of maneuvers for 30 secs, rising and falling, darting back and forth, instant 90° turns, then hovered motionless again at same/slightly higher level. When Bates field radioed again the object began another series of "crazy gyrations, lazy 8's, square chandelles" with undulating motion, then shot out to the S over the Gulf of Mexico in a steep climb at "fantastic speed" until it disappeared. (Condon Committee Unexplained case, CR pp. 127-9; Hynek-CUFOS Willy Smith files; NARCAP; UFOE, I)

Nov. 16, 1956; Mobridge (Lemon), S. Dakota
Railroad phones, automatic block system "mysteriously dead" as UFO passed over railroad yards. (NICAP/Rob Swiatek)

Nov. 19, 1956; Frankfurt, Germany
V-formation of blue-white, elliptical UFOs. (UFOE, X)

Nov. 20, 1956; Norway
6:20 p.m. Two UFOs flashed differently coloured lights, including red, white, and green, which might have been an instance of optical communication between the two craft (FSR, 1957, Jan., p. 9).

Nov. 24/25, 1956; Nr. Pierre, South Dakota
Two employees of the South Dakota State Highway Patrol took two photographs of an egg-shaped craft they had chased on a highway (Flying Saucer Review, 1957, Jan., p. 7). Ground/air/visual. Widespread UFO sightings for several days. Air Force jets scrambled. (UFOE, VII)

Nov. 30, 1956; Charleston AFB, South Carolina (BBU 4543)
12:48 p.m. USAF aerial navigator Maj. D. D. Grimes saw an unspecified object fly at an estimated 100 ft altitude over water. No further details. (Berliner)

NARA-PBB1-160 - (Unredacted) December Sightings

1956; near Cold Lake, Alberta
During a navigation exercise at night, a crew member of an RCAF airplane saw a bright light that was also detected on radar and which moved away at 2,000 mph (Saucers, Space and Science, 1971, no. 62, p. 12).

Late 1956; Castle AFB, nr. Modesto, Calif.
Cat.9/11. Luminous elliptical object and two F-86's, radar.

Late 1956; Bt. North & South Dakota
Cats. 8/9/11. UFO filmed by AF crew. Radar.

Dec. 1956; South Florida
A large egg-shaped object was spotted on radar 65 miles SW of Miami at an altitude of 7,000 to 8,000 feet going about 4,000 mph. The observation was made by Donald Freestone, a radar expert for Pan American Airways. Six other Pan American radar experts confirmed his observation. Case was independently reported to CIA by or on behalf of a John P. Andersen. (Dan Wilson)

Dec. 1, 1956; Valley City, ND
12:20 AM. One round object, red to orange in color, was observed at approximately 1000 foot altitude. The object had rapid movements movements up and down, sideways, and hovered. As a police car approached the object the police car lost radio contact with station at Valley City. Valley City also lost contact with Jamestown, South Dakota. All radio contact was regained after the object left the area. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

Dec. 13, 1956; off the coast of Venezuela
Crew members on a Swedish ship reported that a cone-shaped object fell vertically into the sea, making the sound of an explosion upon impacting the water, after which the sea seemed to boil for some time (FSR, 1964, Sept., pp. 7 & 24).

Dec. 17, 1956; Nr. Itazuke AFB, Japan (BBU)
3:20 p.m. local time. Air Force pilot tracked UFO on his radar, radar jammed by strong interference.. Observed visually as a "large round object", the object was picked up on airborne radar of an F-86D aircraft at 20 nautical miles. The aircraft had a lock-on at 15 nautical miles on a steady overtake on a course of 270 degrees at 600 to 700 knots. The object and the observing aircraft were heading 270 degrees through the entire chase. A visual contact was made at 8 nautical miles and the

F-86 closed to within 5 nautical miles and could not close any further. The object then started to pull away from the F-86 and at 12 nautical miles all indications on radar disappeared. The pilot estimated the speed of the object upon radar disappearance at 1500 to 1800 knots. Observation times were, radar: 7-8 minutes, visual: 3-4 minutes. The object was described as tan in color and round on top. Interference resembling ECM was experienced by both the observing aircraft and wingman. Pilot switched frequency, eliminated interference for 10 seconds; then weaker interference on second frequency.The general area of observation was 34-00N, 131-00E, slightly east of the Japanese island of Tsushima. (NICAP, UFOE, Weinstein; FUFOR Index)

Dec. 27, 1956; Los Angeles, Calif.
Real estate investor saw three spherical UFOs reflecting sunlight. (UFOE, VII)

Dec. 31, 1956 [Jan. 1, 1957?]; Guam (BBU 4577)
2:10 a.m. USAF 1st Lt. Ted Brunson, flying an F-86D jet interceptor, saw a round, white object fly under the jet, which was unable to turn as sharply as the object. (Berliner; FUFOR)

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# 1957 Sighting Wave Chronology

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**RB-47H**
**July 17 radar-emitting UFO/ELINT incident**

Map of sightings for 1957, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database at http://www.larryhatch.net/

**Created: 5 February 2006, Updated 18 June 2017**
2017 marks the 60th anniversary of the wave of 1957. This is an extensive report on an on-going project involving a number of people. I would not have been able to do this without the help of Rebecca Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive case researcher), Jean Waskiewicz (NICAP Database), Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns), Barry Greenwood (newspaper clippings), Mark Rodegher ("UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference" [441 Cases], Loren Gross (UFOS A History), and Joan Woodward (Animal Reaction Database).

A major sighting wave year, 1957 is best-known for the Levelland, Texas sightings which began on Nov. 2. However, the key cases are the IFF electronic signaling and radar-emitting UFO cases such as RB-47 (July 17) and several others within a week or two before and after, the radioactivity case at Montville, Ohio (Nov. 6) and the nuclear weapons storage area case at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico (Nov 4), all cases of supreme scientific value. Prior to the wave flap, the Sept 20, 1957 radar tracking caused a White House and top intelligence alert. A very important year in UFOlogical history. Throughout this summary are posted key reports from the highly-acclaimed publication, "UFOs & Government".

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NARA-PBB1-161 - (Unredacted) January Sightings Listing

1957; Rouen, France (photo/hoax)
First thought to have been taken in March of 1954, it is now certain that the clean, sharp, detailed version we have become accustomed to from the RAF Flying Review for the Rouen photo, is a doctored version of the Trent image. The question now becomes, who doctored it up and why?

Jan. 2, 1957; West Melton, UK

9:00 pm. Domed disc spins and rises, reverses course, passes overhead. (Unknown source)

Jan. 16, 1957 - New York Times Article

> Retired Rear Adm. Delmer S. Fahrney, once head of the Navy's guided missile program, said that reliable reports indicate that "there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds." He told a news conference that "no agency in this country or Russia is able to duplicate at this time the speeds and accelerations which radar and observers indicate these flying objects are able to achieve." Fahrney called the news conference following an organizational meeting of a new private group. the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, of which he is board chairman.

Jan. 16, 1957; Bet. Ft. Worth and Lubbock, Texas (BBU)
8:00 p.m. USAF crews of 2 B-25's flying from Maxwell AFB, Birmingham, Ala., to Reese AFB, Lubbock, Texas, including passenger Lt. Col. Howard T. Wright, Capt. [illegible] W. Davis, pilot Lt. Robert I. Kaplan, and Lt. [illegible] Daniel, saw a round white object make rapid maneuvers, with effects on radio compass. B-25 sent on 4-hour search of visinity with no results. (Sparks; McDonald files; BB files; Weinstein; Jan Aldrich)
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January 21, 1957
Army Intelligence report on "large shiny metal ball," disc, other UFOs over APO Army base. [IV]

Jan. 24, 1957; Indianapolis, Indiana
On this night an airline pilot flying over Indy and many others saw four brilliant nocturnal lights trailing a large pulsating ovoid object. (Sources: Richard H. Hall, The UFO Evidence, p. 136; Dominique Weinstein,Aircraft UFO Encounters, p. 28).

NARA-PBB1-162 - (Unredacted) February Sightings Listing

Feb. 7, 1957; Las Cruces, New Mexico (BBU)
Bt. 3:53 a.m. and 5:32 a.m. The 685th AC&W Squadron at Lac Cruces AFS carried a total of 54 unidentified blips on their radar screen traveling from the north toward the station at speeds of 60 - 160 knots at altitudes of 6,000 to 14,000 feet. The targets disappeared approximately three miles out. The initial sighting consisted of 23 blips. At the same time the 686th AC&W Squadron at Roswell AFB, NM, had a number of blips, but with insufficient movement to establish track information. Four interceptor aircraft were scrambled out of the 15th FIS at Tuscon, Arizona and the 93rd FIS at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Two separate radar contacts were made by these aircraft including 13 targets at approximately 100 miles NE of El Paso, Texas. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index) 1 hr 39 mins

Feb. 13, 1957; Lincoln AFB, Nebraska (BBU)
2:30 a.m. USAF Director of Operations and 3 tower controllers at 2 radar sites, the GCA and NCOIC, tracked several targets flying behind an airliner at a distance of 5-6 miles traveling 2x as fast. No IFF response. Objects could hover and move at high speed, one split into 2 objects, another did 180° turn. Blips the size of a B47. (Hynek UFO Exp chg. 7, case RV-7) 3-5 mins [25 min]?

Feb. 13, 1957; Tierra Amarilla AFS, New Mexico (BBU)
4:40 a.m. MST. Two objects the size of a pea with red, yellow, and green blinking lights were observed at high altitude. Two objects were picked up on AN/FPS-3 radar at 310 degrees, at 25NM, at 24,300 and 26,500 feet altitude One of the UFOB remained stationary and the second orbited the first. One of the objects escorted an interceptor plane for 25 NM on interceptor recovery prior to breaking off. The total length of observation was 2 hours.

Feb. 13, 1957; Marrero, Louisiana (BBU)
8:00 p.m. CST. Several civilians reported seeing flying objects over Marrero. The objects appeared to be at high altitude. Moisant Airport radar detected nebulous targets in the area. At 9:40 p.m., observers reported that three flying objects were in a V-formation changing to a straight line, then disappearing upon the appearance of two aircraft in the area. At first the objects appeared to be hovering. then moved, gradually accelerating. The observers believed that the objects were not aircraft. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index) 1 hr 40 mins

Feb. 13, 1957; Burbank, California
Police received many calls about oval-shaped objects over city. Officer Robert Wells, who went to investigate, confirmed sighting. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

Feb. 14, 1957; Stead AFB, Nevada
1::05 a.m. PST. Control Tower operators observed to the northeast, an object, oval in shape and the size of a nickel held at arm's length. The object had a brilliant blue light with flashing red light and was at an elevation approximately 20 degrees at 45 degrees azimuth. The witnesses described the object as two saucers placed face to face. The total length of the observation was two hours. Just before the object disappeared, the UFOB remained stationary for about 8 minutes then rose very rapidly to the right of azimuth 45 degrees true, apparently away from this station since the brilliance of the object dimmed and the size diminished. Detachment Commander, Airman Dedrick, states he was informed by Reno Filter Center that Mater(?) Radar and another radar site, identity unknown, made radar contact with the UFOB. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

February 18-19, 1957; UFO Indoctrination for D/I Representatives

> Maj. Byrne and Mr. Sanderson, held in 4E Conference Room 1410 -1500. Subject: UFO Societies and self-styled. "UFO Experts". Example; Mr. Stringfield, UFO Director, constant barrage of criticism, nuisance to UFO unit, etc.

Feb. 27, 1957; Castle AFB, Calif. (BBU)
9:45 p.m. PST. Nine "S" shaped objects giving a sharp return the size of B-52 on a CPN-18 radar scope. The targets came by singly, except for two, one closely following the other. All the targets were observed between 285 degrees and 290 degrees on a heading of 105 degrees across the radar scope to the center of the scope where they were lost in the ground clutter. The objects were traveling at approximately 6,000 mph for 24 seconds on a straight course. The targets were observed on three CPN-18 radar scopes. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index) 24 secs

NARA-PBB1-163 (Unredacted) March Sightings Listing

March 6, 1957; Great Meadows-Hope, New Jersey (BBU)
2 p.m. Martins attention drawn by barking dogs looking up at white derby-hat-shaped object 50+ ft wide hovering low over a field about 450 ft away with

a gentle rocking motion and streamers underneath like tinsel. Object suddenly took off almost vertically to the NE without sound disappearing into cloud bank. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 151-4; FUFOR Index) 1 min +

March 8, 1957; Between Mockville and Arrity, North Carolina (BB)
12:00 a.m. EST. A civilian observed an object 30 to 35 feet long with a round nose that was 10 to 12 feet in diameter. It was gray-white in color and the nose was a very bright green light. The object was at an altitude estimated at 500 to 2000 feet and traveled from the NW, circled then moved to the NE. The length of the observation was 2 minutes. (Blue Book, Dan Wilson)

March 8, 1957; Nr. Houston, Texas
9:45 p.m. CST. UFO paced plane, moved up and down at high speed. [NICAP UFOE, V]

March 8, 1957; Baudette, Minnesota
The sighting had been made on the ground by a pilot with 2,000 flying hours. The object he saw was circular, from fifteen to eighteen feet in diameter. Moving upwind, its odd glow shone on the snow-covered ground. It was so low that it seemed to suck the loose snow up under it as it passed. (Rullan)

March 9, 1957; Nr. San Juan, Puerto Rico
Pan American Airways pilot took evasive action as fiery round, greenish-white object passed plane. [NICAP UFOE, V] Pan Am 215-A incident. .

March 9, 1957; 15 nautical miles SSE of Columbia, South Carolina
1:40 a.m. EST. Captain Robert T. Belmont, pilot, and Major William H. Landis, co-pilot, were flying east in a C-47 from England AFB, La. to Shaw AFB, S.C., when a yellowish-green fiery ball with a brilliant tail with a length of approximately 15 to 20 times the diameter of the ball appeared off the right wing. The apparent size of the object was a basketball held at arm's length. The object appeared to to pass within 200 yards of the C-47. The object disappeared to the NE like a light bulb being turned off. The length of the observation was about 15-20 seconds. Two Air Force witnesses in an automobile at Shaw AFB apparently saw this same object at around 1:40 p.m. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

March 9, 1957; 350 miles NE of Jacksonville, Florida (BB)
At 4:33 a.m. AST, Captain Matthew Van Winkle piloting a Pan American World Airways DC-6A airliner at a point approximately 350 miles NE of Jacksonville, Florida, observed a "burning greenish white round object" to the right of the aircraft that appeared to be on a collision course. Van Winkle then pulled the plane upward in a climb to avoid the object. This sudden maneuver caused some of the passengers to be thrown out of their seats resulting in some injuries. Co-pilot Dion W. Taylor and flight engineer John Washuta had observed the object also. The object according to the flight engineer, was a high intensity light to the right of the aircraft which appeared to stand still for approximately four seconds until it was lost to sight during the evasive action. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

March 9, 1957; Atlantic Ocean off the Carolinas (BB)
12:45 a.m. EST. Airline Flight 215-A was in the vicinity of Delta Oscar (a positional marker off the Carolinas) when they observed a greenish colored object smaller than the full moon streaking north or NNW. The object was due west of the aircraft. It moved in a horizontal trajectory and had a red tail-like projection which suddenly dropped off and fell like a flare. The main part of the object continued in a straight line. Several of the passengers also saw the object The object was observed for about 3 seconds. (Dan Wilson)

March 9, 1957; Baudette, Minnesota
Early evening. The sighting had been made on the ground by a pilot with 2,000 flying hours. The object he saw was circular, from fifteen to eighteen feet in diameter. Moving upwind, its odd glow shone on the snow-covered ground. It was so low that it seemed to suck the loose snow up under it as it passed. (Flying Saucers: Top Secret by Donald Keyhoe, p. 56, © 1960)

/March 11, 1957; Glynco Naval Air Station, Georgia (BB)
8:00 p.m. EST. Two white round lights the apparent size of nickel held at arm's length were observed 25 degrees above horizon. First sighting SE of Glynco NAS and the second sighting at 35 degrees (NE) from Glynco NAS. The sightings were ground visual and air visual from Navy aircraft 98151. Both lights faded outwith out movement. Two Navy aircraft, Navy 98151 and Navy 834, attempted to investigate with negative results. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

March 22, 1957; Long Beach-Los Angeles, CA (BBU)
11:55 p.m. Two objects then one were picked up on radar at Los Angeles International Airport. The targets were rectangular and the size of a conventional target. The speed of the objects was approximately 3600 mph. The objects were detected 10 miles to the northwest. The objects were on a 320 degree heading and then stopped at approx. 40 miles range. The objects then came back towards the station to approx. 10 miles and then stopped. The objects then proceeded on a 320 degree heading beyond the range of the radar. Two F-89 jet fighters were dispatched to the area from Oxnard. At twelve minutes past the beginning of the sighting, at 12:07 a.m., the radar station lost its high voltage and went off. (Wilson, Ridge, Waskiewicz, Shough, Sparks; this case downgraded)

March 22, 1957; Point Mugu, Calif. (BBU)
12:10 p.m. PST. A circular object with 16 equal sides, the size of silver dollar and whitish in color, was observed. Object appeared on film. Observer was watching missiles and there were many aircraft in area. The film belongs to the Navy and unavailable at present because it contains classified information. Film was taken in conjunction with missile test. Witness: Raymond Wilson, CWO. (Berliner, BB files)

March 23 [22?], 1957; Oxnard AFB, Calif. (BBU)
11:15 p.m. (PST). Beaudoin and several independent witnesses saw maneuvering lights. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 53-54; FUFOR Index) 5 hrs 45 mins ? Objects observed, confirmed by police, tracked by radar, jets scrambled. See full report and 60 BB docs. (Dan Wilson)

March 23, 1957; Pasadena, California (BB)
11:26 p.m. PST. A round, red colored object the size of a grapefruit held at arm's length was sighted by GOC personnel on duty. The object was at an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 feet altitude and was heading west until it disappeared. Many other people saw the object and called the police and the Pasadena Filter Center. Among the GOC witnesses was AF T/Sgt Dewey Crow. The object was viewed through binoculars. Time in sight by GOC personnel was 14 minutes. (BB docs)

March 23, 1957; Long Beach, California

Four UFOs tracked on CAA radar, widespread visual sightings. [UFOE, VIII]

March 27, 1957; Roswell, New Mexico (BBU)
8:35 p.m. USAF pilot Lt. Sontheimer flying C-45 transport saw to the left 3 bright white circular objects in tight formation on collision course. He immediately flashed his taxi lights, one object shot straight up above him the other 2 continued on passing in front. When he flashed his taxi lights (again?) the objects instantly blinked out and disappeared. (Weinstein; NARCAP; FUFOR Index) 6 secs

March 28, 1957; Reseda, California
At 2235 hours, a cigar-shaped, golden in color, glowing object was observed at approximately 60 degrees above the horizon to the west of Reseda, California. The object had an elliptical glow surrounding the cigar-shaped core which was approximately five time brighter than the outer light. The object was observed for approximately 3 to 5 minutes.

March 28,1957; Ciudad Bolivar, South America
Four young people between the ages of 13 and 16 had been hospitalized as a result of shock and undiagnosed illness after seeing a fiery object dive into the Orinoco River. When the object touched the water, it caused great "luminosity," and all of the young people fainted at the sight. Hospital and medical authorities were concerned about the young people who had stayed abed for several days. They were found in the unconscious condition by the mother of one of the girls. (Rullan, The APRO Bulletin, May, 1957, p. 7. Roderick Dyke of Archives for UFO Research [AUFOR], 13371 Manzanita Road NE, Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110, USA. Member: Society of American Archivists [SSA])

March 29, 1957; Off East Coast, Florida
Pan American Airways pilot observed brilliant pulsating light, confirmed by radar. [UFOE, V]

March ?, 1957; New York, NY
11:30-12:00 PM. Two airmen watched 2 maneuvering lights changing altitude from 1,000 to 2000 feet. After watching them for several minutes at a distance of about a half a mile away thye called Base Operations and reported the objects and their approximate position and altitude. The Operations Officer called GCA and found they were picking up up the targets on radar and two F-100's were sent up to investigate. The jets dove on the lights fro 4,000 feet and shortly after the UFO's took off in a level flight. When the F-100's began to gain speed the UFO's dove straight down within about 200 ft of the ground and continued to climb and dive too quickly for the jets to follow them, then climbed out of sight in about 10 or 15 seconds. (Fran Ridge, Rich Vitello)

NARA-PBB1- 164 (Unredacted) April Sightings Listing

April, 1957; ARGENTINA, near Pajas Blancas Airport, Cordoba
A lone motor-cyclist was riding 15 kilometers from the airport when his engine died. He saw a disc-shaped object hovering hearby and hid in a ditch. A humanoid emerged from the disc and coaxed him inside, where he saw 5 or 6 similar figures. The humanoids were dressed in what appeared to be divers' suits. After a short while they released the witness, and the object left towards the NW. (Rodeghier, The Humanoids, Bowen)

April ??,1957; Kolobrzeg (Latitude 54.15 N, Longitude 15.53 E)
Coastguards and civilians saw the sea suddenly become agitated. Then the waves in a particular stretch of water swelled and out shot a triangular object of 4-5 metres in size. It rose swiftly, encircling the locality, then finally rushed upwards disappearing into space. Army units were rushed to the spot and made an exhaustive search of the brushwood on the seashore. The next day a team of divers did the same in the water. (UFOs and Anti-Gravity: Piece for a Jig-Saw by Leonard G. Cramp, p. 129, © 1966)

April 4, 1957; Wigtownshire, Scotland
Three radar posts tracked a UFO which flashed across the sky at 60,000 feet, dove to 14,000 feet, circled and sped away. [UFOE, VIII]

April 10, 1957; Ogden, Utah (BB)
8:30 p.m. MST. One round white object with a red halo was observed moving east to west, stopped, proceeded west, made an abrupt 90 degree turn and proceeded south. According to the teletype message the object had the apparent size of a baseball held at arm's length. The object was seen visually for 10 to 15 minutes and at the same time an object was tracked by CPN-13 ground radar for 23 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

April 14, 1957; 1/2 mile E of Vins sur Caramy, France ( (BBU)
3 p.m. Mrs. Marie Garcin and Mrs. Julia Rami walking NE on Road D24 heard a loud deafening noise and saw about 300 ft ahead of them a 5 ft tall 3 ft wide metallic top-shaped object covered with vibrating sharp spines landing near a road sign which started to vibrate loudly, then the object hopped over the road at a height of about 15-30 ft, the women cried out and another witness Mr. Jules Boglio about 1,000 ft away looked and with the women saw the object land (a 2nd time) in the next road, then jump over another road sign which then vibrated with loud noise. 2 other witnesses reportedly saw the object at a much greater distance. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 9, case CEII 16; Mark Cashman) 1-2 mins

April 15, 1957; Eglin AFB, Florida (BB)
12:00 p.m. CST. While watching a B-47 aircraft on landing approach, Smith and Rhodes, Philco Technical Representatives at Eglin AFB, observed an egg shaped object that was stationary and then began to accelerate at first slowly and then with a greatly increased rate. When the object moved out of sight it appeared to be going at least Mach 2 or 3. The length of observation was 15 seconds. The Project Blue Book conclusion for this sighting was a Mirage. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

April 19, 1957; Maiquetia, Venezula
Airliner en route to Maiquetia sighted UFO; strange radio signals received at Maiquetia airport at same time. (NICAP, 1960)

April 19, 1957; Pacific Ocean
11:52 A.M., two metal disks were seen entering the Pacific Ocean at 31°15' N. and 143°30’ E. A violent turbulence followed their immersion. The crewmen searched for wreckage but found nothing. The witnesses were 5 Japanese fishermen on board the Kitsukawara1 Maru. The point in question is among the deepest in the Pacific Ocean [more than ten thousand meters deep]. (Rullan; Anatomy of a Phenomenon by Jacques Vallee, p.136, © 1965)

April 21 (Easter), 1957; near Ellwood City, Pennsylvania
A two-foot diameter, red, blinking disc was observed for 10 minutes by police officers from a car. The object rose and fell in the sky and executed other

gyrations. Their communications radio did not function during the sighting. (Rodeghier, APRO Bulletin, September 1964)

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Letter signed by Donald Keyhoe confirms Admiral Delmer Fahrney had to resign from position of NICAP's Chairman of the Board because of his wife's illness and heavy business pressures. Fahrney: "I will continue on (as an) interested member of the organization."

April 25, 1957; Ringgold, Louisiana (BBU)
2:30 a.m. A bright-red or scarlet colored crescent-shaped object, as large as a 4-5 room house was observed during a "torrential rain", descending from an approximate 45-degree elevation into a grove of trees. Possible tornado? Documents say weather or aircraft activity ruled out. 1-witness, military (Robertson) . 25 mins. (Original source said "case missing". NARA, FUFOR, Index)

April 29, 1957; English Channel
Mysterious objects sighted over the English Channel allegedly turned out to be two of a large number of British Hunter jet fighters on a training exercise, the Air Secretary George Ward said. The objects aroused wide speculation at the time and Royal Air Force Javelin fighters went up to chase them. But they outstripped the Javelins. Questioned in the House of Commons today, Ward said that the Hunters' movements, as observed by radar, were somewhat unusual and aroused the suspicions of the Radar Defense. (Docs)

April 29, 1957;Ferndale, Michigan (BB)
At 9:50 p.m. CST, Mr. Walaoski, observed four deep red diamond shaped objects, twice the size of the largest star, flying in a diamond formation to the northwest. The objects were seen for a few minutes. A check was made with the CAA and no aircraft were airborne at this time. 30/0250Z

April 29, 1957; Worcester, Massachusetts (BB)
10:05 p.m. A single rust colored object the size of a half dollar held at arm's length was observed moving south to north directly overhead. The second sighting was of seven unidentified silver-red objects traveling in a straight line. Then at 2250 hours twelve objects traveling in a "V" formation was observed for about 4 seconds. These objects were apparently higher than the other objects. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

April 29, 1957; Virginia, MN
10:15 p.m. Robert Lerdahl and Alex Ellison saw about 36 UFOs which passed overhead in groups of 6 and 8 during a forty minute period. The UFOs, giving off a greenish light, traveled from east to west at a steady speed, taking about 8 seconds to go from horizon to horizon. Through 16X50 binoculars, the objects appeared to be flattened or disc-like and they moved in crescent formation. (UFO INVESTIGATOR / JULY - AUG 1960, page 7)

April or May, 1957; Moriah Center, New York
"Television started to have all sorts of trouble"; witness called out-doors in time to see red disc pass overhead.

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May 2, 1957; Edwards AFB, Cal.
6:55-7:20 a.m. (PDT). James D. Bittick and John R. Gettys, Jr., civilian phototheodolite operators, were driving by truck to Askania Site #4 when they sighted an object above them about 500 yards away. They radioed a report to their supervisor Frank Baker who told them to set up the camera and try to film the object, which they did after about 10 mins. They photographed what they described as a golden luminous domed-saucer shaped object with holes or ports around the dome about 100 ft in diameter about 1 mile in the distance to the N headed E (photos show multiple? objects). Available phototheodolite frames 614, 620 and 651 (609 too blurred, cutoff) show azimuth 10°28' elevation 2°24' shifting E to azimuth 40°30' elevation 1°0'. Disappeared at about 5 miles. Possible jet fighter interception. [Possible weather balloon with slow leak, explanation denied by Edwards AFB Colonel Klein (sp?) analyzing actual tracking of balloon and wind direction.] (Tom Tulien; Jan Aldrich; McDonald 1968 pp. 75, 85; Loren Gross Mar-May 1957 pp. 67-68; IUR Oct 2005) 25 mins 2 witnesses 8 Full Moons? photo-theodolite

May 4, 1957; Near Calif. coast ( (BBU)
2:25 a.m. (PDT) USAF copilot of radar patrol aircraft with 552nd AEW&C Wing saw a yellowish-red light at 10,000 ft pass in front of aircraft. (Weinstein; FUFOR Index) 30 secs

May 5, 1957; 170 miles SW of Santa Rosa Island, Calif. (BB)
3:00 a.m. PST. Two round orange colored objects the apparent size of a basketball held at arm's length were observed by 2nd Lt. Leland M. Martin flying in an RC-121D aircraft. The RC-121 was at 9,000 feet on a heading of 80 degrees at 190 mph. One of the objects passed over the aircraft going E to W at 10,000 feet and the other passed under the aircraft at 8,000 feet going W to E. The length of the observation was 30 seconds. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

May 12, 1957; Moab, Utah
Round, blue-green UFO sped past below observer's altitude. [UFOE, IV]

May 20, 1957; East Anglia, UK
Night. This is a case reported by a former jet pilot in the United States Air Force, Milton John Torres, of Miami, Florida. On this date, the 25-year-old Torres was ordered on a mission to intercept and shoot down a large UFO that had been picked up by radar in the skies over East Anglia, United Kingdom. Torres, flying a North American F-86D Sabre jet approached the object and prepared to fire upon it. As he locked on his weapons, the UFO suddenly zoomed away at a high rate of speed. The details of this case were first made public in a release of UFO-related case files by the British government in October 2008. (UK files)

May 23, 1957; Kansas City, Kansas (BB)
8:15 a.m. CST. Five observers saw four round to disc-shaped objects 1/2 the size of the moon that appeared from the northeast, circled in two pairs then flew rapidly off to the northwest. The length of observation was given as a few minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

May 26, 1957; Loring AFB, Maine (BB)
2:00 p.m. EST Five USAF men observed in the sky a large rectangular object and 6 or 7 smaller objects that were falling slowly in a fluttering manner. The large object followed in a stablized descent. The witnesses include: Major Lloyd F. Meyer, 70th BS, 42nd BW, Aircraft Commander; 1st Lt. Julian R.

Vainwright, 42nd ARS, 42nd BW, Copilot; Captain William H. Roberts, 70th BS, 42nd BW, Aircraft Commander; Captain Glen A. Rodd, 75th BS, 42nd BW. The Intelligence officer said the sighting seems authentic as all five witnesses are A-1. The objects were observed for 6 to 8 mins. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

May 29, 1957; Houma, Louisiana (BBU)
3:03 p.m. CST. A normal looking radar return was picked up on the AN/MPS-7 radar scope. The track was averaging 2250 knots and occasionally 3530(?) knots at an estimated altitude of 100,000 feet. The description of the flight path was, east southeast, and then southeast, and then east, and then northeast. The length of observation was 14 minutes before fading from the radar.(McDonald list) 14 mins

May 30, 1957; Detroit, Mich. (BBU)
At 10:01 a.m. EST, one object appeared as a well-defined blip about the size of two jet aircraft on an AN/TPS-1D radar. This was observed by the radar operator and the radar Sgt. On initial pickup the object was at approximately 70 nautical miles. The estimated speed of the object was 1200 knots. When last observed the object was on a 185 degree course and faded at 80 nautical miles. The length of the observation was 30 seconds. (McDonald list) 30 secs

May 31, 1957; S. of Rochester, Kent, UK
7:17 hours GMT. A British airliner was flying over Kent and the pilot was in command of a scheduled airline service from Croydon airport to Holland. As they got to a position 2 nautical miles south of Rochester the First Officer and the pilot became aware of a brilliant object bearing 110° (T) from north and elevated about 10° above the haze level. They were flying at 5,000 feet above sea level, heading 080° magnetic 074° (T). The UFO was about two-thirds the size of a sixpence in the windscreen at first and then appeared to come towards them. When it was about the size of a sixpence the object became oval in shape and turned away. Then it became as before and reduced in size to about half the size of a sixpence. Then to their astonishment the UFO disappeared completely as they watched it. They did not see the UFO depart, but became aware that they were looking at an empty sky. "We were unable to contact London Radar due to a complete radio failure in the aircraft, nor were we able to report to London Airways, nor to London Flight Information. Radio failure, especially complete radio failure, is rare these days, and in our case was due to our circuit breakers not keeping 'in'. On this occasion we were not using all our equipment, so there was no cause for overloading. However, our radio equipment became fully service-able after the UFO had gone, and all circuit breakers stayed "in". (Source: Pilot's account in Timothy Good's " Beyond Top Secret, 1997; Flying Saucer Review Vol.4 No. 3; NARCAP case 19)

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June ??, 1957; Baltic coast and the Mazurian Lakes District of Poland.
Among the best documented accounts of underwater UFOs were three sightings. In early June of 1957, there were strong rumors from Soviet-occupied Poland of mysterious sightings at Koszalin, a coastal town. Two strange objects were allegedly seen emerging from the depths offshore. They climbed into the sky at high speed and vanished. (Rullan; Official UFO Magazine, May 1977, Vol. 2, No. 3, "Mysteries of the Deep" by Lucius Farish and Dale Titler, p. 41.)

Summer ??,1957; Bacuranao, Cuba.
4:00 a.m. Two sport fishermen, Raul and Luis, observed "a huge and brilliant UFO, color white-pink," come to the surface of the sea creating white surf waves. The UFO illuminated the clouds, flying over the witnesses' yacht and creating an "artificial rain" with the dripped drops of salt water. (Rullan; E-mail dated 11-08-2004 of case file from researcher Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo of the Miami UFO Center)

Summer ??, 1957; Catalina Island, California
7:00 (8:00?) p.m. Witnesses were watching the radar scope for surrounding ship traffic. Hard contact blip showed up on their screen. The surface radar gave the bearing and range of the blip contact, the range being about 20 miles from the ship After a minute or two, another blip appeared (popped up) alongside the first one, not very far away from it. The CIC officers were observing the scopes and taking pictures. Then the two blips were joined by three more contacts making 5 total in V formation. Blips were at 5000 feet and hovering in one spot. After about 10 or 15 minutes, the five contacts began to disappear, one at a time. (Rullan)

Summer of 1957; Camden, Maine
A young boy and his mother are having a picnic when their lives will be forever changed. This story takes place off the shores of this town. While enjoying the view of the sky and water of the Penobscot Bay area, which leads out to the Gulf of Maine, the witnesses become aware of a pinpoint in the sky that is growing and descending rapidly. Thinking at first that it is a plane, the reality of what it is becomes rapidly vivid. The craft is a silver, disc-shaped object and has what appears as a metallic dome. However, the shocking part is that it crashes into the bay at a rapid speed approximated at about 100 mph with very little disturbance of the water. In the witness's own words: "It entered the water at a steep angle making no sound and barely a ripple or splash." The distance to the craft from the shore is given as several hundred yards. From a nautical chart of Penobscot Bay, the water depth in the area of the sighting is 60 feet or less. Yet the craft is estimated to be about 100 feet in diameter. The witness has stated that he expects that wreckage might be in the location of the assumed crash, however, I have cases where UFOs have entered shallower water and yet nothing was found. (Case investigation files of Carl Feindt dated 11-29-2007 and added to MUFON's CMS [Computer Management System])

June 3, 1957; Shreveport to Converse, Louisiana (BBU)
8:30 [9:35?] -9:30? p.m. (CST). Shortly after takeoff from Shreveport Airport, heading for Lake Charles, La., and climbing, Capt. Lynn Kern and FO Abbey Zimmerman flying Trans-Texas Airlines Flight 103 were told by the control tower that a small light was visible nearby. They saw the star-like blue-green pulsating [?] object hovering (approaching?) at their 10 [2?] o'clock position at about 400 ft then climbing rapidly to 1,000 ft paralleling the airliner then at 110 knots speed (130 mph later 165 mph) but at higher altitude and 1/2 mile away. Kern flashed landing lights and object responded with a beam [?] of light. 2nd blue-green pulsating object joined the first on the opposite side of the airliner (then at 9,000 ft), air crew confirmed from tower that it had both objects on radar and visually through binoculars, objects headed S at 170° climbing to about 10,000 ft and followed airliner to Converse, La., (about 45 miles S of Shreveport) where pilot queried ADC radar site, England AFS, Alexandria, La., which confirmed the 2 targets in the airliner's vicinity at 9,700 ft. Objects disappeared from sight in a cloud deck to the SW. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-6; NARCAP) 1 hr ?

June 7, 1957; New Jersey and Atlantic Coast
Cat. 9, ground radar.

June 12, 1957; Milan, Italy (BBU 4760)

7:30 p.m. G. U. Donadio, translator for export-import firm, saw an object "big as a hen's egg" [at arm's length?] fly very fast, zigzag, hover and revolve, then shoot up. (Berliner) 17 mins

June 14, 1957; McChord AFB, Washington (BBU)
1:14 p.m. PST. One normal radar target was picked up at a 25 miles range at 355(0?) degrees and descending straight down at 2,000 FPM. One T-33 aircraft was diverted from McChord AFB, no sighting was made. The length of observation was 33 minutes. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

June 15, 1957; Lancashire, England
Saturn-like UFO with "portholes" observed through telescope in bright daylight. [UFOE, XII]

June 18, 1957; Jackson, Mississippi
Physics professor sighted UFO with "a halo of light around it and what appeared to be three portholes." [UFOE, VI]

June 18, 1957; Pacific Ocean, 150 miles off San Francisco
Captain and crew of freighter Hawaiian Fisherman saw three brightly lighted objects "like small moons." [UFOE, II]

June 19, 1957; Clinton, Tennessee (BB)
Two women, one named Wiggins, saw a teardrop shaped object that seemed to give a blue and orange jet like light, it flickered. The object was estimated to be 4 to 5 feet long. It flew towards the observers and seemed to hover above them, rose straight up then moved off at an angle and flew off towards Knoxville. No sound was heard. The object was seen for approximately 4 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB docs)

June 23, 1957 Carmichael, California (BB)
11:30 p.m. PST. Six persons saw a bright yellowish-white light about 10 degrees off the horizon at a bearing of 220 degrees. The object remained in this position for approximately 10 minutes. During this time the object was viewed through binoculars. The object began to move upwards fairly quickly to a height of an estimated 20,000 feet, or about 45 degrees off the horizon. The object then appeared to lose altitude and then moved towards the observers and was seen to pass overhead at an estimated altitude of 3,000 to 5,000 feet. The object was triangular in shape and had a weird sound like a high frequency hum or vibration when overhead. One of the witnesses was a USAF 1st Lt. Navigator and Briefing Officer, 965th AEW&C Squadron, McClellan AFB, Calif. (BB docs, Dan Wilson)

June 25, 1957; Baltimore, Maryland
Car radio stopped playing and street lights went out as formation of seven white discs with red rims passed overhead." (Rodeghier, The UFO Evidence, NICAP)

June 26, 1957; Edwards AFB, California (BB)
12:00 p.m. local time. While watching a test drop of a "stores" container by a B-52 two Air Policemen observed a solid looking red or orange colored rectangular shaped object in the sky. The object first appeared to the west and after first movement it appeared to stand still and pulsate. The object began to move again and large oscillations were reported. The reported oscillation covered a fairly wide portion of the sky and the observers reported extremely horizontal movement of the object. The apparent size of the object was reported to be a pea or a dime held at arm's length and the actual size was estimated to be as large as a fighter aircraft (100 ft. major dimension). The UFOB report completed at Edwards AFB in accordance with AFR 200-2 stated the probable cause of sighting is unknown. The observers were T/Sgt. Charles B. Fisher, 6510th Air Police Squadron, and T/Sgt Jackson. The estimation of the length of the observation varied from 1 1/2 to 5 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

June 26, 1957; McKeesport, Pennsylvania (BB)
6:55 p.m. EST. Mrs Pollard while sitting on her porch saw a large round object in the sky and then two more objects in back of it. The objects had the apparent size of an orange or grapefruit held at arm's length and were white silverish in color and slightly oval then elongated when disappearing. The objects were in a triangular formation 35 to 40 degrees above the horizon. They moved in a floating motion from west to east on a straight flight path. The length of the observation was 3 to 5 minutes. Later at about 8:20 p.m. the Greater Pittsburgh Control Tower had a report of unidentified flying objects. Two aircraft, Vanguard Target and Vanguard 11, were vectored to the scene. (Dan Wilson)

June 30, 1957; Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Disc-like object paced, maneuvered around airliner. [UFOE, X]

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July 1957; Azusa, California
"Disc with amber lights around edge made wobbling vertical descent. [UFOE, XII]

July 1, 1957; Avon, Mass.
Cigar-shaped UFO with green lights like windows. [UFOE, XII]

July 4, 1957; Nr. Campos, Brazil
Time not given. A circular, lighted object paced a R.E.A.L. Airlines plane from Campos, Rio State, Brazil, almost to Vlctoria, the Capital of the Espirlto Santo State. This is approximately 230 miles northeast of Rio de Janeiro. Reported by the plane's pilot, Captain Delgado, the object was also watched by his co-pilot radio operator, stewardess, and ten of his passengers. The UFO followed the airliner for several minutes, sometimes speeding up to fly in front of the plane. The object was circular "with up and down parts" according to Captaln Delgado's report in the newspaper "Folha da Manha" published in Sao Paulo. Whether this referred to a turret is not clear. One unique aspect of the sighting was that when the plane and the object went through clouds, "little windows were lighted emitting a very strong light, which was put out immediately when the object came out from the clouds." (UFOE, X)

July 9, 1957; Hamilton, Ont., Canada
Attorney saw speeding, white elliptical UFO. [UFOE, X]

July 11, 1957; Wellsboro, Pennsylvania (BB)

8:00 a.m. EST. One white round object at an elevation of 45 degrees in the west was observed by Frank Britt after being alerted by another party. Binoculars were used in viewing the object. The object stayed in the same position for 45 minutes until if faded from view to the west after a total time of observation of 1 hour and 15 minutes. On the PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD comments were; Winds from West. Balloon would drift to E or SE. Object remained at same altitude for 45 minutes. Indicating fixed position. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

July 13, 1957; Bedford, Ohio
10:10 p.m. local. A GOC watcher observed two brilliant objects as they whizzed through the night sky. The objects returned five minutes later, viewed by binoculars and photographed. Apparently, disc-shaped and quite large. The two split into four and flew away in different directions. The source (which we do not have) is SAGA UFO Report, June 1977, page 33; GSW listed as an unknown, though dated as 21 August 1958. Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos)

July 16, 1957; Las Vegas, Nevada/N. Arizona (BBU)
1:56-1:58 p.m. (MST). USAF ADC radar station 865th ACWRON, Las Vegas AFS, Angel Peak, Nevada, Senior Director 1st Lt. Clifford E. Pocock, scope operator A/2c Walter Lyons, and control technician A/1c Armand Therrien, using the FPS-3A L-band search radar tracked an inbound target at average speed of about 6,200 mph for 48 secs [?] when it "stopped abruptly" and "remained stationary" for 12 secs to the ENE at 75° azimuth 85 miles range, N of Grand Canyon, then target headed outbound at about 7,000 mph on 85° heading over the last 72 secs before disappearing at the radar's maximum range at 81° azimuth 224 miles range (near Marble Canyon, Ariz.). Target responded to encrypted military IFF transponder signals and transmitted encrypted responses. Similar occurrence 2 days earlier noted by night crew but none others in years. (Jan Aldrich)

July 17, 1957; Mississippi, through Louisiana and Texas and into Oaklahoma (BBU)
4:30-6:40 a.m. (CDT). Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) RB-47 jet on training mission repeatedly encountered maneuvering radar-transmitting UFO which correlated with visual of brilliant white-red light tracked at 10 nautical miles from RB-47 by Dallas/Duncanville AFS 647th ACWRON air defense FPS-10 radar (32°38.8' N, 96°54.3' W), with same motions outpacing jet, simultaneous blink outs on Duncanville radar, ELINT monitors, visually and on airborne navigation radar. (Sparks in The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd ed. 1998, vol. 2) 2 hrs 10 mins

July 17, 1957; ENGLAND
Midday. Three people on their way to a clinic saw a dark shadow hanging over the road ahead. Their car began to slow down and stop and start intermittently. Stopping the car, they saw an oval gray object 100 to 150 feet over the road. The object was hovering, but then began to rotate and make a slight swishing or humming noise. It then flipped over and revealed itself to be disc-shaped. It slowly rose up into the sky. (Rodeghier, FSR, November 1976)

July 18, 1957; Mt. Lemmon, Ariz. (BBU)
10:46-11:20 p.m. (MST). USAF ADC radar station 684th ACWRON, Mt. Lemmon AFS, Senior Director Capt. Claiborne F. Bickham and crew using both MPS-7 L-band search and MPS-14 S-band height-finder radars tracked a stationary target at 42,000 ft to the NW at 308° azimuth 82 miles range (S of Chandler, Ariz.). Target responded to encrypted military IFF Mode 3 transponder signals, transmitted encrypted responses resulting in "normal Mode 3 paint" on radar scopes, and "a very slight strobe came from object appearing like ECM jamming." (Jan Aldrich) 34 mins

July 24, 1957; Nemuro Strait, Japan (BBU)
10 a.m. 2 USAF pilots flying F-86 jet fighters scrambled to intercept disc-shaped object, tracked by ground radar and seen by ground witnesses. (Weinstein; BB files??)

July 24, 1957; bt. Las Cruces, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas (BB)
A woman first spotted a large and very fast object, moving high in the sky and on a straight path. She pointed it out to her husband and the rest of their family. They watched it for about thirty seconds until it disappeared. Compared to most cases, this was not much. But the husband thought that it was an unknown, and he was Nathan Wagner, the chief of Missile Flight Safety of White Sands Proving Grounds (and, today, a member of the WSPG Hall of Fame). Wagner, who knew about many safety-related airliner incidents and, apparently, many UFO incidents as well, stated to the newspapers that he felt that these unknowns could have something to do with the near-miss airline incidents recently reported.47 (UFOs & Government, 249; Blue Book microfilm Roll 28; UFO Investigator 1 (2); Aug-Sept 1957(quoting the El Paso Times).

July 25, 1957; Niagara Falls, New York (BBU)
12:25 a.m. (EST). USAF pilot 1st Lt. Robert S. Hipkins and alert center operator S/Sgt Raymond C. Henry, both 47th Fighter Interceptor Sq on the ground, saw a circular brilliant white object with smaller 6 pale green lights on its perimeter move slowly at constant altitude at 8 mins first then make fast pivoting turns, maneuvering radically SE to NE (from azimuth 150° elevation 45° to azimuth 75° elevation 65°), disappearing in a rapid steep climb. Radar tracked for 3 mins by CPS6 ground ADC site. Dan Wilson, (McDonald list; Jan Aldrich)

July 27 or 29, 1957; Longmont, Colo. (BBU 4841)
Early morning. J. L. Siverly saw a thick disc, ice blue, with a top like honeycomb (interconnected hexagons), hover and rock below the hill tops. Middle band was scalloped, bottom had four kidney-shaped forms. (Berliner) 10 mins

July 29, 1957; Oldsmar, Florida (BBU 4848)
11:45 p.m. EST. Civilian by the name of Henkins was driving and observed a pale yellow ball of fire through the treess at an estimated altitude of 300 to 500 feet in the NE. The object hit the water near west Oldsmar to the NE of observer's position. exploding into multicolored lights. It had been traveling at a gradual slant similar to the gliding of an aircraft. The length of the observation was one minute. (Berliner)

July 29, 1957; Cleveland, Ohio (BBU4847)
11:31 p.m. EST (0431Z). Capital Airline pilots of Flight 841 observed a large round yellowish-white object at approximately 20,000 feet altitude. The object came from the north and passed in front of the aircraft. It appeared brilliant, then went to dim and back to brilliant. The object hovered over Cleveland and then moved northwest. During this incident the airliner chased the object but it sped ahead of them and over the horizon. The object was extremely fast and was in sight for 8 minutes. Both pilots sure object was not a star. (Dan Wilson, BB files).

July 30, 1957; Galt, Ontario, Canada
Walking along the edge of a field, a young man and his dog encountered a domed object and saw it land in a gully. The witness was frightened and his dog was described as snarling and barking. [The reaction of the dog sounds defensively fearful—jw] The object was reported to make a humming sound like a ball being swung on an elastic band.

July 31, 1957; Calistoga, California
Businessman watched two erratically maneuvering brilliant white objects. [VII]

NARA-PBB1- 169 (Unredacted) August 1-19 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1- 170 (Unredacted) August 20-31 Sightings Listing

August 1, 1957; Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Large glowing object hovered 20 minutes, sped away. [UFOE, VII]

Aug. 3, 1957; About 175 SW of San Francisco, California (BBU)
7:45-8:24 a.m. (PDT). USAF 965th Aircraft Early Warning & Control Sq (552nd AEW&C Wing), pilot 1st Lt. Robert J. Springer, Jr., Tech. Sgt. Herman L. Giles, and 16 other air crewmen, while on routine Airborne Operations Center radar early warning patrol over the Pacific aboard RC-121D aircraft (s/n 53-3400) detected a target on IFF Mode 2 transponder only. At 7:56 the IFF target became a direct radar "skinpaint," at 8:02 the IFF equipment APX-6/APX-7 was turned off but target was still tracked on airborne radar. At 8:15 target was at 2 o'clock position 10 miles range when aircraft started a right turn to reverse course putting target at dead ahead and target "suddenly" took off to the NW at "very high" speed, disappearing at 58 miles range (within 1-2 mins? at 1,800-3,600 mph?). Regained radar contact at 8:18 at 1 o'clock position 22 miles range moving right to left, crossed in front of aircraft again, closing distance to 8 miles at 11 o'clock position at 8:20 when target turned to head on parallel path. Lost contact at 8:24 at 7 o'clock position behind the plane at 15 miles, IFF remaining off, no visuals. (Jan Aldrich) 37-39 mins

Aug. 7, 1957; Ohio-Central Indiana (BB)
1:51 a.m. (radar) Starting at around midnight strange objects with colored lights were sighted by troopers, local police and local citizens over Alexandria, Yorktown, Portland, Pendleton, Greenwood, Elwood, Tipton, and Kokomo, all in Indiana. The sightings lasted until nearly 2 a.m. It was at 1:51 a.m., Portland reported object still sighted northeast and that District 5 (Piqua area?) in Ohio picked up an object on radar at between 6,000 and 8,000 feet but was unable to identify. Bunker Hill AFB was alerted of the sightings by State Police and the 319th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron made a sweep of the local area with their radar installation but there were no contacts. (Reference: Logansport Pharos-Tribune, August 7, 1957, page 1) The speed of the objects was given as from a stand still to high speed.The Project Blue Book report for Bunker Hill AFB for August 7, 1957 is listed on the Master Index as (CASE MISSING). There is a Project 10073 Record Card. (Dan Wilson)

August 14, 1957; Nr. Joinville, Brazil
Varig Airlines pilot observed domed disc, which affected aircraft engines, cabin lights dimmed. [UFOE, X]

August 15, 1957; Woodland Hills, California
Retired Navy pilot watched disc wobble, climb away. [UFOE, IV]

Aug. 20, 1957; Fujisawa City, Japan
11:28 a.m. According to the report, the photo was taken by Shinichi Takeda near Enoshima Miami Beach. The object was also seen by his sister, who called his attention to it. UFO is silvery in color, giving off a brilliant glow at an estimated altitude of 3000-4000 feet, traveling N to S. The object made a 90 degree left turn, sped up, and disappeared in clouds. A few minutes later, 15 people on the beach reported a similar object which passed over at high speed. No camera available. Picture shows capsule-shaped image near bank of cumulus clouds. [UFOE, VIII]

Aug. 22, 1957; Cecil NAS, Florida (BBU)
3:40 p.m. Sheetz and another civilian in a car chased a 50 ft black, bell shaped object bearing two bright, white lights at the top until the engine stalled when object hovered 10 ft away. Underside resembled a disk with fins. When a jet took off from the airfield, the object went out of sight almost instantly. Car battery was found completely dead. Noise from the object compared to helicopter though no helicopter in the area. (Rodeghier, Vallée Magonia 399; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 22-23, 1957; Cambria AFS, Calif (BBU)
7:35 p.m. local time. Two or three round, red and orange objects the size of a pea at arm's length were observed in a stack formation one above the other to the southwest at 15 degrees elevation. The objects were observed through binoculars. FPS-6 radar HRI was detecting objects in the same direction. Two F2H Navy fighter aircraft out of Moffet Field were sent to the area and made visual contact. When the fighters got within 50 miles of the objects both fighter's IFF disappeared from PPI of FPS-3 radar. The fighter aircraft IFF did not reappear until the fighters were approximately 70 miles from the objects. Total length of observation was approx. 1 hour and 30 minutes. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald List, FUFOR Index)

Aug. 24,1957; Ninigo Islands, South Pacific
Night (?) According to the South Pacific Post, a newspaper published at Port Moresby, Papua, New Guinea, a strange object was sighted from a government trawler. A patrol officer and four Europeans watched the UFO hover near their ship for 20 minutes. The Acting Director of Native Affairs, Mr. J. K. McCarthy, stated that the patrol officer, Mr. E. S. Esdale, was on the government trawler Eros when he and the others saw the object. Mr. Esdale reported that he was in the Ahu passage, in the Ninigo Group, when a strange light appeared in the west. "It assumed the appearance of a large yellow star. It hovered in one place for 20 minutes, but changed from yellow to red, then to green and finally to crimson. "It remained still for 20 minutes, then moved violently in a small area. It eventually turned from crimson to green and appeared to enter the sea." (Rullan;Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 4, No. 4, p. 7 July/August 1958)

Aug. 27, 1957; Dry Tortugas, Florida (BBU)
4:45 p.m. (EDT?). Crew of military aircraft saw an object with bright red to reddish-yellow pulsating light. The speed of the object was approximately 950 knots at an estimated altitude of 20,000 feet. The object was also picked up on an aircraft APG-51A radar as large blip at 20 miles range. An intercept was attempted and was discontinued because of the speed of the object. Pilot visually followed the object as it faded from sight. (Dan Wilson, Brad sparks, Project 1947)

Aug. 27, 1957; Eglin AFB, Florida (BB)
9:35 p.m. EST. At least six airmen including control tower operators observed a round object with a white light over Eglin AFB for approximately 5 minutes. At one point the object was seen at an estimated 700 feet altitude going straight up and then back down. The object appeared to circle the hanger at an estimated 2000 feet and at this time a red and white light were seen. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Aug. 29, 1957; Paso Robles, Calif. (BBU)
2:43 p.m. PST. (2243 Zulu). GOC spotters Taylor and Bunting saw silver circular object flying N to W, in sight for four minutes. Second sighting was at 9:21 p.m. PST (1721 Zulu). One silver spherical object the size of a baseball at arm's length was seen in a (slowly) spinning motion moving NW and in sight for 30 seconds. Air Force considered the witnesses unreliable due to age, but Capt. Barlow of the 4771st GOC Squadron Det. No. 2 believes their report to be fairly reliable. (Hynek UFO Rpt p. 44; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson) 4 mins

Aug. 30, 1957; Chesapeake Bay, nr. Norfolk, Virginia
Night. A Capital Airlines pilot with 17 years & 3,000,000 miles logged was flying a Viscount at 12,000' approaching Norfolk, Va., with a Northeast Airlines DC-6 "directly above" on the same heading at 20,000. The Viscount pilot saw a "brilliant" object which "flew fast and then abruptly halted 20 mi. in front of us at 60,000 ft. altitude." The Northeast pilot tried to acquire the object on radar: with the antenna at 0 degrees elevation nothing was detected, but with the antenna elevated to 15 degrees he acquired "an excellent blip right where I told him to look for the object." According to the Viscount pilot, the object "dissolved right in front of my eyes, and the crew above lost it from the scope at the same time. They said it just faded away." The entire incident lasted "several minutes". (NARCAP Report item # 14)

NARA-PBB1-171 (Unredacted) September 1-17 Sightings Listings
NARA-PBB1- 172 (Unredacted) September 18-30 Sightings Listing

Early Sept 1957.; Ubatuba, Brazil
One of the most controversial of all physical -evidence cases. The witness described an event in which a "flying disk" exploded over the beach at Ubatuba. Some of the metal, which had "rained down" from the exploding disk, was collected, and three small pieces were provided. As you can tell, there have been numerous evaluations, all posted in the links below. Paul Hill discussed the results of his analysis. Laboratory analysis of the samples found the magnesium to be not only of exceptional purity, and anomalous in its trace composition of other elements, but 6.7% denser than ordinary pure magnesium, a figure well beyond the experimental error of the measurement. Hill's calculation shows that this observation can be accounted for by assuming that the sample contained only the pure isotope Mg-26, rather than the naturally-occurring distribution among isotopes Mg-24, Mg-25, and Mg-26. Since the only isotope separation on a significant scale in terrestrial manufacture is that of uranium, such a result must be considered at least anomalous, and possibly as evidence for extraterrestrial manufacture (Fran Ridge)

Sept. 1, 1957; Le Mars, Iowa
A married couple saw a brief flash of light in the sky. Their car's headlights and engine failed for a few seconds coincident with the sighting, (Rodeghier, FSR, Vol. 4, No. 3)

Sept. 1,1957; Porthcawl, Glamorgan, Wales
Midnight. Two policemen patrolling the seafront saw a blood-red object with a jagged black streak across its centre rise out of the water on the horizon. Chief-Inspector Reginald Jones, of "D" Division, Glamorgan Police, told Flying Saucer Review that the two policemen thought at first that they were seeing a ship on fire on the horizon towards Ilfracombe. But then it rose out of the water like a blood-red sun, a good deal larger than a full-sized harvest moon. While the two police officers watched, two more streaks appeared above and below. It remained at sea level, then suddenly took off at a fantastic speed towards the Atlantic. Chief-Inspector Jones said the report had gone to top level. An Air Ministry spokesman said that one possible explanation of the phenomenon was that it was "a planet playing tricks." "Venus does at certain times of the year play all kinds of tricks--often due to climatic conditions." Flying Saucer Review has since ascertained that Venus went below the horizon one hour after sunset on that evening. Sunset was at 7.48 p.m. (Summer time). So it could not possibly have been visible at around midnight! (Rullan; Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 3, No. 6, p. 9, November/December 1957, “UFOs Ahoy!” by Janet Gregory).

Sept. 4, 1957; Portugal
Evening. Portugeuse Air Force jets encounter UFO for forty minutes. Ground station detected E-M disturbance. (Clear Intent, pg. 147; Ferreira, Captain Jose Lemos, FSR, Vol. 4, No.3, 1958, pp.2-3)

ADC received 41 reports of UFOS on one night, September 5-6, 1957.
NARA-PBB89-898
Yet there are only 3 cases listed in PBB Master Index for September 5. Where are the 41 reports?

Sept. 12, 1957; Tulsa, Oaklahoma (BBU)
5:00 p.m. CST. The witness, an electronics technician, was conducting a ground check of the APS-64, which is a component of the MA-7 bombing system of a B-47 jet bomber, when he noticed a radar return at approximately 60 miles range traveling at an estimated 24,000 mph from north to south. The length of the observation was 9 seconds.(McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 17, 1957; Ft. Devens, Mass.
Army report on eight round, orange UFOs which flew over base, one oscillating up and down. [UFOE, IV]

Sept. 19, 1957; Point Pleasant, New Jersey (BBU)
6:40 p.m. A lady had taken her dog for a walk and was looking into the sky checking the weather. She saw an object moving north to south, descending straight down onto a nearby lot. She described the object as white, noiseless, and boomerang-shaped and looked to be larger than a house. When it landed she heard a voice tell her very clearly not to say anything of this. She called her husband and asked him if he had said anything, and he said no. She said she watched the object while her husband checked on it. The object then rose straight up above the trees to about 1500-2000' then took off at high speed. and disappeared. Report says object was observed about 25 minutes. Her husband searched the lot and found the grass flattened and tracks that looked like from a child's wagon. (Vallée Magonia 403; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 20, 1957; Montauk, New York - Benton, Penna, (BBU)
4 p.m. High speed 2,300 mph radar target on E-W path at 50,000 ft altitude tracked by multiple radars, including 1-min track by FPS-3 at Montauk Point and 9 mins by CPS-6B at Benton, from E Long Island to Buffalo, New York (with alleged 11 min gap in between??), triggering a White House alert, high level CIA, USAF Intelligence, IAC Watch Committee meetings. Speed varied from 1,500 to 4,500 mph. (FOIA; Sparks, FBI/CIA docs - Ridge) 20+ mins ? The incident resulted in an immediate alert by both SAC and ADC. F-102's were scrambled from Kinross AFB, Michigan, and Truax AFB, Wisconsin. (Dan Wilson) "Jamming" was reported by several radars in this vicinity and westward as far as Chicago. (CUFON, Ridge files, foia.cia.gov site)

Sept. 20, 1957; Kadena AFB, Okinawa (BBU 4959)
8 p.m. S/Sgt. H. T. O'Connor and S/Sgt. H. D. Bridgeman saw an object, shaped like a coke bottle without the neck, translucent and fluorescent, make four 5-10 second passes from N to S, with 4-5 mins between passes. (Berliner) 4 x 5-10 secs ?

Sept. 26, 1957; Paris, France
Confidential report, from U.S. Embassy officer and wife, of bright elliptical UFO. [UFOE, X]

NARA-PBB1-173 (Unredacted) October 1-14 Sightings Listings
NARA-PBB1- 174 (Unredacted) October 15-25 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1- 175 (Unredacted) October 26-31 Sightings Listing

> USAF Strategic Air Command began Ground Alert Operations on October 1, 1957, whereby it would maintain approximately one-third of its aircraft on ground alert, with weapons loaded and crews standing by for immediate take-off.

Oct., 1957; BRAZIL, Quebracoco
Night. A naval officer's truck stalled as a huge oval UFO descended to the ground nearby. He and his companion believed it to be 500 feet wide, with an "aerial" projecting from its dome. Seven humanoids emerged from the object after it landed and watched the witnesses for about three minutes. They were quite small in stature and had long hair. They then entered the object, which took off, releasing a small disc in the process. (Rodeghier, The Humanoids, Bowen)

Oct. 1, 1957; Shippingport, Pennsylvania
7:00 p.m. From the direction of the nearby town of Ohioville something strange approached at an altitude of 2,000 feet. The two men spotted it and were astonished. The thing was a big luminous torpedo they estimated was 200 feet long. The top half was green-colored and the bottom half was reddish-orange. It was the witness' opinion the mystery ship made a U-turn over the nuclear facility. This suggestion was taken seriously by the Air Force and the FBI." (The Beaver County Times, Beaver, Pennsylvania, 8 November 1957.)

Oct. 4, 1957
Soviet Union launches the world's first satellite, Sputnik 1, at 2:28:34 p.m. (EST).

Oct. 7, 1957; Cape Canaveral, Fla.
White oval object seen near Cape for second consecutive night. [UFOE, XII]

Oct. 8, 1957; Bua Province, Fiji Islands
Natives in small boat saw UFO descend vertically, hover about 20 feet above sea.

Oct. 8, 1957; Nr. Boston, Mass.
Pan American Airways pilot saw a brilliant object flying at high speed in daylight. [UFOE, V]

Oct. 8, 1957; Seattle, Wash. (BBU 5003)
9:17 a.m. PST. M/Sgt. Walter W. Housley and Sgt. First Class Merrel E. Lee, observed two flat circular objects the apparent size of a dime held at arm's length appearing in the NW and banking away to the SW. The objects remained in line astern at all times while flying along an irregular path, frequently banking. The length of observation was 25-30 seconds. The two witnesses were from the 313th AAA MSL BN (NIKE).(Berliner)

Oct. 8, 1957; Nabouwalu, Bua, Fiji Islands
3:00 p.m. Two middle-aged couples saw an object that came down from the sky near the island of Nawaca [sic-Nawaka], eight miles away from Nabouwalu, southwest of Viti Levu. The witnesses were in a punt1 with an outboard motor, and when they saw the object, they first thought it was an airplane in trouble and decided to go near it. As the Fijian[s] came closer, they found it hovering about 20 feet above the sea and it appeared to be revolving. The witnesses said they picked out what looked like a figure of a man standing on the outside of the object. This figure shone a very bright light on their boat which was so powerful that they were dazzled and "felt weak." When the boat was about five chains from the rotating object, the figure disappeared and the object then rose in a rapid vertical movement and was soon out of sight. The newspaper is said to have emphasized that all four agreed on the details, that they lived in a fairly isolated area "without access to comic books or other literature on flying saucers." The witnesses['] statement was obtained by R. O. Aveling, an official of a local Adventist Church, who, in the night of the sighting by the four Fijians, had seen a light, apparently at an altitude of 5.000 feet, between the islands Beqa and Viti Levu. This light was at first stationary, then started sliding slowly through the sky for about five minutes, then vanished entirely, although there were no clouds. (Rullan; MUFON UFO Journal, #234, October 1987, p. 18)

Oct. 9, 1957; - South Weymouth Naval Air Station, MA
7:24 p.m. Tower operator sighted a constant, conical, greenish-blue object with a phosphorescent glow. Observed it with binoculars. In sight approximately 1 ½ minutes. No navigation lights seen through binoculars. Traveling faster than a jet plane on a track from NE to SSW. Came out of the NNE horizon and toward the end of its path made three “crazy” gyrations (like oscillations) then vanished, possibly behind cloud cover. Object had no tail like a comet or meteor. Called in to Satellite Tracking Program, Cambridge, MA, as a possible sighting of Sputnik I. It was not. (Project 1947; International UFO Reporter, January-February, 1993)

Oct. 12, 1957; near Martha's Vineyard, MA
3:20 p.m. Three members of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Ronald A. Veeder, Capt. Scott Bray, and Capt. Eugene Mysona, with these three men were two fliers from Charleston, South Carolina, one a Air Force jet pilot. All five men where aboard Veeder's boat, the Sports Fisherman. At 3:20 p.m., a strange round object bearing southeast approached the boat at high speed. As seen by Veeder and the others, through binoculars, the UFO appeared to be a sphere with sensing elements or spikes protruding from it. The tips of the "spikes" were red. The object hovered for about two minutes then took off to the southwest at a speed greater than any object the witnesses had ever seen. The sighting was reported to Otis AFB, Mass. (UFO Investigator / JULY - AUG 1960, page 6) [Project Blue Book evaluated this sighting as a balloon. Note: Listed in Oct Sightings Listing above. On October 22, 1957 OSI sent information on this report to the Commander AF Cambridge Research Center, L.G. Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass].

Oct. 14, 1957; North Island NAS, San Diego, CA (BBU)
7:00 pm PST. Three Navy enlisted men in tower, LT ALR pilot, LTJG GCT, co-pilot; WES,WPC crewmen Grumman S2F Tracker attached to VS-21 saw a bright light bearing 210 degs T. about 300 feet over Point Loma for 2 minutes then faded. Was viewed through binoculars by tower. Light reappeared further North and lower. S2F pilot awaiting take off on runway heard tower making radio calls to unidentified aircraft and saw the light. After take off he headed toward Pt. Loma as they drew abreast of the object off the right wing, it rapidly accelerated. S2F Tracker gave chase heading 230 degs. Radar indicated object 12 miles ahead. It drifted right 10 degs. After 3 minutes at 10 miles distance, 40 miles from Point Loma, lost visually and on radar. It reappeared visually only until 50 miles out, then faded out. All crew saw it. [Detailed report] Project Blue Book Case # : Balloon, Arcturus, anomalous propagation James McDonald: unidentified.Meteorological Factors in Unidentified Radar Returns by Dr. James McDonald [See case 2])

Oct. 15, 1957; Covington, (Fountain County) Indiana
While working his fields, Robert Moudy, a Fountain County farmer, encountered a silver platter-shaped object that hovered 1500 ft. above him with a pink flame belching from the bottom. He described the object as being 12 ft. in diameter and gave off a glow like a "bright light". The object hung over him for several minutes then it sounded a loud "whirling, screaming noise" and rose swiftly into the sky, its color changing "from pink to a light blue". The farmer said his combine engine died when the object rose at about a 20 degree angle and did not start again until object disappeared high in the sky. The farmer noticed two other automobiles on a nearby road at the time also were stalled. (Source: Rodeghier, UFOE, VIII; Rushville Republican (Rushville, Indiana) 5 Nov 1957, Page 1)

Oct. 16, 1957; BRAZIL, Sao Francisco de Sales
1:00 a.m. Antonio Villas Boas was plowing his field at night when he saw a red light in the sky that approached him. His tractor motor and lights failed as it hovered nearby. The object landed and five humanoids forced Boas onto the object. The humanoids were approximately five feet tall. The witness was forced to have sexual relations with a female humanoid, given a tour of the interior of the object, and then released. The UFO then rose slowly, rotating at high speed, and shot off to the south in seconds. (Rodeghier, The Humanoids, Bowen)

Oct, 16, 1957 Melbourne, Australia
During the evening, Air Marshall Sir George Jones and his wife, were getting out of a car, when they saw a bright light in the sky, approaching from the south, over Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne. It passed over their heads and departed to the north. It was a clear night with a light breeze. The object was reported as looking like a transparent balloon, with a white light on the bottom. It appeared to be travelling at supersonic speed, at about 500 feet altitude. It was soundless. The duration of the sighting was about 10 seconds. Air Marshall Jones ruled out conventional explanations. (Sources: (1.) Daily Telegraph. Sydney. 4 Jan 1958.( 2.) APRO Bulletin. Mar 1958. p.2. (3.) Audio interview between Jones and J E McDonald recorded 28 Jun 1967 in Melbourne, UFOE, X)

Oct. 19, 1957; Mildenhall, England, UK (BBU)
5:40 p.m., local. A/2C Pringle and A/2C Warsewich on duty in the control tower at Mildenhall RAF Station, observed a circular disc-shaped object, yellow to orange in color to the SW of the station. The object appeared as large as a dime held at arm's length. The object when first sighted was approx. 5 degrees above the horizon and appeared to be stationary. At 5:55 p.m., the weather observer working in the tower was notified. The wx observer said he could not identify the object , but it definitely was not a star or other celestial body. At 6:03 P.M., Lakenheath RAPCON was advised of the UFO. The UFO was obscured from the tower's vision at Mildenhall at 6:09 p.m. by clouds. At 7:28 p.m., Lakenheath RAPCON advised Mildenhall tower they could see an object to the SW of Mildenhall. At 7:30 p.m., Lakenheath advised Mildenhall they had 3 targets on their radar. Two of the targets were NW of Mildenhall at approx. 11 miles. The two targets were also stationary. The 3rd target was north and moving slowly towards the station. Also the targets NW were visible from Lakenheath. Mildenhall GCA was notified and also picked up the targets which coordinated with Lakenheath. At 8:40 p.m., Sculthorpe WX station picked up the unidentified targets on their radar. The positions coincided with those of Lakenheath Control and Mildenhall GCA had reported. The UFO report's preparing officer, 1st Lt. David A. Zillmer, wrote in his report on this incident. After investigating possible confusion with some known object the sighting was considered to definitely involve an unidentified object. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list)

Oct. 21, 1957; RAF Gaydon, Warwickshire, England (BBU)
9:18 p.m. RAF pilot flying Meteor fighter had near collision with object near atomic base, showing six lights when fighter approached, object disappeared suddenly, ground radar tracking confirmed sighting. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index; Mary Castner/CUFOS)

Oct. 22, 1957; Wiesbaden, West Germany (BBU)
2:00 p.m. local time. A target was picked up on an AN/TPS-1D radar at 286.5 degrees azimuth at 160 miles range. The blip was 2 to 3 times larger than any blip seen on radar set. The shape of the target was that of a normal aircraft target as seen on a PPI scope. The speed of the target was estimated at 6240 nmph. The target closed to a range of about 45-50 nm, reversed direction and went outbound on same azimuth without turning around or changing speed until disappearing at a range of 160 nm (at the rim of the PPI scope). After a few seconds the "blip" reappeared and followed path as mentioned above. This happened again for a third time and then the blip disappeared from view. The total length of the observation was 5-6 minutes. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index) [Classic case of interference. Not a UFO]

Oct. 22, 1957; Pittsburgh, Pa.
Family saw six UFOs in two separate groups, changing position in formation. [UFOE, II]

Oct. 23, 1957; Kent, England
Disc traveling on edge. [UFOE, XII]

Oct. 23, 1957; Lake Wales and Bartow AFB, Florida (BB)
3:15 p.m. (approx) A large oblong object with a tail projecting north horizontally was observed high in the sky by five pilots in a Piper Apache aircraft The object was described as too shiny to be a weather balloon. The object stayed stationary over Haines City for more that two hours as the plane flew approximately 10 mile circles around it. All the witnesses were licensed pilots who have been flying for many years and have seen many such weather balloons, and therefore, discounted the weather balloon theory on the basis of their experience. A B-47 aircraft with the call sign Venice 37 also observed the object as well as others on the ground in central Polk County. The object was estimated to be at 66,500 to 76,500 feet in altitude. Winds were reported to be 22 mph at 50,000 feet. The object was kept in sight until 5:42 p.m. when at that time the object appeared to be ascending rapidly and the next circling of the aircraft the object had completely disappeared. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Oct. 30, 1957; 10 miles north of Casper, Wyoming
A man and woman out driving suddenly saw a large, egg-shaped, glowing object on the road ahead. It was the size of a house and had two pointed peaks.

They tried to turn around but their car motor stalled. After repeated attempts, they were able to turn the car around but the motor continued to stall out. They eventually left at high speed and did not observe the disappearance of the object. (Rodeghier, Saucer News, December 1963)

Oct. 31, 1957; Lumberton, North Carolina
Evening. Two couples spotted a 200-foot-long UFO high in the sky. It rose straight up, shot off some type of flame, and then quickly moved away. As it flamed, the witnesses' car stalled. It could be restarted easily after the sighting. (Rodeghier, Charlotte, N.C. Observer, November 4, 1957)

NARA-PBB1- 176 (Unredacted) November 1-4 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1- 177 (Unredacted) November 6 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1- 178 (Unredacted) November 6-8 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1- 179 (Unredacted) November 9-10 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1- 180 (Unredacted) November 11-15 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1- 181 (Unredacted) November 11-15 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1-182 (Unredacted) November 11-15 add Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1- 183 (Unredacted) November 16-24 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1- 184 (Unredacted) November 16-24 add Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1- 185 (Unredacted) November 25-30 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1- 186 (Unredacted) November 25-30 add Sightings Listing

In the first week in November 1957, the predicted UFO wave exploded onto the scene. As sightings occurred worldwide, the greatest number of sightings seemed to concentrate in the United States, Brazil, and Japan. In terms of numbers the UFO wave of 1957 produced more UFO sightings than any other UFO wave. At this unique period of time the CIA established "The Director of Central Intelligence Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance". Years later this committee evolved into the very spooky National Reconnaissance Office. The NRO's focus was planet Earth.

Nov. 1, 1957; Huntington, West Virginia (BB)
5:30 p.m. local. A woman heard a "crash" followed by a beeping sound outside of her house. She then went outside and observed a metallic-looking object on the roof that appeared as two hemispheres joined off center. The object was about the size of an automobile. The bottom half of the object seemed to vibrate or revolve. After a few seconds the object started to ascend straight up and was out of sight in about one minute. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Operation Moonwatch (UFOs & Government, 249-252)

**November 1957 "Flap"**

Nov. 2, 1957
Soviet Union launches the second earth satellite, Sputnik 2, at 9:30:42 p.m. (EST), this time with a dog on board.

The Anchor Case For CE-II's - Levelland (UFOs & Government, 252-256)

Nov. 2, 1957; 3 miles W of Canadian, Texas (BBU)
3:30 a.m. Driver and other military/civilian witnesses saw a submarine-shaped object, red and white, 2-3x car length (40-60 ft) and about 10 ft high, at ground level. A figure was seen near the object. When the car stopped nearby, a flash of light from the object coincided with the sudden failure of the headlights. (Rodeghier, Vallée Magonia 418; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 2, 1957; Between Sherman & McKinney, Texas
5:30 p.m. Mrs. James Adolf and two others reported a "strange light" alternately dimming and brightening. (NICAP list)

Nov. 2, 1957; Clovis, New Mexico
Dinnertime. Odis Echols and parents observed a "bulky object" described as a "streak of light like a fireball in the SE." (NICAP list)

Nov. 2, 1957; Midland, Texas
Early evening. An unnamed man and two kids reported a large bluish object, low, going west. (NICAP list, newspaper clipping)

Nov. 2, 1957; Petit, Texas
Evening. Two grain combines, each with two engines, were working in the fields. All the engines failed as a glowing UFO passed overhead. (Rodeghier, Schopick)

Nov. 2, 1957; between Seminole and Seagraves, Texas
8:30 p.m. A single witness saw a light on the highway ahead. His car motor and headlights failed as he drove closer. Within a few seconds, the light rose into the air and flew away. (Rodeghier, Schopick)

Nov. 2, 1957; 4 miles W of Levelland, Texas (BBU)
10:50 p.m. Pedro Saucedo and Jose Salaz driving W, 4 miles SW of Levelland on Rt. 116 near Petit. They saw a flash of light to the right of the road then a large 200 ft long 6 ft wide blue torpedo-shaped object, with yellow flame and white smoke emitted from the rear, rose up out of the field, headed straight toward their truck, passed directly overhead at about 200 ft with a loud thundering roar, a rush of wind and great heat, causing the truck engine to die and headlights to go out, then disappeared in the E towards Levelland, and the lights came back on spontaneously and the engine was able to be restarted. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 9; Tony Rullán; Vallée Magonia 419) 2-3 mins

Nov. 2, 1957; 4 mi E. of Levelland
11:50 p.m. Jim Wheeler on Rt. 166 observed an object on the road, described as an egg, 200' long, which rose up in the air and the lights went out (on

object ??). Lights went out (on vehicle) and motor stopped. (NICAP list)

Nov. 2, 1957;l Shallowater, Texas
11:55 p.m. Two married couples saw a flash of orange light in the southwestern sky. The headlights and radio of their car failed for three seconds as they saw the light. The motor of the car was not affected. There were no thunder-storms in the area. (Rodeghier, Blue Book)

Nov. 2, 1957; Whitharral, Texas
Midnight. Jose Alvarez came across a 200-foot-long object sitting in the road on Route 51. His car engine stopped as he approached and the headlights went out. At that point, the object rose quickly into the air. (Rodeghier, Schopick)

Nov. 2, 1957; Levelland, Texas
Midnight. Jim Wheeler, also driving on Route 116 about four miles west of Levelland, saw a brightly lit, egg-shaped object sitting in the middle of the road. It was about 200 feet long. The headlights and engine of his car failed as he approached it. As Wheeler got out of his car, the object rose to an altitude of 200 feet and disappeared. The car's headlights came back on at this point and he could restart the car. (Rodeghier, Schopick)

Nov. 2nd or 3rd, 1957; Levelland, texas
Among the witnesses during the evening was Sheriff Weir Clem, who was searching the roads as a result of earlier reports and saw a reddish oval cross the road, illuminating the pavement.

Nov. 2, 1957, 30 mi W. of Vancouver Isle, Pacific
Inbound to Seattle, Washington the Japanese freighter S.S. Meitetsu Maru sighted a fishing boat afire from bow to stern.. The crew of the freighter reported that an unidentified white light or object had been observed (see report at link)  near the burning boat from afar, but as the freighter approached, it moved a way rapidly and disappeared. (Invisible Horizons by Vincent Gaddis, p. 99, © 1965) Newsclipping

Nov. 3, 1957; near Levelland, Texas
Midnight. At a point 9 miles north of Levelland on Route 51, a single witness saw a UFO on the road. His motor stopped and headlights failed. The object was glowine and pulsating--as it glowed, the car headlights went out, and vice versa. After a short while, the object rose vertically with a sound like thunder. At an altitude of 200 to 300 feet it stopped glowing and disappeared. The headlights came back on and the witness started the car. (Rodeghier, Blue Book)

Nov. 3, 1957; 9 miles E of Levelland, 1 mile W of Smyer, Texas (BBU)
12:05 a.m. Texas Tech college student Newell H. Wright was driving W when the ammeter on his car dashboard started fluctuating widely, car motor gradually went out then headlights and radio died. He got out to check and saw a white or aluminum-colored oval-shaped object flat on the bottom like a loaf of bread, with a greenish tint, about 75-125 ft long. After a few mins object suddenly rise up from the road ahead and ascend almost vertically at great speed, slightly to the N, disappearing in secs. Afterward car was able to be restarted. (Rodeghier, Hynek UFO Exp ch. 9; Tony Rullán; Vallée Magonia 419) 4 mins

Nov. 3, 1957; Levelland, Texas
Right before the 12:15 a.m. incident. Jose Alvares was 10 mi NE of Levelland near Witherral and saw an egg about 200' long circle a cotton field, disappeared when it stopped and its light went out. The car's lights went out and the engine quit. (NICAP list)

Nov. 3, 1957; 10 mi. NE of Levelland
12:15 a.m. ??. Frank Williams was near Witherral when he encountered an object described as an egg, sitting on the crossroads, on and off. The car's lights went out and the engine died. (NICAP list)

Nov. 3, 1957; Near Smyer, E. of Levelland, Texas
12:45 a.m. In one probably significant report Ronald Martin was on Rt. 116, about 5 mi W. of Levelland when he saw the glowing red UFO land ahead of his truck, then turn to bluish- green. The truck's electrical system failed. When the UFO took off, it turned reddish again.

Nov. 3, 1957; Fort of Itaipu, Brazil
In the early hours of the morning, two sentries at the heavily defended Brazilian fort of Itaipu near Santos noticed a bright orange light over the sea. To their amazement it became larger and larger and was obviously approaching the fort. The sentries' suprise turned to fear as the object loomed steadily larger in the darkness. It became obvious to them that this was no ordinary phenomenon. The object held its course until it was directly over the sentries, and was visible as a gigantic round body which flooded the ground and three guns with a mysterious red light. The sentries gazed up at the threatening monster with open mouths, its diameter was at least as large as the wingspan of a DC-3 and scarcely a hundred meters away. Suddenly there was a strange buzzing noise, and the men felt a wave of glowing heat. (Click on directory link above).

Nov. 3, 1957; Levelland, Texas
Around 1:00 a.m. Levelland Fire' Marshall Ray Jones, while out driving around and looking for some explanation of the many UFO reports, saw a "streak of light' north of the Oklahoma Flat. His headlights dimmed and engine sputtered as he saw the light. (Rodeghier, Schopick)

Nov. 3, 1957; Levelland, Texas
1:00 a.m. A truck driver on the Oklahoma Flat Road northeast of Levelland approached a glowing, egg-shaped object on the road. His engine and lights failed at about 200 feet away. The witness thought the object was 200 feet long and glowing intermittently "like a neon sign." As he got out of his truck, the object lifted off and streaked away. (Rodeghier, Blue Book)

Nov. 3, 1957; Levelland, Texas
1:15 a.m. James Long was 5 mi. NW of Levelland on a farm road. He reported an object that lit up, egg or oval-shaped about 200' long, 200' away, sitting in the road. He reported a "thunderclap". The car's lights and motor quit. (NICAP list)

Nov. 3, 1957; NW of Levelland, Texas
1:30 a.m. Wier Clem and Pat McCullough saw a flash of light 300-400 yards to the south of them. (NICAP list)

Nov. 3, 1957; NW of Levelland, Texas

1:30 a.m. Lee Hargrove and Floyd Cavin were a mile or so behind Clem and McCullough and reported the same thing. (NICAP list)

Nov. 3, 1957; 5 mi. E. of Leveland, texas
Time not given but Airman Fed Smith reported an object like an airplane on fire, but low and too slow. (NICAP list)

Nov. 3, 1957; White Sands, New Mexico (BBU)
3 a.m. [1 p.m. MST ?] Army patrol at Stallion Site in a jeep saw an orange, "apparently controlled," luminous object on the ground near the site of the first A bomb explosion [Trinity Site] first seen as a sun-like source 150 ft above ground, descending to ground level after 3 mins, landing a few miles away at the N end of the test grounds. (Vallée Magonia 420; FUFOR Index) 3 mins +

Nov. 3, 1957; CANADA, Sibald, Alberta
7:00 p.m. Three witnesses saw a light in the sky to the NW. When it passed overhead, the engine of their car coughed and the headlights flickered. (Rodeghier, Michel)

Nov. 3, 1957; Amarillo, TX
11:53 p.m. A Navy Test Pilot was flying over the city reporting to Amarillo Tower. Kevin Harris and Sandy McKean, both Amarillo air controllers saw an object low on the horizon, then high going from dim to bright, moving swiftly, then slowly. The pilot was flying on a bearing of 40 degs. when he saw the object 80 degs to his right. He was describing actions as they occurred to the tower. (Source: Keyhoe, Gross 1957, "Flying Saucer Digest", ICARF, Milwaukee, WI, Vol 1 #2, December 1958, pages 5-6, Amarillo (TX) Daily News 4 November, 1957Amarillo (TX) Globe News 4 November, 1957

Nov. 4, 1957; Ararangua, Brazil
Airliner ADF (direction finder), right generator and transmitter-receiver burned out during UFO sighting. (NICAP Case 41, 1960) [Click on link for detailed report by Richard Haines]

Nov. 4, 1957; U.S., near Amarillo, Texas
After midnight. A young couple saw a glowing object on the road while returning to Amarillo. The object was surrounded by fog. The engine of their car died as they approached it and entered this fog. The battery also went dead. The car had to be pushed into Amarillo to have the battery replaced. [Shopick] (Rullan; UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference by Mark Rodeghier, p. 10, © 1981)

Nov. 4, 1957; Elmwood Park, Illinois
Early morning. Three suburban policemen reported seeing an aerial phenomenon similar to the one reported in West Texas and new Mexico. The officers of the Elmwood Park Police said that a bright cigar-shaped cylinder appeared in the early morning darkness. Policeman Clifford Shaw said the headlights and spotlight on the squad car dimmed in the the presence of the object. Joseph Lukasek and Dan Diglovanni said that the squad chased the object which dipped and then rose again before speeding off, for a mile and a half. Elmwood Park fireman Bob Volz also reported seeing a red-dish-orange aerial object in the early morning that sent chills up his spine. (Dan Wilson, United Press)

Nov. 4, 1957; Elmwood Park, Illinois
3:00 a.m. Three men, including two policemen, saw an orange fluorescent light descending nearby after the headlights failed on their car. It was 50 to 100 meters distant, but suddenly the headlights worked, so they followed it. After an involved chase, they ended up near a cemetary where they watched this light for two more minutes before it departed. The headlights never malfunctioned during the chase. (Rodeghier, The Hynek UFO Report)

Nov. 4, 1957; Orogrande, New Mexico (BBU)
A 1:10 p. m. local time, near Orogrande, NM,, James Stokes' car began to malfunction. The radio faded out, then the engine stopped. There were nine other cars stalled at this spot also. The occupants of the cars were watching an egg-shaped object approach from the NE, pass low over the cars (within 1500 to 3000 feet), move to the NW, then come back within a few minutes and make another pass. Stokes estimated it to be 500 feet in length. He also reported heat and "pressure" when the UFO passed overhead. Later that day he noticed his skin was reddened as if surburned. The next day this had disappeared. (Rodeghier, Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence of the Invasion from Outer Space, Coral Lorenzen)

Nov. 4, 1957; 3 miles SE of El Paso Airport, Texas (BBU)
7:30 p.m. Border Patrol inspector Burton saw eggshaped object with bluish glow approaching from the SW at 30° elevation with whirring sound like artillery shell after car stalled and headlights dimmed and blacked out. Object passed over car at 100 ft height headed W, changing altitude at irregular intervals, rose vertically at Franklin Mtns. (Hynek UFO Rpt p. 181; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 4, 1957; Kodak, Alaska
Night. A 28-year-old policemen saw a flaming red ball of light approach from the east and pass only 50 feet over a school. it was trailing greenish-yellow vapor. it suddenly disappeared as it traveled towards the west. While it was in view and for some time afterwards, the radio on the police car experienced a "dit-dit" interference noise. (Rodeghier, Anchorage Daily News, November 5, 1957)

Nov. 4, 1957; Toronto, Canada
TV interference (audio); viewers called out by neighbors to see UFO. (NICAP report, item #43, 1960)

Nov. 4, 1957; Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
10:45 p.m. (MST). CAA air traffic controllers R. M. Kaser and E. G. Brink saw a highly maneuverable 15-20 ft egg-shaped object with a white light at its base circle over the W [E?] end of the base at 150-200 mph and come down in a steep 30° dive as if landing on Runway 26, to the N or NW of the tower at about 1500 ft. Radar tracked part of this maneuver. Object then crossed flight line, runways and taxiways heading towards the tower at about 50 mph and 20-30 ft above ground, observed through 7x binoculars till it reached about 3,000 ft to the ENE near the NE corner of the floodlit restricted nuclear Weapons Storage Area / Area D/Drumhead Area, and a B-58 bomber service site, where it hovered for 20 secs-1 min then headed E again, at about 200-300 ft height, then suddenly shot up at a steep climb at about 45,000 [4,500?] ft/min. Controllers contacted RAPCON which tracked object on CPN-18 radar traveling E then turning S, circling the Albuquerque Low Frequency Range Station then headed N [disappearing at 10 miles and reappearing 20 mins later to circle around ?] to follow 1/2 mile behind a USAF C-46 that had just taken off to the S for 14 miles until both went off scope. Hovering radar target then appeared to the N over outer marker for 1-1/2 mins before fading. (McDonald 1968, 1972; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-3) 25 mins

Nov. 5, 1957; About 200 [350?] miles S of Mobile and near Selma, Alabama (BBU)
5:16-5:23? a.m. US Coast Guard cutter Sebago heading NNE at 23° azimuth tracked radar target to the S at 188° azimuth range 22 miles traveling at 650

mph disappearing at 190° azimuth at 55 miles range. Visual object like a brilliant planet was seen at 5:21 for 5 secs traveling left to right from W to NW from 270° to 310° azimuth at about 31° elevation. A radar target seemingly stationary for 1 min at 5:20-21 to the N at 350° azimuth range 7 miles moved slowly towards the NE then accelerated rapidly off the scope at 15° azimuth (about NNE) at 175 miles. 3 USAF pilots at Selma saw a bright object flash from S to N, time uncertain. (UFOE, VIII; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; cf. CR p. 165) 7 mins ?

Nov. 5, 1957; Playa del Rey, California
5:40 a.m. Richard Keyhoe, while driving to work along Vista del Mar at the beach, experienced engine failure, as did drivers of two other cars in the area. All drivers got out and saw an egg-shaped object in a blue haze on the beach. Two humanoids got out of it and asked the men questions such as "Where are you going?" and "What time is it?" The humanoids, who had yellow-green skin, then got back in the craft which quickly departed. The witnesses' cars could be restarted. (Rodeghier, Flying Saucer Occupants, Coral and Jim Lorenzen)

Nov. 5, 1957; Eglin AFB, Florida (BBU)
At 2:37 p.m., local time, an object was tracked by an AN/FPS-16 radar set at high altitude. Later another object was detected at 45,000 feet while the the first object was now at 39,000 feet. Flight paths were not on a straight line at any time. After 1 hour and 33 minutes the objects faded from radar at an altitude of 204,800 feet heading west. (Dan Wilson)

Nov. 5, 1957; Kearney, Nebraska
Afternoon. Reinhold Schmidt, a grain buyer from California, experienced engine failure of his car. He then found himself near a silvery, blimp-shaped object. It was 100 feet in length and 30 feet wide, standing on four legs. Two "men" from the object searched him for weapons and took him inside. There were two women already inside the craft. The occupants were working on wiring of some type and paid him very little attention. They eventually told him to leave the craft; he did so, after which it lifted silently into the sky. His car could then be restarted with no trouble. (Rodeghier, Flying Saucer Occupants, Jim and Coral Lorenzen)

Nov. 5, 1957; Long Beach Airport, Calif. (BBU)
3:50 p.m. PST. Major Lewis F. Baker, A/2C William J.Nieland, and A/2C Joseph C.V. Abramavage, were outside of the Weather Station watching a thunderstorm and observed 5 or 6 disc shaped objects moving about in a helter-skelter fashion on the west edge of the storm The objects appeared to be the size of a pea held at arm's length and a silvery metallic in color. There appeared to be no set flight path of the objects and the maneuvers were erratic and very fast. The objects were observed for approximately 90 seconds. Joseph C.V. Abramavage said that about 10 transient military personnel watched the objects before boarding a plane to Washington. Later at around 7:01 p.m. at Long Beach, Joe Zibello, a civilian, reported observing 5 or 6 very bright objects the size of a pea held at arm's length with a high degree of maneuverability. The objects made fast up and down movements similar to the shape of a "N." (UFOE; McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 5, 1957; Scotia, Nebraska (BBU)
5:30 p.m. Two (??) civilian witnesses, one by the name of Winslow, reported that a noise was heard overhead which sounded like a helicopter, and with an odor similar to burning fuel. The object looked like a balloon and appeared to be descending. Observers stated they appeared to be paralyzed for a short period of time during the sighting. Object described as elongated, coming to ground level, without touching down, and then disappearing. (Vallée Magonia 424; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 5, 1957; Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, CA
6:05-7:25 p.m. Lt. Richard Spencer (pilot), Louis D. Mitchell (tower operator), Charles Kreiger (Hospitalman), on sentry duty reported a star-like object bearing moving N to NW varying color and brightness. Details lacking. “You Asked For It” scheduled a segment on the sighting, but it was cancelled by Navy. (Keyhoe, Gross, 1957, *Los Angeles Times*, CA, 6 November, 1957; "UFO Investigator" Vol 1, #3, January, 1958, page 3, Long Beach, CA *Independent* 7 November 1957, page 1)

Nov. 5, 1957; Atlanta, Georgia (BB)
6:30 p.m. EST. A witness (Ethridge) was in the house when the lights inside and on the street went dim and the radio volume decreased and static increased. The witness then went outside and saw an object moving overhead. The object was egg shaped the size of a penny held at arm's length and glowed off and on and left a streak behind. A humming sound that varied in intensity was heard as the object moved generally to the west. The object was seen to hover at one point. The observation lasted 4 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Nov. 5, 1957; El Paso, Texas
7:30 p.m. A single witness saw an egg-shaped object, which was glowing with a blue color, approach his car. This occurred after his engine and headlights had failed. The object gave off a whirring sound and passed overhead at a 100-foot altitude. It moved off into the distance in a straight line, but changed altitude erratically. (Rodeghier, The Hynek UFO Report)

Nov. 5, 1957; near Hobbs, New Mexico
11:00 p.m. Two young men saw a red light north of the highway at a point 38 miles west of Hobbs. They watched for 9 to 10 minutes, thinking it was an oil-flare, when the light suddenly rose straight up. After pacing the car for a few minutes, the light turned toward the car, passed over it, and hovered over the Permian Basin Pipe Line Plant. As it passed overhead, the car engine sputtered, then died, and the lights went out. After the men coasted the car down the road, the motor restarted and they drove away. The battery was found to be dead the following morning and the dashboard clock was stopped (Rodeghier, Schopick)

Nov. 5, 1957; Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia
Brilliant round orange object hovered, revolving; television blacked out.

Nov. 5, 1957; East St. Louis, Illinois
Three Alton & Southern Railroad employees saw two silvery, egg-shaped UFOs.(UFOE)

Nov. 5, 1957; Hedley, TX
Farmer saw UFO; neighbor reported TV off at same time. (NICAP report, item 47, 1960)

Nov. 5, 1957; Haverhill, Mass.
Ground Observer Corps reported a circular or spherical glowing object which appeared to vibrate up and down and from side to side while hovering. [UFOE, VII]

Nov. 5, 1957; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Apartment lights dead, electric clock stopped; bright light awakened couple. Milkman reported flaming disc.

Nov. 5, 1957; Ringwood, Illinois
UFO followed car returning to town. TV sets in town dimmed, finally lost both picture and sound during same time period. (NICAP report, item # 48, 1960)

Nov. 5, 1957; San Antonio (near), Texas (BB)
Night. Near Lackland Air Force Base, civil service employee Lon Yarborough was driving along U.S. 81 from Devine to San Antonio when he saw an extremely bright object settle down in a ravine about 200 yards from him. He. said he was a mile and a half from San Antonio at the time. The egg-shaped object was approximately 60 foot long and caused the lights and engine of his 1957 car to fail. He said his car was in perfect mechanical condition. The object, he said, rested a few minutes and finally took off in the direction of San Antonio. The sighting happened at night. (Dan Wilson, BB docs)

Nov. 5, 1957; Springfield, Ohio
Car and cab stalled as UFO observed. (NICAP report, item49, 1960)

Nov. 5 or 6, 1957; Sao Vicente, Brazil
Itaipu Fort electrical system failed, sentries felt heat as UFO approached and hovered. (NICAP report # 51, 1960)

Nov. 6, 1957; Whiteman AFB, Missouri (BBU)
Radarscope photos. (BB files, Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

Nov. 6, 1957; N of Seoul, South Korea (BBU)
Morning. A luminous bluish-white barrelshaped object was seen close to the ground, reflected in a pool of water. It rose and vanished "like a light switched off." (Vallée Magonia 426)

Nov. 6, 1957; Santa Fe, New Mexico (BBU)
12:10 a.m. A taxicab company owner and one of his drivers saw a UFO approach them. They heard a humming sound as it came close. The object was egg-shaped and multi-colored. As it passed over their car, the engine stalled and the dashboard clock stopped. The UFO then pulled up and moved rapidly into the southeast. One witness later discovered that his wristwatch had also stopped at the time of sighting. (Michel)

Nov. 6, 1957; Santa Fe, New Mexico
12:15 am. Joe Martinez reportedthat that he and Albert Gallegos, while driving home saw an object in the sky with "red and green and yellow lights." He said it gave a "great glow all over."[Editor's note: The AF policy of ridicule has paid off in this instance. Neither man will elucidate any further regarding this sighting, although close friends have related the information that the object came down over the ear in which the men were riding. Both have said publicly that they aren't talking because they don't want to be called crazy.] (The A.P.R.O. Bulletin, Rob Swiatek)

Nov. 6, 1957; near Pell City, Alabama
4:30 a.m. While delivering milk seven miles east of Pell City, the driver noticed the sky was lit up in one direction. He decided to investigate and drove eight miles on a dirt road, at which point his vehicle stalled. He got out and walked another mile and saw a 600-foot-long object about 200 feet in the air. He reported that the ground was slightly scorched under it. Even though his truck had a new battery, he was forced to hitch a ride home because it could not be started. (Rodeghier, Michel)

Nov. 6, 1957; Springfield, Ohio
4:50 a.m. Two policemen reported seeing a "frosty" blue light over the south side of Springfield. It lasted only 10 seconds, but at the same time, Julius Roseman, who was driving to work, reported that his car engine had failed. Mr. Roseman also said that the motor of a taxi beside his car also failed. (Rodeghier, Schopick)

Nov. 6, 1957; 1/4 mile west of Robins AFB, Georgia (BB)
6:30 a.m. EST. A civilian housewife observed a brilliant red round object the size of a medium size pumpkin (at arm's length?) with what appeared to be a glowing ring around the outer edge similar to a halo. The object appeared to be at high altitude traveling east to west at an excessive speed. The object appeared to stop over western boundary of the air base and bobble up and down. The object then traveled to the south for a short distance and then back to the position it had previously stopped at and then continued west. (BB files, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 6, 1957; Lake County, Ohio (BBU)
6:30 a.m. Markell saw an unbearably bright round object, much larger than a plane, landing on a ridge, then taking off again. Object had an "odd color," left no trail, made no noise. (Vallée Magonia 428; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 6, 1957; Houston, Texas
Car motor stalled, radio blanked with static. (NICAP report item 52, 1960)

Nov. 6, 1957; Laredo AFB, Texas (BBU)
Starting at 3:05 p.m. CST, and over a period of 41 minutes, seven or more objects were observed on a GCA Surveillance scope. The objects appeared as large as a T-33 to a C-47 and their speed was estimated at 3600 mph. The location of the objects from the observer was 170 to 350 degrees. (McDonald, Sparks, Wilson)

Nov. 6, 1957; Boerne, Texas (BBU 5205)
6 p.m. McGregor saw an oval object, about 15 ft long, bright orange similar to glowing coals, hovering 12 ft above ground. He went to call his family but the object had vanished when he returned. Tape [?]. (cf. Vallée Magonia 431; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 6, 1957; Merom (25 miles south of Terre Haute), Indiana
Early evening, Rene Gilham, a young ironworker Haute witnessed a 30-40 foot diameter, circular object hovering 200-300 feet overhead. It was also observed by his family and neighbors across the street. Mr. Gilham stood under the object for about ten minutes in the recurrent blue light beams being

projected down. The effects of the encounter put him in the hospital. (Frank Edwards, NICAP files)

Nov. 6, 1957; Kagoshita, Japan (BBU)
Object, size of wing tip light. Single white, two whites. blinking white, reddish hue & orange were reported by different sources & at different times. Light, or light source, was reported steady, then disappeared after two or three minute chase. Object was sighted at 15 second intervals timed by a stop watch. Four 15 second flashes were observed before object disappeared for the last time. Radar observer saw two returns in the same location. (McDonald list, Greenwood, Vitello)

Nov. 6, 1957; Danville, Illinois
Night.Two state policemen observed a brilliant white light, which changed color successively to amber and orange. They gave chase (15 miles) because the light appeared to be so low in the sky; during the chase, their communications radio would not function. The light eventually flew out of sight. (Rodghier, Hammond (Times, November 7, 1957)

Nov. 6, 1957; Nr. Atlanta, Ga.
Three truckers independently reported seeing reddish elliptical objects on the road.(UFOE)

Nov. 6, 1957; Cannon AFB, New Mexico (BB)
At 8:15 p.m. MST, there occurred a radar sighting of slow moving objects the apparent size of an aircraft. Seventeen targets were tracked at various bearings over a period of 9 minutes. 07/0315Z (Dan Wilson)

Nov. 6, 1957; Greensboro, North Carolina (BB)
8:25 p.m. EST. Kenneth Bell observed two egg shaped objects that were an estimated 100 to 200 feet long, flying one in front of the other in a northeast direction. First observed at about 90-degree elevation and seen last at about 15-degrees before they faded out. The objects held a continuous red glow with no tail, trail or exhaust, and no sound. The objects were in sight for 5 minutes. Ceiling: none. Visibility: excellent. (Dan Wilson)

Nov. 6, 1957; Radium Springs, New Mexico (BBU 5227)
10:50 p.m. Las Cruces policeman [Barela?] and a Dona Ana County Deputy Sheriff saw a round object changing from red to green to blue to white rising vertically from a mountain top. (Berliner; FUFOR Index) 10 mins

Nov. 6, 1957; Montville, Ohio (BBU)
11:30 [11:20] p.m. (EST). Olden J. Moore, 28, a plasterer, while driving home suddenly saw an object like a bright meteor split into two pieces, one going straight up, the other getting larger while color changing from bright white to blue-green. Object hovered 200 ft above a field close to ground, 500 ft away, with a soft whirring sound. After 15 mins, Moore walked to the object, which was shaped like "a covered dish" 50 ft in diameter, 15 ft high, with a cone on top about 10 ft high, surrounded by haze or fog, pulsating slowly. Holes, footprints and decaying radioactivity found at the site by Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke. (UFOE, XII; Vallée Magonia 433) 15 mins

Nov. 6, 1957; Montville, Ohio
Woman's TV blurred. Next day found automobile pockmarked. About a half mile from Olden Moore's location. (1960 NICAP report, item 57)

Nov. 6, 1957; Ottawa (north of), Canada
Battery radio and portable short wave radio failed, tone signal heard on one short wave frequency. UFO had been hovering below overcast. Radio worked normally after UFO left. (1960 NICAP report, item 55)

Nov. 6, 1957; Toronto, Ont., Canada
Audio interference on TV just before viewer was called out by neighbor to see UIFO. (1960 NICAP report, item 56)

Nov. 6, 1957; Plattsburgh, New York
No details available. (Rodeghier, The Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects, Hall and Man77

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> EI Paso, Texas, Times: "Some of the nation's top scientists are 'pretty shook up' about the mysterious flying objects sighted in New Mexico and West Texas skies this week, said Charles Capen (a scientist at White Sands). 'This is something that hasn't happened before,' (he said)." (UFOE)

Nov. 7, 1957; White sands Proving Ground, New Mexico
Morning. A family driving on Route 54 near the proving gounds area, saw a large silvery cylindrical or oval shaped object traveling out of the northeast at about 10,000 feet. They watched it for approximately 3 minutes before the object disappeared over the Organ Mountains to the southwest. The object was traveling at "tremendous" speed. (Source: Albuquerque Tribune and Reno Evening Gazette, November 8, 1957)

Nov. 7, 1957; Orogrande, New Mexico
9:20 a.m. The speedometer of a car began suddenly jumping wildly back and forth, from the top to the bottom of its range. It then stopped just as suddenly. The three witnesses later saw a metallic-appearing UFO high in the sky to the southwest. It continued moving away into the south-west for three minutes until it was lost from view. The speedo-meter continued to function normally after the UFO was gone. (Rodeghier, Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence of the Invasion from Outer Space, Coral Lorenzen)

Nov. 7, 1957; Harlingen AFB, Texas (BBU)
9:38 a.m. CST. Faint radar target similar to a T-29 aircraft was picked up at 10 miles northeast going west to about 14 miles when target disappeared 14 miles northwest. A target reappeared 10 miles southwest going east for 10 miles and then turned west and disappeared at 15 miles. The speed of the target was estimated in excess of 1,900 mph. The length of the observation was 2 to 3 minutes. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 7, 1957; Walker AFB (Roswell, New Mexico) (BB)
7:45 p.m. MST. Several long black flat objects with a light blue tail approximately 200 to 300 yards in length were observed at Walker AFB by two military personnel in the control tower. The flight of the objects was wavering with a slight variation in altitude. The objects were seen through 7x5 power

binoculars for about 20 seconds, and 30 seconds without binoculars. A second sighting took place of a long round object that looked like a large stovepipe 8 to 10 feet in diameter with a long trail 200-300 yards long and was seen for 60 to 90 seconds. The object made a complete 360 degree turn described as horseshoe-shaped. During the period 08/ 0140 - 0250Z (6:14 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.) like objects were reported from civilian air control personnel at Carlsbad and Hobbs, New Mexico, Wink, Texas, and a pilot of a Continental Airline Flight 184 near Hobbs, New Mexico. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Nov. 7, 1957; Pantex AEC ordnance plant, 15 miles east of Amarillo, Texas
7:46 p.m. Bright, flashing objects hovered for half an hour over Pantex Atomic Energy Commission ordnance plant. The brilliant objects were reported to the State Highway Patrol office by plant guards at 7:46 p.m. and a patrolman dispatched to the plant arrived at 8:15 p.m. and reported that he, too, saw "a strange light." The patrolman said guards at the plant were "all shook up." Guards said three objects had been floating over the plant 50 feet above the ground "for some time." 'When I got there," the patrolman said, "the guards said one of the objects had landed on Farin Road 2373, three miles north of Highway 60. We drove to the area but nothing was there. But I'm convinced that the guards saw something land." The patrolman said guards told him they had tried to slip up on the objects by turning off their lights "but the things would just slip away from them when they got near." Guards were unable to estimate size of the objects. The patrolman, also said the guards seem positive "they saw more than just lights that objects were in the sky." (Dan Wilson/Robert Hastings)

Nov. 7, 1957; Lake Charles, Louisiana
While driving alone, a woman's car engine began to sputter and then stop completely. She glanced up and saw a silvery disc about 200 feet overhead, approximately 15 feet in diameter. After a few seconds, the disc moved north at high speed. Her car could then be restarted. (Michel

Nov. 7, 1957; Orogrande (near), New Mexico
7:20 p.m. The speedometer of a car began suddenly jumping wiIdly back and forth, from the top to the bottom of its range. It then stopped just as suddenly. The three witnesses later saw a metallic-appearing UFO high in the sky to the southwest. It continued moving away into the south west for three minutes until it was lost from view. The speedometer continued to function normally after the UFO was gone. (Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence of the Invasion from Outer Space, Coral Lorenzen)

Nov. 8, 1957; Sloansville, New York
2:00 a.m. An unidentified truck driver was driving up a steep hill on Route 20 and observed a 200 foot long cigar shaped object hovering about 20 feet off the ground. The driver stopped two other truckers and woke up a farmer who all saw the object. The lights on the object were playing on the ground. Object then headed towards Albany. (Source: newspaper article; Mebane, Alexander D. 1957 Saucer Wave in the US; Vallee, Jacques, Challenge to Science: The UFO Enigma)

Nov. 8, 1957; Merrick, Long Island, New York (BBU 5254)
10:10 a.m. Mrs. L. Dinner saw a bar-shaped object, 3.5 ft long, giving off blue flashes and a swishing sound. No further data. (Berliner)

Nov. 8, 1957; Plattsburg AFB, New York
Many round silver objects were seen to pass over the air base, and jets chased them in vain. One Plattsburg jet pilot said " we're just glad we couldn't catch up with them. We don't like to chase these damn saucers, because we don't know what they can do." (Source: Aime Michael, FLYING SAUCERS AND THE STRAIGHT-LINE MYSTERY, page 264)

Nov. 8, 1957; Au Sable Forks, New York
People watched a jet chasing a UFO. (Sources: UFO Investigator Jan. 1958; Aime Michael, FLYING SAUCERS AND THE STRAIGHT-LINE MYSTERY, page 264)

Nov. 9, 1957; Lake City, Missouri (BBU)
1 a.m. local. Observer (Boardman) was driving his automobile home from his place of employment when he observed an object hovering about 50' off the ground. The object ws oval in shape. As the observer approached the object the engine of his automobile died and would not function until the object had moved on. (Vallee Magonia 439; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 9, 1957; White Oaks (near), New Mexico
Car lights failed as UFO was observed. (1960 NICAP report, item 60)

Nov. 9, 1957; 12 miles NE of Carrizozo, New Mexico
7:20 p.m. A housewife and several companions saw an object which, when passing near their car, caused the headlights to fail. It then left quickly towards the southwest. (Flying Saucers, the Startling Evidence, Coral and Jim Lorenzen)

Nov. 10, 1957; Hammond, Indiana
7:00 p.m. Many people reported a UFO in the area. Two policemen investigating these reports saw a red and white light hovering 500 to 1000 feet overhead. They also heard a beeping sound. There was interference on the police radio while the object was in view. Another witness, also out watching for it, saw a green light on a basket-shaped object. His car radio failed at the same time. The lights flew away when anyone tried to approach. (1960 NICAP report item 61)

Nov. 10, 1957; Madison, Ohio
1:20 am. Mrs. Leita Kuhn had been going back and forth between her house and backyard dog kennels checking on an overheating stove on a snowy, windy night. Everything was in order, so she shut the kennel door. The snow had stopped and it was dark, with no moon or stars visible. As she stepped away from the kennel she saw a huge glowing object in back, about 60 feet above the ground. It was about 40 feet wide and 10 feet thick with a dome on top, and glowing with a phosphorescent light. The top was brilliant and it hurt her eyes to look at it. Puffs of apparent exhaust appeared around the bottom increasingly, until she became unnerved by the spectacle and ran in the house. When she looked out the window, the object apparently had disappeared. The time was 1:55 a.m. A few days later she sought medical treatment for eye irritation and skin rash, and was advised to report it to Civil Defense because of suspected radiation effects. She developed an abnormal craving for honey, other sweets, and water. For nearly two years she experienced a variety of physical ailments, some painful and emotionally disturbing. (Strange Effects From UFOs, [NICAP, 1969], page 11).

Nov. 11, 1957; Nr. Los Angeles, California
Airline passenger saw elliptical UFO flying low over ground below plane. [UFOE, VII]

Nov. 11, 1957: Canoga Park, San Fernando, California
4:20 pm. Four engineers for Rocketdyne, observed three UFOs flying in formation in bright daylight. The group was driving in a generally ESE direction from the Rocketdyne SanSu facility toward Canoga Park, with the late afternoon sun to their back. One of the men happened to look up and saw three shiny objects crossing their path, from NE to SW. He alerted the others, and they all clearly saw a large narrow oval object (almost cigar- shaped) accompanied by two smaller nearly circular objects (slightly oval, as if discs viewed at an angle). The large UFO was silvery on top, but bright orange underneath, possibly reflecting sunlight. The two smaller UFOs were solid silver colored. Keeping the same positions relative to each other, a V with one of the smaller objects slightly ahead and one slightly behind the large object, the three UFOs accelerated and climbed away into the distance. The four men compared notes, and arrived at a consensus of opinion that the UFOs were first seen at about 10,000 feet altitude, climbing to 30,000 feet, at an estimated 5000 mph. (One of the engineers, Harold R. Lamb, Jr., filled out a NICAP report form.)

Nov. 11, 1957; Hazleton, Pennsylvania
TV disrupted as UFO seen.

Nov. 12, 1957; Houma, Louisiana (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Nov. 12, 1957; Rumney, New Hampshire
Car motor and lights failed. Ground observer corps reported UFO at same time. (The UFO Evidence, NICAP)    (1960 NICAP report item 62)

Nov. 14, 1957; Johnson Air Base, Japan (BB)
Approximately 6:15 a.m.  A/1C James E. Smith and S/Sgt. Robert Thompson, Jr. of the 6041st Air Police Squadron observed a pale white, long, thin object described as looking like a fountain pen in the eastern sky. The apparent size of the object was compared to a nine inch pencil held at arm's length. The object hovered in one spot for about two minutes and then began moving to the SE, climbing and gaining speed until if disappeared from view. This took approximately 10-13 seconds. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Nov. 14, 1957; Rothwesten, West Germany (BBU)
12:01 p.m. local time. (601st AC&W Squadron) The first target was initially detected on AN/MPS-11 and AN/MPS-14 (?) radar at 22 miles SW of Merseberg Sovzone Airfield, at 100 degrees azimuth at 70 nautical miles. This radar blip split into two targets on a parallel course on separation. The flight path was to the north. The speed of the targets were from 2,000 to 3,000 nmph. At 6:42 p.m. (1742Z), a high speed target was detected on the AN/MPS-11 radar at 100 degrees at 135 nautical miles with a flight path to the north. The height indicator showed the target at 60,000 feet, changing to 63,000 feet. This sighting lasted for 2 minutes. There was an unusual amount of electronic interference which the radar maintenance officer was able to explain except for the target being reported.

Nov. 14, 1957; Rothwesten, West Germany (BBU)
At 6:53 p.m. (1753Z),  a high speed blip was detected on the AN/MPS-11 radar at 131.5 degrees at 136 nautical miles. Flight of the blip was to the NE at an estimated speed of 5,300 nmph. (The report form does say 5,300 nautical miles per minute.) This sighting lasted for 1 minutes plus. There was an unusual amount of electronic interference which the radar maintenance officer was able to explain except for the target being reported. All the targets painted as normal aircraft. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 14, 1957.  23 miles NE of Hill City, Kansas (BBU)
5:34 p.m. (CST).  USAF pilot Major William B. Taft and co-pilot 1st Lt. Joshua M. Hinson, flying B-47E bomber based at SAC 339th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas, at 36,000 ft true heading 183 degrees at 410 knots true air speed.  Sighted oval metallic silver gray object shaped like a football but with rounder ends, and with a brighter Saturn-like like horizontal ring not extending beyond the edges of the oval.  Object was first seen about 25 degrees above the aircraft nose and about 70 degrees to the right at about "2 o'clock high" stationary for about 4 minutes [8 mins?] 5,000 to 10,000 higher altitude, then followed another B-47 headed in the opposite direction at same flight altitude (36,000 ft) north-bound true heading 360 degrees, about 20 NM to the W, remaining stationary above the other B-47 for about 1 minute as UFO and other B-47 fell behind to about "4 o'clock high" at 120 degrees relative bearing about 25 degrees above nose level then rose vertically "very rapidly" accelerating until disappearing, brighter while in motion.  Dyess AFB ground observers suggested Venus was bright in the sky.  However the sun had not set yet at the B-47E's altitude and Venus's position, corrected for refraction and B-47E altitude, was at 206 degrees to 208 degrees azimuth, elevation 24 degrees, in the SSW not W/ WNW about 47 degrees to 95 degrees away.  If UFO was about 1-2 miles higher, thus 3-6 miles distant, and angular size roughly pea at "arm's length", then actual size ~100-200 ft.  8-9 mins, 2 witnesses, ~1 Full Moon. (brad Sparks, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 14, 1957; Hazelton, Pennsylvania
TV disrupted. (1960 NICAP report item 63)

Nov. 14, 1957; Tamaroa, Illinois
Power failed for 10 minutes in a four mile area, just after hovering UFO flashed. (1960 NICAP report item 64)

Nov. 15, 1957; Carthage, Tenn.
Highway patrolman, sheriff, others saw many flashing revolving red lights which moved around slowly, hovered. [UFOE, VII]

Nov. 15, 1957; Cachoeira, Brazil
2:00 p.m. A huge, metallic object came down and hovered over the Aero Club aerodome at the local airport.It was glowing orange, 200 feet in diameter, and only 300 feet in altitude. All attempts to approach it failed because the motors of every car stalled when near the object. After a few minutes, the object left vertically. (Schopick,  1960 NICAP report item 65)

Nov. 21, 1957; Houma AFS, Louisiana
12:00 a.m. to 2:50 a.m. CST A radar target 15 miles long and 10 miles wide was observed. The target had a speed of 55 knots. After some figuring the altitude was estimated to be at 31,000 feet on the initial plot. The target had decreased in altitude to 3000 feet before it faded. The 747th AC&W Squadron and the 653rd AC&W Squadron also had radar contact with this target. The target was observed on MPS-7 and MPS-14 radar equipment. The search scopes were UPA-35 and OA-175. Weather and chaff were both considered and seemed unlikely that they caused the return. The Project 10073 Record Card gives the location as Houm, Alabama. (For the record this sighting took place at Houma AFS, Louisiana, the home of the 657th AC&W Squadron.) (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Nov. 22, 1957; 10 miles SE of Tarakli, Turkey (BBU)
Daytime. Turkish Air Force pilot saw a 10 ft regular-hexagon-shaped object. (Project 1947)

Nov. 22, 1957; Canutillo, Texas
Silvery UFO sped back and forth, ascended. [UFOE, VII]

Nov. 23, 1957; Joliet, Illinois (BBU)
7:05 p.m. CST. A large round brilliant white object was seen above the overcast by five individual airline pilots. The object was observed from 5 miles NE of V10 and V38 Airways. The object seemed to hover at times and fly on a straight course when it was moving. CAA Ground Radar Operator J. J. Murphy, reported a contact for 10 sweeps on his scope 50 miles SW of Chicago at 253 degrees from Midway Airport. The length of the observation was 5 minutes.(McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 23, 1957; Tonopah, Nevada (BBU)
6:10-30 a.m. (PST). 1st Lt. Joseph F. Long, fighter pilot. Car engine stalled, he heard high-pitched whining noise, saw 4 landed 50-foot saucer-shaped UFO's to the right of the road at 900-1200 ft away. He approached on foot to 50 ft distance, objects lifted off, flew north over highway, disappeared behind hills 1/2 mile away. Ground impressions at the landing site. (UFOE, II; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 182-6; Willy Smith pp. 71-79; Vallée Magonia 445) 20 mins

Nov. 24, 1957; Scott AFB, Illinois (BB
6:10 p.m. A round reddish orange object the apparent size of a golf ball held at arm's length moving on a easterly course was observed by A/3C Ronald W. Rioux, A/3C Gareth L. Colay, and A1C Meeks. As the object went overhead it did a large "U" turn back to the west. The object was in sight for approximately 6 to 8 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Nov. 25, 1957; Eglin AFB, Florida (BBU)
10 p.m. USAF B-66 crew saw 3 objects, tracked by ground radar. (McDonald list; Project 1947)

Nov. 25, 1957; Mogi Mirim, Brazil
All city lights failed as three UFOs passed overhead. (Item 66 in 1960 NICAP report)

Nov. 26, 1957; 15-20 miles W. of Joilet, Illinois (BBU)
6:30 a.m. CST. A 31 year-old former USAF pilot, now an Air National Guard pilot, flying in an F-86 at 44,000 feet observed a large flat silver object straight ahead. According to the pilot the object had great speed and performed acute maneuvers. Pilot reports the object came at him at high speed and then changed course and headed east. The object had the apparent size of a nickel held at arm's length. Object in sight 10 mins. After the object disappeared the witness noticed three B-47's at 33,000 feet. He then attempted to contact them with negative results. He reported the incident to the ARTC at Chicago via radio and they forwarded it to the ADCC, the 30th Air Div at WRAFS, Michigan. (Project 1947, BB files, Dan Wilson)

Nov. 26, 1957; Robins AFB, Georgia (BBU 5419)
10:07 a.m. Witnesses were watching an F-100 on GCA (Ground Control Approach) and the object suddenly appeared above and beyond the jet aircraft. Eight witnesses (3 control tower operators, 1 weather observer and 4 others) saw this object described as silver and cigar-shaped. Object was on a straight and level flight path for a short distance south of the original position and then back north. Most of the time the object was stationary and was in view for eight minutes. One observer was using 7 X 50 binoculars. Suddenly, without any maneuver or warning, the object vanished. (Berliner, Brad Sparks, Dan Wilson, BB docs)

Nov. 26, 1957; West Mesa AFS, New Mexico (BBU)
8:41 p.m. MST. Blip on MPS-7 (B) radar clocked at 3000 knots, azimuth 315 degrees, range at 170 miles. The length of the observation was 1 minute 24 seconds.(McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 26, 1957; Sea of Okhotsk, W of Kamchatka, USSR (BBU)
11:04 p.m. USAF crew of RB-50, 6091st Recon Sq, saw a brilliant red object with bluish-green tail in level trajectory. (Project 1947)

Nov. 27, 1957; Yakima, Wash. (BBU)
1:25 a.m. (PST). Northwest Airlines Flight 535 pilot in the air and control tower operator on the ground saw a bright red glow turning to white smoke moving S. (Project 1947)

Nov. 27, 1957; Toledo, Ohio (BBU)
7:35 p.m. (EST). Pilots of Eastern and Northwest Airlines airliners saw an object flying straight at about 4,800 knots (5,500 mph). Pilot reported one object traveled from Toledo, Ohio to Selfridge AFB, Michigan in one minute (estimated at 4800 knots). Pilots of separate airliner observed same or similar object object for 3 minutes. (BBU, Project 1947)

Nov. 30, 1957; Minot, North Dakota (BBU)
At 4:20 a.m. local time, a one inch blip on an FPS-6 radar scope climbed from 5,000 feet to 25,000 feet in 20 seconds. The blip traveled 100 miles in 20 seconds when it faded from the radar. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 30, 1957; New Orleans, Louisiana (BBU 5445)
2:11 p.m. 3 U.S. Coast Guardsmen saw a round object turn [?] white, then gold, then separate into 3 parts and turn red. (Berliner) 20 mins

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NARA-PBB1-188 (Unredacted) December 5-9 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1-189 (Unredacted) December 10-15 Sightings Listing
NARA-PBB1-190 (Unredacted) December 16-31 Sightings Listing

Dec. (??), 1957; Pacific, off coast of California
Daytime. Photo taken of alleged disc by the radio officer (Fogl) aboard the naval ship S. S. Ramsey. Fogl grabbed his camera and took the picture before

the hovering object disappeared. Landing gear supposedly shown in several other photos. [Considered to be a hoax - F.Ridge] (UFOE, VIII, UFO Casebook)

Dec. 1, 1957; Los Angeles, California
Formation of oval UFOs photographed. [UFOE, VIII]

Dec. 3, 1957; Cobalt, Ontario, Canada
Radio static as several UFOs seen over area. (Item 68, 1960 NICAP report)

Dec. 3, 1957; Ellensburg (near), Washington
7:00 p.m. Many residents of the Menastash Ridge area of Ellensburg saw a "strange ball of fire" for 20 minutes. A truck driver reported that the light hovered over his truck, causing the motor to cough and sputter. His engine did not stop completely, however, so he drove away. The night was misty, but the object was so bright that it lit up the sky as if it were daytime. (Schopick, Item 67, 1960 NICAP report)

Dec. 8, 1957; Coulee City (near), Washington
9:00 p.m. Eight people traveling together in two cars saw a "huge, fiery object" pass overhead from north to south. The two cars stalled out and their headlights also failed as the UFO came overhead. In addition, the inside dome lights came on, even though they weren't turned on. The cars remained stalled until the object had passed out of sight.

Dec. 8, 1957; between Tiflet and Monod, Morocco
1715Z to 1730Z LTJG with the Fleet Intelligence Center, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, his wife and daughter (age 11). observed while traveling by automobile, a bright yellow to orange-like about the size of the moon to the SW for about 15 minutes. After a while the light descended towards the earth and for about 30 seconds it was blocked from view by some trees. When seen again the light was at its former altitude in a horizontal position. The car was stopped and the bearing of the light did not appear to change. The light became dimmer and faded from view. (Loren Gross: This Navy intelligence report form was forwarded in 9 copies to the CIA and only one copy to USAF Director of Intelligence**)** In case someone tries to argue that it was the moon, which was full (97% illuminated), it would not rise for another hour and a half, at about 1845Z, and it was in the opposite direction from the UFO in the SW. The moon was in the NE or ENE at azimuth 67 degs and would have ascended higher and higher into the sky and not disappear until the next day, not 15 mins later. (Brad Sparks).

Dec. 8, 1957; Woodward, Oklahoma
5:30 p.m. A disc-shaped UFO with a dome and three "pads" on the underside suddenly came toward a car with three people inside. The car began to die and finally stalled out as the UFO hovered overhead at 200 feet. It was emitting a high-pitched whining sound. The witnesses said it was over 50 feet in diameter. The whine increased in pitch after about two minutes, and the UFO rose vertically out of sight. The headlights came on and the engine of the car started by itself. (CUFOS)

Dec. 11, 1957; Guthrie, Penna. and Parkersburg, West Virginia (BBU)
10 p.m. USAF pilots of three F-86's with 87th FI Sq saw an orange circular or crescent-shaped object moving erratically at Mach 1.5 (about 1,000 mph) with ground radar tracking. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, Project 1947, McDonald list)

Dec. 11, 1957; Lake City AFS; Tennessee (BBU)
At 7:48 p.m. EST, an AN/FPS-10 radar set picked up object about the size of three B-47 a/c in close formation. The speed of the object was estimated at 90 knots. When first detected the object was at 225 degrees at 13,000 feet in altitude. When last detected the object had descended to 11,000 feet at 205 degrees. The length of the observation was 41 minutes. (McDonald list)

Dec. 12, 1957; Chatham, Windsor area, Canada
Trans-Canada Airlines pilot, many police, saw orange oval UFO curving rapidly at low altitude. [UFOE, X]

Dec. 12-15, 1957; Misawa, Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan (BBU)
Beginning at 5:45 hours local time, Dec. 12, at least 13 witnesses observed a very bright light in the sky to the SSW over the Sea of Japan. The object was tracked on radar and seen through binoculars. At 1822 local time a scramble was ordered and two F-86D's took off from Misawa AFB. Site P-45 assumed control of Subway Red (F-86D) at 1829 local and immediately was vectored toward the object. P-45 was painting the object by the Height Range Indicator and visually. Subway Red reported he had a visual on the object at1839 local but lost it almost simultaniously. In the meantime, site P-45 had lost contact, both visually and electronically with the object. Site 29 advised they were observing the object at a bearing of 240 degrees, 110 miles from site 45. Subway Red was vectored toward the object and obtained another visual, but the object wasn't moving latterally, but vertically. The aircraft lost the object and the chase was broken off. The object was circular in shape and was under visual observation for one hour and twenty minutes and under radar observation for approximately 35 minutes. The object was tracked on radar at speeds ranging from 94 mph to 1686 mph. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, UFOE, VIII; McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Dec. 13, 1957; Col Anahuac, Mexico (BBU 5545)
9:35 a.m. R. C. Cano saw 14-15 [or 30] circular, tapered discs, very bright, fly in a formation like a stack of coins, then change to an inverted-V formation. (Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Rpt. p. 120) 20 mins

Dec. 16, 1957; Old Saybrook, Conn.
Bt. 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. Mary M. Starr, a resident of Old Saybrook and a former teacher with a Master's Degree from Yale, reported that she was awakened by a bright light in her room and a cigar-shaped object, brightly lit and with square portholes, hovered just above her clothesline. She said she could see men inside. The object was approximately 20 to 30 feet long and dark grey or black in color and hovered motionless about five feet above the ground. Through its lighted windows Mrs. Starr saw two figures that passed each other, walking in opposite directions. (Investigated by NICAP; UFOE, XII)

Dec. 17, 1957; Fruita-Grand Junction, Colo. (BBU 5559)
7:20 p.m. F. G. Hickman, 17, saw a round object change from yellow to white to green to red, with red tail 2x as long as the body. Object stopped, started, backed up. (Berliner) 45 mins

Dec. 18, 1957; Sarasota, Florida

White light source glided overhead, TV interference noted. (Item 69, 1960 NICAP report)

Dec. 19, 1957; Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU)
7:02 p.m. local. One red egg-shaped object the size of a pea held at arm's length was seen visually and picked up on radar. The object was reportedly stationary but it did move. There were also 5 photos taken of the object but were undeveloped for possible instructions. The length of the observation was 8 minutes. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson, BB files)

Dec. 23, 1957; Sea of Japan (BBU)
9:43 p.m. (local) (1243 Z). RB-47 of 6901st Recon Sq [on recon patrol] intercepted by ELINT "unusual double pulsed" radar signals at 1218 Z and 1307 Z that were evidently not UFO-related. RB-47 airspeed 432 knots, altitude 35,000 ft. A [meteor-like] "projectile" with long [luminous] trail was sighted by the RB-47 pilot, which passed over the tail of the RB-47 at unknown distance, traveling in an arc, disappearing with very bright explosion like flash bomb [like a meteor bolide] at relative bearing 220° and an undetermined altitude 50° elevation above aircraft at 1243 Z, RB-47 position 41°04' N, 132°05' E. Apparently at same time the onboard APQ-31 bombing / navigation radar was jammed from 1243 Z to 1244 Z, RB-47 True Heading 247°. Radar jamming signal was at True Bearing 335° to 001°; signal was continuous, no targets could be seen and "jamming could not be tuned out." Misdated by BB to Dec 23. Reported to NSA (?) and AFSSO. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Terry Colvin; Ballester-Olmos; BB files)

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**Enlarged and enhanced version of one of the four Trindade Island Photos**
Jan. 16, 1958; NE of Trindade Island, Brazil

Map of sightings for 1958, courtesy of Larry Hatch's *U* Database at http://www.larryhatch.net/

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This is a 15-page report on a project involving a number of people. Some of the incidents do not yet have active links to reports. We want to than Rebecca Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), and Dan Wilson (archive researcher), Brad Sparks' updated list, the Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns, Jean Waskiewicz, Richard Hall, Jan Aldrich and many others.

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Blue Book Sightings Lists - Unredacted - 1958 Sightings by month

Jan. 1958; (Date and location unknown)
DEW (Distant Early Warning) Line radar, G. (NICAP, UFOE)

Jan. 1958; (Date unknown, unnamed AF base)
AF base, SW United States, G,V. (NICAP UFOE)

> In January, Maj. Lawrence J. Tacker's name shows up on letters from the Air Force Public Information Office, addressed to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena office in Washington, D.C.

Jan. 3, 1958; Old Westbury, Long Island, New York (BBU)
2:25 p.m. (EST). Fensterstock. (Hynek UFO Rpt p. 43; FUFOR Index) Round white ball shaped object or cloud appeared overhead to SE, moving very fast and straight, very high to the E, disappearing below tree and cloud level. Two jets in

opposing E and W headings were seen below object. (Powell, Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 43; BB files; Saunders/FUFOR Index) 1+ witnesses

Jan. 3, 1958; Diamond Head, Hawaii
4:00 p.m. One of the very rare instances of genuine flying saucers being caught on movie film seems to have occurred in Hawaii last January, when Cliff DeLacey, a 23-year-old college student from Vallejo, California, shot 90 seconds of film. DeLacey saw nine UFO's flashing across the sky, and immediately grabbed his camera. (Click on link for details)

Jan. 4, 1958; SW of Libya (BBU)
12:08 a.m. (GMT). Military aircraft pilot and navigator saw a bright orange light streaking across the sky on a NE heading, with airborne radar tracking. (Project 1947; McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 9, 1958; Biggs AFB, El Paso, TX (BBU)
7:37 CST, 8 to 11 objects were picked up on ground radar (CTN/18 type radar) at the RAPCON station at Biggs AFB. The objects were tracked at speeds from 0 to 50 knots on a irregular course generally south for 5 minutes. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 9, 1958; Marion, Illinois
Three reports of seven red lighted objects in straight line formation. [UFOE, II]

Jan. 11, 1958; Bering Sea, about 150 miles n of Atka Island, Aleutian Islands, Alaska (BBU)
7:30 a.m. USN pilot of P2V-5F aircraft saw a formation of 3 lights flying at 900 knots (about 1,000 mph) tracked by airborne radar merging into one target. [Identical to Jan. 14, 1958, incident??] (Project 1947; McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 13, 1958; Casino, New South Wales, Australia
11:45 p.m. (AEST). Brian Crittendon, 21, butchery worker, saw a dome-shaped light, with a long narrow light underneath. It approached from the east, directly towards him. He got into his car and sped off. His car radio had developed interference as the object was approaching. The object followed him for 3 miles at an estimated distance of 50 yards, only 30 feet in the air. Its estimated size was half that of a sedan car. Although he was travelling at 65-70 m.p.h. the object overtook his vehicle; hovered for a few seconds and then "swooped" low over the car roof. It repeated its actions for the next 7 miles. The object was lost to view in the lights of Casino. Total duration was about 15 minutes. Air Traffic Control advised there were no low-flying aircraft in the area. (Keith Basterfield; UFO Investigation Centre, Sydney, "UFO Bulletin" 1958. Cited as source, for account in Chalker, W.C. 1996. "The Oz Files," pp87-88.)

Jan. 14, 1958; Bering Sea (BBU)
8:34 a.m. Military aircraft crew saw 3 lights in triangular formation flying SW at 320 knots (about 400 mph) tracked on airborne radar. [Identical to Jan. 11, 1958, incident??] (Project 1947; McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 16, 1958; NE of Trindade Island, Brazil (BBU)
12, 12:15 p.m. Commander of IGY research ship and many crew members, plus ships photographer Almiro Barauna, sighted and photographed Saturn-shaped object maneuvering over Trindade Island Power failure on the boat when object sighted; power returned upon objects departure. (Hynek/CUFOS 1982 tape interview; APRO/Lorenzen/Fontes; etc.)

Jan. 22, 1958

> NICAP Director Major Donald Keyhoe is cut off the air in mid-sentence on a heavily-controlled major CBS television program "Armstrong Circle Theatre." Keyhoe was about to mention a secret U.S. Senate investigation of the AF's secrecy policies and the TOP SECRET Estimate of the Situation by the AF at Wright Field which concluded that UFO's were interplanetary (see Aug. 5, 1948, entry in the UFO Chronology). A public controversy erupted over the blatant censorship, which shocked many viewers, some of whom were able to hear some of Keyhoe's censored words which came through faintly on another guest's microphone. CBS admitted Keyhoe was deliberately cut off, not as an accident or technical difficulty, by a network producer to satisfy what they thought the government would want, though not part of any official orders to do so. A few months later the IRS by letter would explicitly deny NICAP tax-exempt status on the grounds of NICAP's public opposition to AF policies. (Brad Sparks) (See actual BB docs)

Jan. 30, 1958; Lima, Peru
Lawyer and family saw a circular UFO hover; car headlights went out. Truck, bus, and car passengers felt shock, motors on all three vehicles failed as UFO descended and hovered. (Item 71, 1960 NICAP report)

Jan. 31, 1958; 25 miles SW of Tokyo, Japan (BBU)
Night. USAF pilots of T-33 jet(s) saw 12 yellow-orange lights fly S in 3 groups. (Project 1947)

Feb. 2, 1958; N.S.W., Australia
Elliptical UFO with two "porthole" like markings. [UFOE, XII]

Feb. 9, 1958; Troy, Michigan
Photograph taken by H.M. Stump using an Argus C-3 camera, from a private plane landing at the airport. Picture shows yellow-white oval with slight trail. Verbal report states object hovered, then sped away to the west. No photo available. (Richard Hall, The UFO Evidence, NICAP 1964, pg. 87, #40)

February 5, 1958
USAF lost a 7,600-pound (3,400 kg) Mark 15 nuclear bomb
in the waters off Tybee Island near Savannah, Georgia.

Feb. 13, 1958; W. of Wake Island (BBU)
2114 hours local time. A bright, flare-like explosion was sighted by the crew of an USAF C-54 approximately 2 hours flying time west of Wake Island. During the hour within which the sighting occurred, one visual and two radar contacts were made. The actual "fireball" was observed directly by only the flight engineer. The position of the C-54 was 21degrees 19' N 161 degrees 30' E. (Project 1947; McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 19, 1958; Hokkaido, Japan (BB)
While conducting surveillance of Russian aircraft, operations personnel of AC&W Site #45 at Asoiwayama, Hokkaido,observed an unusual radar return. Radar report from the Sea of Japan area. Radar return developed rapidly to a dense cloud that expanded to cover an area approximately 65 miles long and 25 miles across and rose from an altitude of 3,000 feet to 46,000 feet. Five aircraft (Russian) in the area all turned toward the return and proceeded to the general area. A seismic detection of a nuclear explosion was reported from Matsushiro. (Dan Wilson)

Feb. 20, 1958; NW of Winslow, Ariz. (BBU)
6:32 p.m. MST. Twelve airmen of the 303rd Bomb Wing in a five B-47 yellow cell observed a round or cigar shaped (observer's descriptions vary) object at 60 to 70 degrees elevation at 345 degrees azimuth. The B-47's were at 29,500 feet altitude on a heading of 344 degrees. The object appeared to be stationary for the 4-5 minutes in was in sight. (Click on link for more details)

Feb. 24, 1958; Santa Antonio de Jesus (near), Brazil
3:05 a.m. Car motor failed; passengers then noticed a Saturn-shaped disc hovering overhead. It happened when the observers were traveling between the villages of Santo Antonio de Jesus and Conceicao Almeida. They were on a night trip. The motor of their car began acting up-coughing and missing. Then it abruptly stopped dead. All attempts to detect the trouble failed. The next inhabited place was far away. The travelers decided that the best thing to do was to sleep at that spot, beside the road. Next morning they would try something about the situation, getting help from some nearby village or farm. It was then that they sighted a large luminous object hovering overhead. (See complete article and text below by Dr. Olavo Fontes)

Feb. 25, 1958; Glenwood, Newfoundland (BBU)
12:10 a.m. (AST). Johnson. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 25, 1958; Gander AFB, Newfoundland (BBU)
2:30 a.m. AST. There was a radar sighting of an object that moved SE to NW on a very erratic zigzagging course at a range of 12 to 15 miles at an azimuth of 150 to 300 degrees. Aircraft and balloon were ruled out as the source of radar target. Later there was a ground visual sighting in the area. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

March 2 [1?], 1958; Tampa, Florida (BBU)
7:45 [8:45?] p.m. Francis saw a balloon-shaped object with bright light land on the airfield then take off slowly and hover at 750 ft altitude before disappearing. (Vallée Magonia 461; FUFOR Index)

March 3, 1958; Nr. Marshall, Texas
Family saw two bright, planet-like objects with 6 or 7 smaller lights moving around them. [UFOE, II]

March 8, 1958; Korea

Air Force radar tracked slowly descending UFO. [UFOE, VIII]

March 9-10, 1958; Panama Canal Zone (BBU)
At around  2000 hours an unidentified object was picked up on search radar approaching the Pacific side of the Isthmus of Panama. At 2045 hours two additional blips were observed. These returns were transferred to track radar. During the period of observation the radar lock was broken, the equipment immediately picked up the target and locked on again. A second radar tracking station also locked onto the return. The manner of flight of the objects was steady, slightly circular path over the vicinity of Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone. There was such rapid movement of the object that it broke the lock of the track radar. It was assumed that these were solid objects as track radar can only be locked on a solid object. At 2400 hours, radar advised that as soon as a searchlight was employed the object became evasive. (17 docs from PBB files secured by Dan Wilson)

March 14, 1958; Healdsburg, Calif. (BBU 5716)
8:45 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cummings and another person  saw a 3 ft round, black object come from the W, touch the ground 50 ft away in the backyard, then take off to the E, turn S, and disappear. 2 mins. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia, 462, 5 docs by Robert Powell, Kevin Randle)

March 20, 1958; Henrietta, Missouri
Saturn-like disc descended, hovered, moved away. [UFOE, XII]

March 31, 1958; Walnut Ridge AFS, Arkansas
At 12:37 p.m. local time, an object was picked up on an FPS-6 radar at 64,000 feet traveling at 1300 knots. The object was seen on radar for 6 minutes at a bearing from 141 degrees to 132 degrees. The unit picking up this target was the 725th AC&W Squadron. (Dan Wilson)

April 2, 1958; Columbus, Ohio
Cigar-shaped UFO with long row of  "portholes or windows." [UFOE, XII]

April 4, 1958; Santa Monica, Calif.
Cigar-shaped UFO with "windows" observed in rapid vertical climb. [UFOE, XII]

April 7, 1958; Dayton Airport, Ohio (BBU)
7: 30 p.m. EST. A civilian pilot by the name of Hilt, flying in a Piper aircraft observed a very large dark blue cloud-like object to the south very low to the ground. The object was last seen moving vertical to the SW. According to the USAF Technical Information Sheet the object appeared to stand still for a time and then suddenly sped up and rushed away. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

April 7, 1958; Newport Beach, California
Police watched two UFOs with flashing body lights, maneuver near coastline. [UFOE, VII] Similar sightings for  two nights in El Toro and Santa Ana.

April 9, 1958; Cleveland, Ohio
Nine yellow UFOs in V-formation; split into two groups (5 and 4). [UFOE, II]

April 11, 1958; Johannesburg, S. Africa
Airport instrument inspector, others watched reddish-white UFO arc back and forth. [UFOE, X]

April 14, 1958; Lynchburg, Virginia (BBU 5763)
12:20 p.m. EST. Major D. G. Tilley was flying a C-47 at 6,000 feet altitude when a grey-black rectangular object that was rotating slowly around a central axis appeared at 15 to 20 degrees above the horizon in a straight path and passed below the left wing at a distance estimated at 1,000 feet. The object appeared to be made of heavy iron of solid construction and slightly molten. The object was on a a slight descending path and was lost from sight as it plunged into the ground. The length of observation was approximately 4 seconds. (Berliner; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson, BB files)

April 14, 1958; Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Air Force Staff Sergeant saw large formation of unidentified lights. [UFOE, III]

May ?,1958; Richmond, Virginia
Cat. 3. Engine of car began running roughly, driver then noticed UFO following car.

May 2, 1958; Wake Island
A bright, flare-like explosion was sighted by the crew of an Air Force C-54 approximately two hour's flying time West of Wake Island. During the hour within which the sighting occurred, one visual and two radar contacts were made. Tracing action has uncovered no routine sea or air traffic in the area at the time of sighting. (Jan Aldrich, Project 1947)

May 3, 1958; Flagstaff, Ariz. (BBU).
8:25 a.m. PST. A white object with the appearance of an elongated balloon was observed by a USMC pilot in an F3D aircraft flying at 35,000 feet. The object was detected on airborne radar. The object was said the be the size of a basketball held at arm's length and appeared to be motionless. At the radar station SM-163 (Las Vegas AFS, Nevada?), they were unable to make radar contact with the Marine aircraft or the unidentified object due to a local maintenance situation. The length of the observation was 15 minutes. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

May 5, 1958; Pan De Azucar, Uraguay
Cat. 3, 11. Aerial encounter, heat, between Piper Cub and "top-shaped" object. Well-known pilot watched a brilliant object come near his plane, felt intense heat. [UFOE, X]

May 9, 1958; Bohol Island, Phillipines (BBU 5800)
11:05 a.m. CIRVIS report. Philippine Airlines pilot saw an object with a shiny, metallic surface, falling and spinning, trailing smoke. (Berliner; Sparks, Powell, Ridge)

May 13, 1958 letter from Leon Davidson to Capt. Ruppelt

May 15, 1958; Caracas, Venezuela (BBU)
Time: ??. Venezuelan Air Force aircraft pilot saw a formation of circular saucers disappear in the NW at high speed. (Project 1947)

May (middle), 1958; Malmstrom AFB, Montana
Nighttime. UFO approached from the north and hovered over the alert hanger, at about 1,000 feet, appeared as a round metallic looking object (called a flying saucer by the guard), no estimate of size is recalled, nor any other details on the object itself. The base radar 1-1/2 miles distant picked up the object as did the FAA radar about five miles away across the city of Great Falls. Object was apparently hovering over the alert hanger and atomic missile and bomb storage building right nearby. Object then slowly moved down the length of the runway, then moved across town (about 3 miles) to the Municipal Airport at Great Falls and hovered over the National Guard (F-89) parking ramp, then flew off. (Jan Aldrich, Bay Area Subcommittee NICAP)

May 15, 1958; Fort Bragg, North Carolina (BBU)
10:57 p.m. (EDT). Military pilot Beck [?] and 2 civilian airline pilots saw an orange round object heading N at high speed. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

May 17, 1958; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
UFO sped away when light was shone at it. [UFOE, II]

May 25, 1958; Kirchberg, Hunsruck, Germany
Circular silvery UFO observed moving through clouds. [UFOE, X]

May 27, 1958; Bahia State Coast, Brazil
Varig Airlines pilot watched a brightly luminous circular object maneuver under his plane. [UFOE, X]

May 28, 1958; Templehof, Germany (BBU)
1:30 p.m. (GMT). (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

June 1958.
The arrival of Richard Hall at the National Investigations Committee on Aerial
Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., where he served for ten years.

June 4, 1958; Sarasota, Florida
White oval-shaped object zigzagged overhead. [UFOE, XII]

June 9, 1958; Central Puget Sound, Wash. (BBU)
10:17 a.m. (PST). USAF 1st Lt. Charles Scharf, pilot of F102 jet fighter (no. 1425) with 318th FI Sq. McChord AFB, Tacoma, Wash., and ground witnesses [?] saw a pinkish-whitish cylindrical object (length/width ratio 12:1) with a slight orange tint [?] and a dark circle in the center approaching at high speed at about 30° elevation with an oscillating motion. F-102 was heading S or 180° between 40,000 and 50,000 ft at about 600 mph. Pilot banked left to keep object in sight, object continued N, then climbed, decelerated, made a large 360° orbit, then circled the jet 3 times as it descended closer. Object finally pitched up 45° and accelerated in a climb, rapidly disappearing on a NW heading. (NARCAP; Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

June 12, 1958; 10 miles W of Huntsville, Texas (BBU)
5:26 a.m. (CDT). Military pilot saw an oval reddish object the size of a pinhead [at arm's length?] on a S to NE course. (Project 1947)

June 13, 1958 Casino, New South Wales, Australia
23:45 hrs local time. Brian Crittenden (21) was leaving a property when he saw a dome-shaped light with a long, narrow light underneath. It approached him from the east. He got into his car and sped homewards. The object followed him for the next three miles, and appeared to be only about 50 yards away, and 30 feet high, during this time. Although he was travelling at 65-70 miles per hour, the object overtook the vehicle; hovered for a few seconds, then swooped low over the car. It repeated this behavior several times as he travelled the next four miles. Crittenden said the car radio developed interference, as the object approached him. The weather was cloudy; the car windows were down; and he had drunk no alcohol. Total duration was 15 minutes. The object disappeared in the city lights of Casino. (Source: Chalker, Bill. The Oz Files. 1996. Duffy & Snellgrove. Potts Point, NSW. Pp 87-88. Citing UFO Bulletin. 1958, UFOIC)

June 14, 1958; Pueblo, Colorado (BBU 5852)
10:46 a.m. Airport weather observer O. R. Foster, using a theodolite, sighted an object shaped like Saturn, less the bottom part, silver with no metallic luster, which flew overhead. [See new detailed update and documents] (Don Berliner, Keith Basterfield)

June 20, 1958; Fort Bragg, North Carolina (BBU 5857)
11:05 p.m. Battalion Communication Chief SFC A. Parsley saw a silver, circular object, its lower portion seen through a green haze, hover, then oscillate slightly, then move at great speed. (Berliner)

June 23, 1958; Nr. England AFB, Louisiana
State policeman photographed two round UFOs. [UFOE, VIII]

Summer 1958; Air Force Base, Southwest United States
Two maneuvering UFOs evaded jet interceptors. [UFOE, VIII]

July 17, 1958; Chitose AFB, Japan
Radar-visual sighting of circling reddish light. [UFOE, III]

July 20, 1958; 4 miles N of Glennie, Mich. (BBU)
2 p.m. (CDT). Three independent witnesses heard an object hit water of a private lake making a circle 10 ft across with foam on edge of circle 2-3 ft high, making loud sound heard 200 yards away. Object sizzled 1.5 mins, zigzagged across surface 200 ft with violent motion, then sank into 50 ft depth of water as circling died out. (Tony Rullan)

July 20, 1958; Crystal Lake, NW of Chicago, Illinois (BBU)
5:07 p.m. (CDT). Pilot Allyn saw a white disc the size of a basketball [at arm's length??] in straight line flight. (Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

July 20, 1958; North of Hamar, Norway (BB)
9:24 p.m. local. Two bright white rocket-shaped oblong objects with blue gas trails 7 times the length of the objects were observed by a US Naval aircraft flying at 8,000 feet 12 miles north of Hamar, Norway. The objects were were on an approximate course of 330 degrees true. The object on the right appeared to be ahead. One object appeared to veer off as they came aft of the aircraft. Three witness aboard the aircraft including two experienced Naval pilots sighted the objects. Defense observers in northern Sweden reported that they had seen on the same night a huge fireball that resembled a rocket. It was seen in the northwestern sky at a height of about 1,500 feet. (Dan Wilson)

July 26, 1958; Durango, Colorado
Ground Observer Corps Supervisor spotted a round silvery object moving "at tremendous speed." [UFOE, VII]

Aug. 3, 1958; Rome, Italy
Luminous UFO observed passing overhead as city lights failed; one report of car radio failure. (Item 72, 1960 NICAP report)

Aug. 4, 1958; Malmstrom AFB, Montana (BBU)
11:15 p.m. (MDT). A/2C Bejnard G. Bell, 29th FIS roving aircraft guard, observed a delta wing-shaped object, flying directly overhead. The object was silver in color and appeared as large as a volleyball at arm's length, was solid in shape with no openings, no props, no exhaust, no tail section, and no conventional means of motivation visible. The object made a varied pitch whistling sound, but was much quieter than a jet. The object moved gradually to the north and was observed for approximately 30 seconds. The object was picked up on the approach control radar for four sweeps at Malmstrom AFB. No scramble of aircraft was ordered. Officials at ATIC were not happy about no scramble being made and apparent non-compliance with AF Reg. 200-2, specifically Par 1, (Requirement for rapid identification). (McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

Aug. 11, 1958; Osel Island and Gulf of Finland (BBU)
(McDonald list)

August 11, 1958; Chautauqua Lake, N. Y.
Engineering professor observed unidentified lights arranged as if on oval object. [UFOE, VI]

Aug. 13 [14?], 1958; [object at] 12 miles NW of Las Vegas, Nevada (BBU)
12:30 a.m. (MST). At Sahara Gun Club on Tule [not Thule] Springs Ranch 1-1/2 mi NE of Tonopah Hwy 95, Mr. and Mrs. Burgy sighted strange round light-orange object or light about 3-5 miles away at azimuth 35° [about NE] elevation 20° maneuvering up and down and to the left at tree-top level, then went back to original position. Object moved second time in same manner, slowly descending until disappeared, azimuth 35° above Vegas Range mountain ridge witness estimated 7-8 mi away]. 4-5 mins (Sparks; NICAP website; BB files; Hynek UFO Rpt p. 43)

August 17, 1958; Kansas City, Kansas
Dome-shaped disc with "portholes" followed jets, hovered. [NICAP, XII]

Aug. 18, 1958. Warren, Mich (BBU 5999)
At about 7.05 to 7.10 pm local time (CDT), Alex Donald Chisholm, a business machine mechanic, aged 30, of Warren, Michigan was in his back yard when he observed a flight of four aircraft, which then drew his attention to an extremely bright “star”, motionless in the sky at 70-75 degrees elevation, azimuth 300 degrees. The “star” was brighter than the Moon. He drew his neighbour’s (Walter Moilanion) and his neighbours’ young daughter’s attention to the “star.” Chisholm then viewed the light through 8 x30 field glasses, and then again with his naked eye (through spectacles.) After 7-8 minutes, the object which had remained motionless up until then, moved slightly. At this point, Chisholm (viewing through the field glasses) and Moilanion (with naked eye) pictured it as a circular object, light gray in color, and shaped like the planet Saturn (as it was circular, surrounded by a ring.) Chisholm estimated that the object was between 75-600 miles above the earth, and about 60 feet in diameter. About 30 seconds after first moving, it “vanished as if in a fast vaporised movement.” There was no associated sound at any time.[Basterfield, Fold3; Berliner; McDonald list; NICAP form/letters; Sparks]

August 24, 1958; Westwood, N. J.
Police reported a circular, orange UFO which hovered, sped away. [UFOE, VII]

Aug. 27, 1958; South Atlantic, 38.5 deg. South, 11.5 deg. West
02:28 GMT. Argus Test 1. High altitude missile test, 100 miles, 1.7 kiloton. Fired by USS Norton Sound.

Aug. 28, 1958; Georgetown, OH
4:20 PM. Close encounter by three witnesses, two were highway patrolmen. Huge silver disc, apparently hovering over a field in broad daylight. (MORA #11, page 15)

Aug. 30, 1958; South Atlantic, 49.5 deg. South, 8.2 deg. West
03:18 GMT. Argus Test II. High altitude missile test, 182 miles, 1.7 kiloton. Fired by USS Norton Sound.

Aug. 30, 1958; Gray AFB, Killeen, Texas (BBU)
At 1:45 p.m. CDT, one target was observed on radar at 170 degrees at 30 miles distance. After two minutes the target disappeared on a heading of 175 degrees at a range of 140 miles. The estimated speed of the object was 3,300 knots. The witnesses stated that the target was not like any interference ever observed and did not differ from other IFF targets in any respect except speed. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

Aug. 31, 1958; La Verde, Argentina
Piper aircraft engine increased its revolutions abnormally during UFO sighting. Engine normal after UFO left. (Item 73, 1960 NICAP report)

Sept. 1, 1958; Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya (BBU 6027)
12:15 a.m. Philco technical representative A. M. Slaton saw a round, blue-white object fly at varying speeds. (Berliner)

Sept. 5, 1958, Atlantic (BBU)
2:06 a.m. (EDT). Pan Am airline pilot saw a bright light move E to W, tracked on airborne radar [?]. (Project 1947; McDonald list)

Sept. 6, 1958; South Atlantic, 48.5 deg. South, 9.7 deg. West
22:13 GMT. Argus Test III. High altitude missile test, 466 miles, 1.7 kiloton. Fired by USS Norton Sound.

Sept. 7, 1958; Miles City AFS, Ellsworth AFB, Nort Dakota (BBU)
5:08 a.m. (MDT). Radar returns were indicated on MPS-14, MPS-7 and FPS-6 radars. The radar return on MPS-14 appeared as aircraft return. The object(s) appeared to move up and down rapidly in a circular flight path. The object(s) appeared to orbit NW of Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. Two aircraft were scrambled (F-89J?) during the incident. ((Project 1947; McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

September 7, 1958; Mission, Kansas
Publisher saw white disc speed overhead. [UFOE, VII]

Sept. 8, 1958; SAC HQ, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Neb. (BBU)
6:40 p.m. (CST). SAC Operations officer-flight-engineeer-celestial navigator Maj. Paul A, Duich, USAF, plus several USAF officers from AF Ballistic Missiles Division, Los Angeles AFS, Calif., and many other Offutt AFB officers and airmen, plus Offutt air traffic control tower personnel, saw an brilliantly white elongated cylindrical object hovering in the W at about 270° azimuth elevation 30° just after sunset [sunset at 6:46 p.m. CST at azimuth 278°], object oriented vertically with blunter end highest [about 1/10 width/length ratio]. [Click on link for more details] 20 mins 25+ witnesses 10-20? Full Moons SAC HQ + photos? (Sparks; UFOE, III)

Sept. 14, 1958; Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya (BBU)
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. local time. There were unidentified returns on radar scopes. The returns were similar in size and intensity to returns from an aircraft. GCA detected a return at 400 feet altitude, 1-1/2 miles distant, bearing 110 degrees. GCI detected a return at 700 feet altitude 30 miles northeast of the station. GCA lost the return at 400 feet 1-1/2 half miles, bearing 260 degrees. GCI lost the return in the ground clutter approximately two miles from the approach end of runway 29. GCA reported that it entered the precision approach scope from the north and then crisscrossed back and forth on it, sometimes passing completely off the scope. GCA also reported that it showed on the area surveillance radar scope in almost all directions. GCI reported that the object was tracked inbound to the coast at which time it veered to the south. The altitude of the return varied from 200 to 1000 feet and speeds ranging from 25 to 80 knots. (Dan Wilson, McDonald files, Brad Sparks)

Sept. 21, 1958. Sheffield Lake, Ohio (BBU)
3 a.m. (EDT). Mrs. William H. Fitzgerald inside her house, and at the end 10-year-old stepson John, saw through her East-facing bedroom window a circular, aluminum color flat object, 12 ft diameter [investigator determined 22 ft estimate], 6 ft thick, about 10 ft away, sweep in about 8 ft high over front lawn headed N descending in a falling-leaf oscillating motion side-to-side to about 6 ft altitude, cross over her E-W driveway, stop for several secs about 50 ft [40 ft] away [to the NNE], then reverse course headed S over the driveway back over the front lawn, then hover 5 ft above the lawn about 25 ft away, making a jetlike sound. Object wobbled and emitted gray smoke, made two tight clockwise turns before rising and taking off, straight up over the house [high up towards the E]. (Sparks; Vallée Magonia 471; BB files; UFOE, IX)

Sept. 23, 1958; Kindley AFB, Bermuda (BBU)
12:20 a.m. local time. The Kindley Control Tower operator visually sighted a red light at an altitude of approximately 3,000

to 4,000 feet which appeared to be traveling at great speed. The object was in sight for about one minute. At the same time the radar operator on duty picked up an object which traveled in several directions at a speed of more than Mach 1. The object faded from the radar scope as if it were very high or low. The radar contact was made 4 times in about 7 or 8 minutes. (McDonald list)

Oct. 2, 1958; Strouds, Pensylvania (BBU 6089)
2:30 p.m. Naturalist Ivan Sanderson, his wife and a few others saw a dull-grey object, shaped like a nickel, fly erratically in loops. (UFOE, VI, Berliner, Sparks)

Oct. 3, 1958; Fukushima-Ken, Japan
Cat. 3. Portable radio emitted strange buzz as green fireball passed.

Oct. 3, 1958; Wasco to Kirklin, Indiana
3:10 a.m. A Monon Railroad freight train was proceeding through Clinton County when a formation of four odd white lights crossed ahead of the train. The UFOs turned and traversed the full length of the train, front to back (about a half mile) observed by the entire crew. After passing the rear of the train, the objects swung east, turned back and followed the train. The bright glow concealed the exact shape of the UFOs, but they appeared flattened and some times flew on edge. Operating part of the time in-line abreast with coordinated motions, the objects followed the train until the conductor shone a bright light on them. Immediately, the UFOs sped away, but returned quickly and continued to pace the train. Total time of observation: about 1 hour 10 minutes. Finally the UFOs moved away to the northeast and disappeared. The coordinated maneuvers in formation, reaction to a bright beam of light, and pacing of the train, all suggest some form of intelligence. (FATE, Feb 1959, NICAP UFOE, page 9)

Oct. 7, 1958; Alexandria, Virginia (BBU)
6:02 p.m. (EDT). John R. Townsend, Special Assistant for Research & Engineering to the Asst. Secretary of Defense, saw a large stationary sharply outlined Saturn-shaped "silvery" or "aluminum clad" oblate spherical object (with "gossamer" surface appearance) with a rim or girdle around its equator in clear sky due S azimuth about 180° at about 20° elevation for about 10 secs, which started rapidly rising at an estimated speed of 1,000 mph and disappeared due to extreme distance at about 30° to 35° elevation ....(Click on link for detailed report).

Oct. 7, 1958; Nantucket, Mass.
Ship's Master, others watched a grayish oval object hover for several minutes, then climb away at high speed. [UFOE, VII]

Oct. 11, 1958; Antarctica
Dr. Yuri I. Danikov, a leading Moscow glacier expert, was one of four of four men who were 'pestered' by a low-flying, silvery disk. (Loren Gross, 1958: OCTOBER, UFOs: A History, 54)

Oct. 11, 1958; Laredo Test Center, Texas (BBU)
At 1:22 a.m. local time, a radar target was picked up on a ground radar at the Laredo Test Site at at a range of 454 nautical miles and at 462 nautical miles at a height of 64 nautical miles. The targets lasted for a total of 28 seconds. One possible conclusion given says: (b) two meteors occurring in the same portion of space at very nearly the same time. According to the documents, two targets were observed. One target lasted for 27.3 seconds and the range of the target changed from 462 nmi. to 467 nmi. The target was observed in three of four beams being energized. The radar being used was an AN/FPS-17(XW-2). (McDonald list)

October 12, 1958; Aurora, Illinois
Police reported several yellowish UFOs moving in all directions. [UFOE, VII]

Oct. 17, 1958; Grand Rapids, Mich. (BBU)
(Hynek UFO Rpt p. 44)

Oct. 26, 1958; Lafayette, Indiana
Research chemist saw 2-3 bright objects pass through field of telescope. [VI]

Oct. 26, 1958; Loch Raven Dam, Maryland (BBU 6148)
10:30 p.m. Phillip Small and Alvin Cohen saw a large, flat egg-shaped object, flying low about 100-150 ft above the bridge, which affected their car's electrical system and caused a burning sensation, rose vertically and disappeared in 5-10 secs. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 9, case CEII-4)

Oct. 27, 1958; Union Dale, Penna. (BBU)
Large gray cigar like object with an assembly tail flew at treetop height, making a strong "swishing" sound. (Vallée Magonia 472)

Oct. 29, 1958; Atlantic
Radar track with jamming. (Jan Aldrich, AFOIN files).

Oct. 31, 1958. Caledon East, Ontario, Canada (BBU)
3:50 p.m. Civilian saw an elliptical, aluminum-colored object at 6,000 ft altitude, coming down to 12 ft, flying up and down by sudden jumps, stopping at ground level less than 600 ft away for 5 mins. A red light appeared at one end of the object, which gradually took a fiery color, then exploded. Witness ran away. (Vallée Magonia 473)

Nov. 1958; DEW Line (Distant Early Warning)
Radar tracked UFO which descended, moved horizontally, climbed out of radar beam. [UFOE, VIII]

Nov. 3, 1958. Minot [AFB?], North Dakota (BBU)
2:01 p.m. [USAF?] Medic M/Sgt. William R. Butler saw a bright green object, shaped like a dime coin, and one smaller, silver round object. First object exploded, then second object moved toward the location of the first at high speed. (Berliner)

Nov. 4, 1958; Pope AFB, North Carolina (BBU)
4:03 [9:03?] p.m. (EST). USAF pilot of a landing KB-50 tanker and USAF tower personnel saw an object with strange lights on collision course. Pilot and crew also noticed that "strange lights" were observed inside the cockpit. Pilot aborted landing, climbed and flew around to observe object. Pope AFB tower personnel had watched object hovering above the base through binoculars for 20 mins. (NARCAP)

Nov. 8, 1958. Brazilia, Brazil (BBU)
2 p.m. (EST). Brazilian [?] Air Force pilot and 500 ground observers saw a moving saucer at 40,000 ft. (Project 1947)
(Article in Portugeuse)

Nov. 13, 1958; Troy Peak & Tonopah, Nevada (BBU)
8:29 a.m.PST. Radars picked up a fairly stationary object at 279 degrees azimuth, range of 26 miles, angle of elevation was 40 degrees, moving quite slowly to the ENE. This occurred four times during an eight hour period. These objects were all in the same area at the same altitude. FPS-20, MPS-7, and MPS-14 radars were involved in the observation. (McDonald list)

Nov. 19, 1958; Montauk AFB, New York (BBU)
9:30 a.m. (EST). A/2c James A. Frey, scope operator, plus Weapons Director (not named), 773rd Radar Observation Network Squadron (SAGE), NORAD-ADC FPS-6 height-finder radar, detected target at 255° azimuth (approx. WSW), height 55,000 ft ascending [nearly] vertically at 3,000-3,500 ft/min with some [N?] component horizontally, to 77,000 ft [in about 7 mins]. Target then descended to 50,000' almost vertically at 4,000 ft/min [in about another 7 mins] with slight deviation ESE to azimuth 256° disappearance. Range not stated, must have been 30+ miles since FPS-6 max elevation coverage is +32°, and max range usually given as 200 n.mi. Went against wind coming from 270° 60 knots at 50,000 ft. Second (similar?) target about 1 hour later. Ascent rate much faster than typical weather balloons, usually standardized to 1,000 ft/min. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list)

Nov. 20, 1958; W of Calif. coast (BBU)
At 6:15 a.m. PST, a man in the right seat of a C-118 transport flying at 11,000 feet on a heading of 60 degrees observed a round silver object traveling straight at high speed at high altitude heading toward the sun. The object was observed for 15 seconds. The C-118 was at approximately 840 miles west of Los Angeles [3447 N 133.07 W]. (Dan Wilson, BB files,Project 1947)

Dec. 13, 1958, Redlands, California
Photographer, John D. Penney. USAF says it was a lenticular cloud. (Vicemte-Juan Ballester Olmos)

Dec. 16, 1958; Hawk Inlet, Alaska
The UFO had been seen the previous day (by a fishing boat) floating on the water about 1/4 mile away. When it appeared about 70 feet above the mast, the fisherman radioed-the Coast Guard. About 5 minutes later, .the "boat's power" failed and the radio went dead. An auxiliary diesal generator was barely running but it came back to normal as the UFO flew away.

(McCampbell)

> John R. Townsend (see Oct 7) was the head of all Pentagon R&D, immediate predecessor of ARPA director. Debunker BB Chief Major Gregory got fired from BB when he gave a UFO briefing in the Pentagon in Dec and dismissed Townsend's UFO sighting as a cloud or some such bs nonsense (he didn't mention the independent confirmation with triangulation by the Capital Airlines crew confirming Townsend's UFO sighting and size / distance estimates). Major Friend took over BB from Gregory in Jan 1959. (Brad Sparks)

Dec. 17, 1958
Memorandum for Commander document on the battle between the AF and NICAP.

Dec. 20, 1958; Dunellen, New Jersy
Police patrol observed a bright red, pulsating elliptical object which approached, hovered, then "went straight up like a shot." [UFOE, I]

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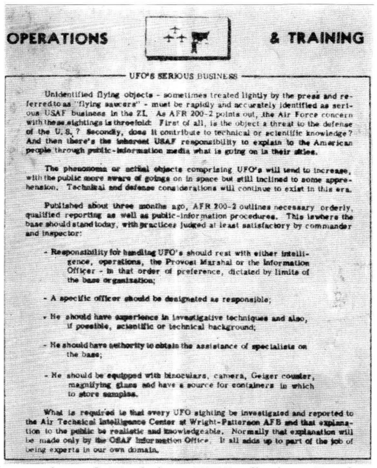

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UFO'S SERIOUS BUSINESS

Unidentified flying objects - sometimes treated lightly by the press and referred to as "flying saucers" - must be rapidly and accurately identified as serious USAF business in the ZI. As AFR 200-2 points out, the Air Force concern with these sightings is threefold: First of all, is the object a threat to the defense of the U.S.? Secondly, does it contribute to technical or scientific knowledge? And then there's the inherent USAF responsibility to explain to the American people through public-information media what is going on in their skies.

The phenomena or actual objects comprising UFO's will tend to increase, with the public more aware of goings on in space but still inclined to some apprehension. Technical and defense considerations will continue to exist in this era.

Published about three months ago, AFR 200-2 outlines necessary orderly, qualified reporting as well as public-information procedures. This is where the base should stand today, with practices judged at least satisfactory by commander and inspector:

- Responsibility for handling UFO's should rest with either intelligence, operations, the Provost Marshal or the Information Officer - in that order of preference, dictated by limits of the base organization;
- A specific officer should be designated as responsible;
- He should have experience in investigative techniques and also, if possible, scientific or technical background;
- He should have authority to obtain the assistance of specialists on the base;
- He should be equipped with binoculars, camera, Geiger counter, magnifying glass and have a source for containers in which to store samples.

What is required is that every UFO sighting be investigated and reported to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB and that explanation to the public be realistic and knowledgeable. Normally that explanation will be made only by the USAF Information Office. It all adds up to part of the job of being experts in our own domain.

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Map of sightings for 1959, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database

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A lot of the incidents do not yet have active links to reports. Blue Book microfilms are only processed to mid-1952, so it will be some time before we can accomplish that goal. However, this is a comprehensive list for 1959 and will also suffice as a good work and checklist for our team. We wish to thank, in particular, Rebecca Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), and Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns). Right below this introduction are the UFOs: A History files, created by Loren Gross.

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## The 1959 UFO Chronology

Project Blue Book sightings listings for 1959

January 1959

In January, Project Blue Book received a very needed shot in the arm when Major Robert Friend replaced Captain Gregory as head of the project.

Jan. 1, 1959; Newport Beach, California
County Harbor Department guards watched UFO split in four parts; two rose vertically at high speed, one headed SE, one remained stationary. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

Jan. 4, 1959; Taft, California (BBU)
11:30 p.m. PST. Pilots of three airliners, TWA 52, TWA 87, and Resort 910, observed an oval object the size of a basketball at 50 to 100 yards that appeared as a ball of fire with a sliver tail and a longer trail coming from underneath. The object was tracking SW to NE and made a sharp 90 degree turn to the right and faded from view. The length of observation was 4-5 seconds. (Project 1947, Dan Wilson, BB files)

Jan. 8, 1959; Nr. Walworth, Wisconsin
Former control tower operator and flight controller saw UFO descend slowly, then speed away like meteor. [NICAP UFOE, V]

Jan. 13, 1959; Pymatunlng Lake, Greenville, Penna.
UFO hovered over truck causing electrical failure. (Item 75, 1960 NICAP report)

Jan. 13, 1959; Bygholm, Denmark
Car motor failed as UFO passed over car. Headlights and spotlight worked. (Item 76, 1960 NICAP report)

Jan. 23, 1959; Panama
Bright silver object arced across sky, tracked by U.S. radar. [NICAP UFOE, VIII]

February 1, 1959 - JANAP 146(D)
Joint Army-Navy-Air Publication 146, CIRVIS. Communication Instructions for Reporting
Vital Intelligence Sightings. Feb. 1, 1959. Revised version of JANAP 146(C) (March 10, 1954).

Feb. 2, 1959; Near Sandusky, Ohio (BBU)
University of Michigan professor and his wife driving on the Ohio Turnpike saw a yellow half-sphere in the sky. (Willy Smith pp. 92-93)

Feb. 4, 1959; Gulf of Mexico (Swan Island)
3:00 a.m. Reddish light sped back and forth across course of Pan American Airways plane, then disappeared at high speed in vertical climb. [NICAP UFOE, V]

Feb. 9, 1959; Imperial Beach, California
Bright UFO with halo filmed. [NICAP UFOE, VIII]

Feb. 16, 1959; Benghazi, Libya (BBU)
9:30 p.m. British military man saw a silvery blue to reddish to dark round object with dome, sharply outlined, with vents of green light, varying brightness, varying speed from hovering to very fast, suddenly disappeared. 15 mins (CUFOS re-eval.; Jan Aldrich)

Feb. 24, 1959; 13 miles SW of Williamsport, Penna. (BBU)
8:20-9 p.m. American Airlines Flight 139 pilot Capt. Peter W. Killian and First Officer James Dee, on a DC-6B airliner flying from Newark to Detroit, saw 3 lights changing relative position, separation and color (yellow-orange to brilliant blue-white) at the 9 o'clock position to the SSW at 30° elevation. (NICAP UFOE, V, IX, Willy Smith pp. 85-96) [Click link above for details and over 80 pages of documents]

Feb. 24, 1959; Victorville, Calif. (BBU)
10:00-10:15 p.m. Intense white light lit up bedroom, dogs barked as if terrified, witness sighted to the W at about 20° elevation a biconvex dull red object about 25 ft wide with a blunt tear-drop profile approaching rapidly within 10 secs lowering height to about 8-10 ft passing about 80 ft away N of house and veering slightly to NE disappearing from behind; 5 mins later reappeared to W and made a similar pass and at similar intervals 3 more W-NE passes. Object made high-pitched transformer hum, radio static noted. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 167-170)

Feb. 25, 1959; Hobbs, New Mexico
Signals on car radio, steady succession of two dots and a dash as UFO passed over. (Item 77, 1960 NICAP report)

Feb. 26, 1959; London, England
Air Traffic Controllers, others saw a bright yellow disc which hovered for 20 minutes above airport, then climbed away at high speed. [NICAP UFOE, X]

March 10, 1959; Grand Bahama Island, West Indies (BBU)
4:00-4:25 a.m. (EST). USAF FPS-8 missile tracking radar at Grand Bahama Auxiliary AFB picked up maneuvering object 50-70 miles to SSE on course of 145° which made 2 wide circles at 200-300 knots then a figure-8. Object went on an intercept course of 60° to follow a subsonic [600 mph] Snark intercontinental cruise missile launched from Patrick AFB, Florida, along the Atlantic Missile Range, with missile passing object at about 4:18 a.m. Both missile and UFO detected on radar scope simultaneously. Missile disappeared to SSE while object gradually disappeared at 60° [azimuth? ENE (?)]. All military and civilian agencies were checked for aircraft and none were in the area. (Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) 5? witnesses

March 12, 1959; Duluth-Finland, Minn. (BBU)
(McDonald list)

March 13, 1959; Duluth, Minn. (BBU)
6:20 p.m. (CST). Military aircraft crew saw an object with orange, red, white, green lights, the red lights rotating on the bottom. Three hundred eighteen pages of documents!!! And as with the Edwards case in 1964, "hot bird" means that the F-102 fighter was loaded with a nuclear weapon of some type. (Project 1947; McDonald list, Dan Wilson) [Click on link for more details and docs].

March 14, 1959;. Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota (BBU)
(McDonald list)

March 18, 1959; Denville, New Jersey
8:50 pm. Jesse Wilson claims he took photos of the Moon through a telescope and captured a series of strange objects. (Lee Munsick, NICAP)

March 22, 1959. Ann Arbor, Mich. (BBU)
(McDonald list)

March 23, 1959; Bismark, ND (BBU)
USAF radar-visual of 4 objects, photo of 7 objects ?? (CUFOS?)

March 25, 1959; Northern Montana (BBU)
At around 8:00 p.m. local time, a B-52 jet bomber flying south on a HEADSTART II type mission became aware that an object was following the aircraft. The tail gunner had picked up the object on his scope. The object was also detected by the Electronics Warfare Officer (EWO) and two radar frequencies were determined as being utilized by the UFO. The UFO was maintained on MB-9 scope for approximately one hour at ranges of 8,000 to 15,000 yards. A ground GCI station was notified upon initial contact with the object and an F-89 Interceptor was launched at the time the object penetrated the Northern ADIZ. (Click on link above for details, updates and docs). (McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

March 26 or 27, 1959; Corsica, Penna. (BBU 6317)

12:45 p.m. T. E. Clark saw a dark red, barrel-shaped object, 20 ft long, 6-7 ft high, descend below some trees. (Berliner)
http://www.nicap.org/reports2/1959.03.26.Corsica.PA.pdf

April 3, 1959; Ocoee, Florida
Treasury enforcement officer saw UFO ascending and descending. [NICAP UFOE, VII]

April 12, 1959; Montreal, Canada
St. Hubert Air Base Control Tower Operators, others saw red light which hovered over base, then darted away. [NICAP UFOE, X]

April 13, 1959; Antigo & Madison, Wisc. (BBU)
At 7:20 p.m. local time, 25-30 red and green lights above a bright yellow light were observed visually and were tracked on a AN/FPS-20 Radar. The lights moved in an erratic manner and were highly maneuverable, seemingly picking up to very high speeds. A fighter plane of the 327th Fighter Group was scrambled and went to 46,000 feet. When the pilot returned to base the objects were still in the area. The length of the observation was around two hours. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

April 14, 1959; Tokyo-Mitaka, Japan (BBU)
7:32:24.53 p.m. (Japan time UTC+9). SAO satellite tracking photos 6+ frames of No. SC-5-498 time exposures of 9.6-11.8 secs showed 2+ UFOs during tracking of Vanguard 2 satellite. One object flashed every 0.36 sec, with 0.25 sec on, 0.11 sec off cycle. Wavy motion from elevation 21°24'09.36" rising to 22°09'51.32" in first 9.61 secs, falling to 18°20'51.29" then rising to 18°24'37.86". Azimuth shifted from 237°51'14.75" (roughly WSW) to 248°33'34.65". Not in BB files though reported to BB. 40+ sces (Sparks; Vallee computer proposal; Robt. Klinn)

May 2, 1959; Pease AFB, New Hampshire (BBU)
At 8:23 p.m. EDT, five tracks appeared on radar scopes at speeds from 200- 400 knots at altitudes of 7,000 to 18,000 feet. Immediately thereafter, more tracks appeared. A total of 18 tracks were involved. Some targets approach the coast then reversed course and headed outbound. At least 3 different radars were tracking the objects simultaneously, at sites P-10, P-13 and Texas Tower 11. Ten additional aircraft were brought up to 5 minute alert, 4 at Stewart AFB, 2 at Westover AFB, and 4 at Otis AFB. Eventually all available aircraft were scrambled, including some from adjacent sectors. Air Defense Artillery stated that their radar also picked up 6 of these targets through the area. There was no apparent reason for the unknown tracks. All equipment was functioning normally. Everything possible was accomplished to check and verify inputs. (Dan Wilson)
(McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

May 13, 1959; Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska (BBU)
(McDonald list)

May 14, 1959; Philadelphia, Penna.(BBU)
(McDonald list)

May 14, 1959; Des Moines, Iowa
UFO hovered, sped away. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

May 18, 1959; Greenbush, Kansas (BBU)
(McDonald list)

May 21, 1959; 8 miles E of Rapid City, South Dakota (BBU)
(McDonald list)

May 25, 1959; Advisory Panel Meeting for Special Report #14

June 3, 1959; Genoa, Italy (BBU)
(McDonald list)

June 3, 1959; Nr. Bloomington, Indiana
Torpedo-shaped UFO hovered, dove out of sight. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

June 9, 1959; Manassas-Roanoke, Virginia (BBU)
At 1:05 p.m. EDT, a number of unknown objects traveling abreast were tracked on an FPS-6 radar of the 649th Radar Squadron (SAGE). The objects were detected at 62,200 feet heading NE at 200 knots. The objects moved out of radar range and faded. The length of observation was 15 minutes. Apparently same objects were picked up NE of Roanoke by adjacent radar sight. (McDonald list, Brad Sparks, Dan Wilson)

June 11, 1959; Henderson, Nevada
Security officers observed a formation of four disc-like objects. [NICAP UFOE, VII]

July 11, 1959. N. Pacific, 1000 mi E of Hawaii (BBU)
6:02 a.m. (1302Z / GMT / UT). Pan Am Flight C947 Boeing DC7C Stratocruiser pilot Capt. George Wilson, copilot Richard Lorenzen, and Flt Engr (at 28°25'N, 144°30W) at 20,000 ft saw in the SW, slightly higher than flight level possibly by 1,000 ft, a large bright white light heading towards them, followed by 4 smaller lights on the left, moving constantly at high speed made 180° path change (reversed course?) then 90° right turn, disappeared in the S. Other sightings by other Pan Am Flight C942, Slick Airways Flight 719/11, Canadian Pacific, Empress Flight 323-11, United Airlines Flight 21 (DC-6B) flight crews. Possible IFO meteor fireball except for unexplained 90° turn. (Sparks; Project 1947; McDonald list; Menzel 1963; BB files) 10-15 secs; 10 + witnesses.

July 14, 1959; New Delhi, Indiana (BBU)
(Sparks, McDonald)

June 16, 1959; SE of Meridian, Mississippi (BBU)
(McDonald list)

June 18, 1959; Pacific bet. Hawaii and Calif. (BBU)
(McDonald list)

June 18, 1959; Forest Park, Illinois (BBU)
(McDonald list)

June 18, 1959; Stephenson-Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (BBU)
(McDonald list)

June 18, 1959; Enon, Ohio. (BBU)
(McDonald list)

June 18, 1959; Lyons, Colo. (BBU)
(McDonald list)

June 18, 1959; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (BBU 6400)
9:30 p.m. A. Cavelli and R. Blessin, using 7x binoculars, saw a brown, cigar-shaped object come from below the horizon (close to the witnesses) ascending to 40°-50° above the horizon. (Berliner)

June 22, 1959; South China Sea S of Macao, China (BBU)
At 6:46 a.m. while on an RB-66 mission the pilot and gunner saw 4 pairs of unidentified objects. The objects were round and dark in color and were at an estimated altitude of 200 to 500 feet. The four pairs were spaced over an area of about 50 miles parallel to the RB-66 course. Separation of the objects in each pair was approximately 200-300 yards. Their size was estimated at 25-200 feet in diameter. The objects appeared to be moving on a course of 215 degrees at 15 knots. The RB-66 passed directly over the objects at 34,000 feet.(Dan Wilson) [See docs and major updates by clicking link above].

June 22, 1959; Balta, Argentina
City lights failed during UFO incident. (Item 78, 1960 NICAP report)

June 25, 1959; S of Taegu, Korea (BBU)
(McDonald list)

July 25, 1959. Irondequoit, New York (BBU 6446)
1 p.m. Technical illustrator W. D. Neva saw a thin, crescent moon-shaped object, with a small white dome in the center, fly at tremendous speed. (Sparks; Berliner)

June 26, 1959; Boianai Mission, Papua New Guinea (BBU)
6:45-7:20, 8:28-9:10, 9:20-9:30, 9:46-10:10, 10:30-10:50 p.m. Father William Gill plus 38 others. Platform shaped object with "men" on top appeared in the sky above Venus (which was to the W at 297° azimuth, 32° elevation initially, but set before 9:06 p.m. below the mountains), with electric blue spotlight, about 500 ft away at 300-400 ft height (object shined light on broken cloud cover at 2,000 ft altitude known from nearby mountains). Men and spotlight disappear at 7:20 and object disappears into clouds, reappears at 8:28 without "men" or spotlight but joined by 2rd, 3rd and 4th objects at 8:29, 8:35 and 8:35-50, coming and going through clouds. Main "mother ship" "large, clear, stationary," gives red light and disappears overhead into cloud at 9:10, reappears at 9:20, moves across sea to Giwa [to the NE?] appearing white-red-blue disappears at 9:30. Overhead objects reappears 9:46, hovering, disappears behind cloud 10:10, reappears in gap between clouds 10:30, gone at 10:50. [Further sightings June 27 and 28, 1959]. (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 216-223, etc.)

June 27, 1959; Dunville, Virginia (BBU)
(McDonald list)

June 27, 1959; Boianai Mission, Papua New Guinea (BBU)
6:02-6:30 p.m. Object returned from previous night with 2 others, one to the W and one overhead. Father William Gill and another waved their arms and "men" on the main object waved back; to the waving of a torch the object moved back-and-forth laterally. [Other sightings June 26 and 28, 1959.] (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 216-223, etc.) 28 mins [See 26 June]

June 28, 1959; Boianai Mission, Papua New Guinea (BBU)
6:45-11 p.m. Father William Gill [and others?] saw up to 8 lights at varying heights. [Prior sightings June 26 and 27, 1959.] (Sparks; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 216-223, etc.) 4 hr 15 min [See 26, 27 June]

June 30, 1959; Patuxent River NAS, Maryland (BBU 6409)
8:23 p.m. USN Cdr. D. Connolly at the Naval Air Station, saw a metallic gold, oblate-shaped object, major/minor axis ratio 9:1, with sharp edges, fly straight and level. (Berliner)

July 3, 1959; Needles, Calif. (BBU)
7:34 p.m. (PST). Pilot, William Gebenini, Director of Washington State Aeronautics Commission, and the copilot, of Piper Commanche aircraft, flying at 10,500 feet at 140 mph, apparently heading N to Las Vegas, Nevada, sighted 4 kite-shaped objects, first looking like an eagle, moving back and forth sideways but stayed in the same relative position at about their own altitude of 10,500 ft [thus about 1.8° above geometric earth horizon]. Pilot turned towards objects at 270° Mag [285° True] but could not close the distance and lost objects in darkness. Clear sky with 45 miles visibility. Pilot suggested possibility rays of setting sun had been seen through dust particles, but sky was clear and mirages must occur within about 0.6° of earth horizon whereas objects were seen at about 1.8° above earth horizon. Sun had set at aircraft's 10,500 ft altitude at about 7:10 p.m. PST depending on exactly where the Piper Commanche was located at that time (within 60 mi of 7:34 p.m. location). Sun was about 3° to 5° below geometric earth horizon at 303° to 305° True azimuth at ground level during 10-minute sighting (about 1° to 3° below visible horizon to the aircraft at 10,500 ft) and could not possibly have been visible. Any hypothetical "dust" particles would have had to be at least 80,000 ft in altitude to be illuminated by the sun so far below the earth's limb, thus in the stratosphere impossibly high for dust to reach. Only violent volcanic eruptions and large surface-burst or low altitude nuclear explosions could loft dust that high and none had occurred. (Sparks; BB files; Basterfield; McDonald list)

July 8, 1959; Columbus, Indiana
Family in car chased three pulsating object seen moving slowly at low altitude in V-formation. (Two WTTV employees saw similar formation few minutes earlier, 25-30 miles away.) [NICAP UFOE, II]

July 9, 1959; Bahamas (BBU)
At 8.10 pm EST at [21:13N; 68:24W] a large rocket passed overhead, course 120 degrees T. First sighted at 10 degrees' elevation, and 300 degrees azimuth, it had a tail and lights. After passing overhead the lights and trail disappeared. An observer on the ship SS Caltex Auckland [at 26:05N; 73:05W] at 8.10 pm sighted a rocket like body with three lights, moving in an easterly direction. Duration 10 minutes. Another ship, the M/S Allobrogio [at 26:49N; 73:39W] at 8.10 pm, a Trans-Canada pilot, Capt F. F. Beckett and FO J. Bosma, [at 18:24N; 77:06W] reported a light at 25-30 degrees' elevation, at azimuth 005 degrees. It appeared as a cigar shaped light. At 8.09 pm it changed direction to SE. At 8.12pm it changed to NE. Last seen at 8.15pm at 25-30 degrees elevation, azimuth 030-040 degrees.(Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Molczan; Printy; Sparks.)

July 11, 1959; N Pacific, 800 n.mi. from Hawaii (BBU)
6:02 a.m. Pan Am Boeing Stratocruiser pilot and crew saw a big bright light followed by 3-4 smaller lights. (NICAP UFOE, X; Project 1947; McDonald list)

July 12,1959; Nr. Ridgecrest, California
Electronics mechanic at China Lake U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station saw three disc-like UFOs which alternately hovered and moved at high speeds over desert to the Southwest. [NICAP UFOE, IV]

July 13,1959; Blenheim, N. Z.
Domed disc descended, hovered. (NICAP UFOE, XIV)

July 14, 1959; New Delhi, India (BBU)
(McDonald list)

July 14, 1959--Pampulha, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais State
Luminous object followed FAB (Brazilian Air Force) B-26, hovered near airport. [NICAP UFOE, X]

July 25, 1959; Irondequoit, New York (BBU 6446)
1 p.m. Technical illustrator W. D. Neva saw a thin, crescent moon-shaped object, with a small white dome in the center, fly at tremendous speed. (Berliner)

July 28, 1959; Corpus Christi, Texas (BBU)
In a letter which Dr. J. A. Hynek wrote to Major R. Friend, dated 28 June 1960, there is mention of a UFO film. The film is said to have shown 'very fine color movies of Venus in the daytime…' The letter continues, 'The image is real, as it appears on frame after frame…' A handwritten note says 'Benn case.' [This is the Ray Stanford film] (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.) (McDonald list)

July 28, 1959; Atlantic, off coast of Florida (BBU)
11.13 p.m. EST. A 19-year-old male was onboard USS Robinson, DD-562, standing the 2000 to 2400 watch. The ship was sailing at 7 kts on course 334 degrees. A soundless object was observed flying on course 250 degrees, estimated height 25,000 feet with its initial elevation being 30 degrees. The object crossed the ship's stern. It had emerged from a cloud, with a bright orange glow surrounding a white light. This glow changed color to white/gray and expanded in size. Duration 2.5 minutes. The sky was pitch black. The witness observed the object using both naked eye and binoculars. Lost at 85 degrees' elevation, azimuth 70 degrees. Also, seen by two others onboard. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.)

Aug. 2, 1959; Bolling AFB, Washington, DC (BBU)
At 00:28 local EST local (0528Z). One white light, soundlessly travelled rapidly from NE to SW. It blinked irregularly and then instantly stopped. It then moved rapidly in circles, and finally faded in the SW. The duration was seven minutes and seen by six observers. It was a clear starlit night, calm at the surface. The observers stated the light was not an aircraft. There were no unusual radar targets in the area and tower operators did not see the object. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.)

Aug. 3, 1959; Silver Springs, Maryland
(McDonald list)

Aug. 10, 1959; Goose AFB, Labrador, Canada (BBU 6462)
1:28 a.m. RCAF pilot Flt. Lt. M. S. Mowat, on ground, saw a large star-like light cross 53° of sky. (Berliner)

Aug. 13, 1959; Freeport, Texas
Car motor and headlights failed as UFO crossed road ahead at low altitude. (Item 79, 1960 NICAP report)

Aug. 13, 1959; Bet. Roswell and Corona, New Mexico (BBU)
Jack H. Goldsberry, former USN PBY, flying Cessna 170 from Hobbs to Albuquerque, N.M., at 8,000 feet, noticed halfway between Roswell and Corona, that his Magnesyn electric compass suddenly moved around a slow 360° rotation in about 4-5 secs, and his other standard magnetic compass was spinning wildly. About this time, he saw 3 small gray slightly fuzzy elliptical objects in close echelon formation passing in front from left to right and around his plane at a distance about 450 to 600 ft and a speed of about 200 mph. Magnesyn compass followed the objects' position as they circled the plane, and after one full circle they disappeared to the rear, then both compasses settled back to normal. CØ controller at Albuquerque canceled his flight plan and ordered him to land at Kirtland AFB, where he was interrogated by a USAF major. (NARCAP-NICAP-McDonald; BB files??)

Aug. 14, 1959; NE of Hawaii (BBU)
7:53 p.m. (AHDT). Military pilot saw a very bright white light change color to red as it moved into [?] the sunlight. (Project 1947)

Aug. 16, 1959; Macon & Forsyth, Ga. (BBU)
6.10 p.m. local time (2310Z). Three anonymous individuals telephoned a radio station in Macon. One female said she saw a 'rocket' which fluttered like a falling

leaf, traveling at jet-like speed which emitted spurts of fire. One male described a 'rocket' with fire, traveling horizontally and emitting a 'roar.' A second man described a falling 'rocket.' At around 7p.m., a Forsyth police officer described seeing a round object, with a tip at the bottom. It was colored orange on the bottom and silver on the top. It was seen at 30 degrees elevation. It soundlessly disappeared behind clouds. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.) (McDonald list)

Aug. 19, 1959. 80 miles E of Otis AFB, Mass. [or E of Wash. DC?] (BBU)
3:37, 3:42, 3:44, 3:45, 3:46, 3:52, 3:57 p.m. (EST). 691st Airborne Early Warning & Control Sq RC121 at 6,000 ft heading 55° 185 knots. Detected single high speed targets 3,000 to 7,800 mph on APS-20 S-band radar except 2 that were in trail. Blips on various headings of 360°, 180°, 290°, and final 2 were together in trail on 60° heading but made 60° turn to 360° (0°). BB conclusion of "Possible IFF interference" is nonsense, as IFF cannot possibly have "interference" as if it was merely a radar. IFF transponders send signals on one frequency that trigger a timed and coded message signal in response at a different frequency. (Sparks; McDonald list; Vallée Challenge to Science; BB files) 1 min each. radar IFF

Aug. 19, 1959; 80 miles E of U.S. [?] (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Aug. 19, 1959; Elburn, Illinois (BBU)
9:30 p.m. (CDT). Airline pilot saw a string of 3-4 white lights seemingly part of one object. (Project 1947)

August 24, 1959; Nr. Emmitsburg, Maryland
Planet-like UFO hovered, took off straight up. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

Aug. 28, 1959; Charlotte Island, Canada (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Sept., 1959; Westover AFB, Mass.
The witnesses were working in a B-52 on the flight line when a radar man called them in to see seven UFOs being tracked. One comment in the report seems to indicate a problem with the story. The primary witness said the objects were 150 miles away and in the center of the (radar) screen. This indicates long range radar onboard and targets relatively close to the radar antenna. It is the range of the objects that is in serious question with a B-52's onboard radar. (Jan Aldrich, Fran Ridge)

Sept. 5 1959; Naha Air Base, Okinawa (BBU)
5:40 AM, 1440 zulu. Red, flare-like objects with tail similar to short contrail. Described on the Project Record Card as "size of nickel at arm's length. Also mentions "white in color, two rows of three abreast, changing to a 'v' of five, then found disappearing one at a time until only one remained." Initial observation 10 degrees elevation with disapearance at 15 degrees elevation. 11 witnesses, 20 secs. 6 objects. S-N. (McDonald list)

Sept. 7, 1959; Wallingford, Kentucky (BBU)
Walter Ogden. 15-ft burned mark left by object on takeoff. (McDonald list; Loren Gross 1959 SUPP) Bluish disc-like UFO low over ground, observed by mail carrier, rose suddenly and sped away; left stained ring on ground. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

Sept. 10, 1959; Camp Kinser, Okinawa (BBU)
8.10 p.m. local time (1110Z). 2Lt J Bowles; A/g Sgt R G Savell; A/g Cpl R Johnson; A/g Sgt H Glisson and A/g Gunnery Sgt Perry; over a period of 50 minutes, reported seeing a series of 6-8, star-like, soundless, white/yellow lights in the sky. Each object was seen for 35-40 seconds only and moved at jet-like speeds. It was a moonlit night with scattered low clouds. Surface wind was 4-6 kts from 090 degrees. The objects were initially sighted at 065 degrees azimuth. Upon disappearance their azimuth was 245 degrees true. The lights were moving horizontally in a straight line. They were said to be oscillating, rolling and darting. The objects disappeared from view rapidly ascending. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.) (McDonald list)

Sept. 13, 1959; Gills Rock, Wisc. (BBU 6506)
1:05 a.m. R. H. Daubner saw a round yellow light, with 8 blue lights within it, and 5 larger red lights, fly very fast vertically while making a pulsating jet noise. (Berliner)

Sept. 13, 1959; Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana (BBU 6507)
4 p.m. At least two control tower operators and the pilot of a Mooney private airplane saw a nearly motionless white, cream and metallic pear-shaped object, with a trail under it. Attempted intercept by USAF T-33 jet trainer failed. Ground radar tracking. (Wilson, Berliner; Project 1947)

Sept. 15,1959; Kadena AFB, Okinawa (BBU)
7 a.m.-1 p.m. 3 USAF personnel radar tracked multiple green objects, and sighted 4-5 mins a silvery object tilted downwards visible only when lit by a rotating beacon light and which moved slowly on a straight path in the direction of the winds. (CUFOS re-eval.; Jan Aldrich)

Sept. 24, 1959. Near Redmond, Oregon.(BBU)
About 4:55 a.m. (PST). Redmond Police officer Robert Dickerson saw a strange bright light [white ball shaped?] rapidly descending north of the airport then stopped and hovered several hundred [200?] feet above ground for several mins where it lit up the juniper trees below. He drove toward it on the Prineville Hwy then turned toward the airport, when the object turned orange [reddish-orange?] and moved rapidly to [dive and hover?] about 10 miles NE of the airport at about 3,000 ft [height? altitude? Redmond is at 3,000 ft elevation MSL]. Dickerson arrived at the airport to report sighting in person at 4:59 a.m. at Redmond FAA Air Traffic Communication Station. FAA Flight Service Specialist Laverne Wertz, Dickerson and others viewed object through binoculars. FAA station reported UFO to Seattle Air Route Control Center at 5:10 a.m., which in turn reported it to Hamilton AFB, Calif., which scrambled 6 F-102 jets from Portland [?] to intercept UFO. FAA station observers saw object hover and emit long tongues of red, yellow and green light which extended and retracted at irregular intervals. As F-102's approached the object from the SE [?] it turned into mushroom shape, emitted red and yellow flames from lower side and ascended rapidly, disappearing above scattered clouds at about 14,000 ft [altitude? height?]. [Object's departure forced one F-102 to swerve to avoid collision, another nearly lost control from UFO's turbulent wake; tracked on F-102 airborne radars but jets unable to intercept.] Object reappeared about 20 miles S of Redmond at about 25,000 ft. Seattle Center reported at 6:20 a.m. radar contact with object about 25 miles S of Redmond at 52,000 ft was made by USAF ADC radar site at Klamath Falls, Ore., which tracked a large 300-400 ft[?] target and vectored B-47 and F-89 aircraft to identify. Redmond FAA controllers lost sight of object. Seattle FAA reported at 7:11 a.m. that Klamath Falls radar still tracked object at 25 miles S of Redmond but varying altitude from 6,000 to 52,000 ft. (Fran Ridge/NICAP UFOE, V)

Sept. 28, 1959, Detroit, Michigan (BB)
At 0230Z hours a witness at 5764 Beaconsfield Street, Detroit, Michigan, observed a spherical-shaped white to blue in color object in a straight flight in the sky. The object was observed at approximately 75 degrees azimuth and was seen for approximately six or seven minutes. No sound was detected. This location is approximately two miles north of Nike Sites D-23 and D-26. D-26 was equipped with Nike Hercules Missiles with nuclear capable warheads. (Brad Sparks)

Sept. 28, 1959; Staff Study Brief History

Oct. 1 [or 3rd or 4th week?], 1959; Telephone Ridge, Oregon (BBU 6534)
9:15 p.m. Department store manager C. A. Cissman saw a bright light approach, hover about 30 mins, then take off and disappear in 2 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 2, 1959; Seattle, Washington (BBU)
12:20 am local time (PST) (0820Z). For three hours, a Hercules radar site (#13), Battery D, 2 M.B., 43 Artillery, Seattle, Washington, tracked a total of five objects which usually appeared in pairs. The radar returns were said to be ‘weak.’ Visually, at least one, soundless, round. ‘quarter sized,’ blue/white light was seen in the sky. ARTC reported no air traffic in the area of the radar site during the time of contact. The first object on radar was seen at 10 degrees elevation, azimuth 190 degrees. The last object seen on radar was at 20 degrees elevation, azimuth 170 degrees. The visual object was at 10 degrees elevation, azimuth 190 degrees. When last observed the visual object was 20 degrees elevation, azimuth 170 degrees. Flight patterns were erratic. Range would change from 4000 yards to 8000 yards, and azimuth from 190 degrees to 170 degrees. Objects seemed to fade from scope and visual contact when finally lost. Visual contact was disrupted by intermittent fog, which moved in about 1.5 hours after the initial sighting. Surface wind was 10 knots from azimuth 010 degrees.(Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks; Condon case 1211-B). [Swords in his case file noted “McDonald re-opened this case in C. 1970 & declared it an unknown. I, however, can’t (yet) find his views on it.”]

Oct. 4, 1959; Quezon, Philippines (BBU 6538)
9:25 p.m. USN Lt. C. H. Pogson and CPO K. J. Moore saw a large round or oval object, changing from red to red orange, fly straight and level. (Berliner

Oct. 6, 1959; Lincoln, Nebraska (BBU 6543)
8:15 p.m. Selective Service Lt. Col. L. Liggett and wife saw a round, white-yellow light make several abrupt turns at high speed. (Berliner)

Oct. 7, 1959; Nr. Forrest City, Arkansas
Kentucky Air National Guard pilot chased glowing object. [NICAP UFOE, V]

Oct. 12, 1959; Washington, Georgia.(BBU)
(McDonald list)

Oct. 15, 1959; Terre Haute, Indiana (BB)
6:10 - 7:00 p.m local. Several sightings were brought up for Congressional Inquiry by the President of local UFO Club RECAP. At 6:10 witnesses saw a white light overhead the size of Saturn, at about 6:45 several people saw red lights south of Terre Haute, at 6:45 to 6:50 one witness (pilot?) says two big green balls of fire approaching, they reversed course and sped out of sight. At 7:00 a pilot saw two orange balls of fire ahead of him, seconds later he saw a white flash. (Note: This sighting may be important though because of the crashed B-52. One hundred miles southeast of Terre Haute at Hardinsburg, Kentucky, on October 15 [same day] a B-52 bomber and a KC-135 tanker collided and crashed --7 dead. The B-52 was carrying nuclear bombs.) (BB, Dan Wilson)

Oct. 19, 1959; N of Langley AFB, Virginia (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Oct. 19. 1959; Plainville, Kansas (BBU 6563)
9:25 [10:25? EST] p.m. Capt. F. A. Henney, engineering instructor at USAF Academy, flying a T-33 jet trainer, saw a bright yellowish light on collision course with the T-33, the pilot avoided it and the light dimmed. (Berliner; Project 1947)

Oct. 20, 1959; Key West, Florida
Navy enlisted men watched two UFOs rendezvous, speed away. [NICAP UFOE, IV]

Oct. 21, 1959; Warsaw, New York (BBU)
6:00 a.m. local time (EDT). Four, star shaped, bright, ‘half dollar‘ sized, soundless, red and white objects were observed by a 43 year old man. Two were as a pair; the other two scattered. Initially seen overhead, they were stationary for 30 minutes, apart from when they veered 45 degrees south. They disappeared in daylight. Sky was scattered clouds. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.)

Oct. 22, 1959; Cumberland, Maryland
Car motor, headlights, and radio failed as UFO hovered over road ahead. (Item 80, 1960 NICAP report)

Oct. 22-23, 1959; 11 miles S. of Loring AFB, Maine (BBU)
At 0424Z on October 23, a low flying object was reported, 11 miles south of Loring AFB (Loring AFB 46:57N; 67:53W), by a civilian. It was described as quiet and bright. Jets were scrambled but only a bright star was seen.At 0600Z on October 23, two bluish objects with red rings were seen over Presque Isle (46:42N; 68:07W), Maine. There were two witnesses. One object was reported hovering. Radar picked up objects at an altitude given as less than 15,000 feet. One sped north at 300 to 500 knots, according to radar.At 0805Z on October 23, Ronald F Brown, Air Police, at Loring AFB observed a round, white light, apparently stationary. The object was seen by ground radar GPS-3 type. The radar estimated height was 5,000 feet. Winds from SW to W. At 0900Z on October 23, Caswell GCI site had objects on radar at 25,000 (26,000?) feet, 88 (?) degrees from Loring AFB. At 23/1000Z Burlington AFB scrambled two F-102 aircraft. GCI vectored these in, at 40,000 feet. No visual sighting was reported by the air crew.There were four other, less significant reports, from the area. (Basterfield, Fold3; Sparks; McDonald list.)

Oct. 26, 1959; Toccoa, Georgia (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Oct. 28, 1959; Valparaiso, Chile

Astronomer, others, observed maneuvering orange disc. [NICAP UFOE, X]

Nov. 3, 1959; Utica, New York (BBU)
6:55 p.m. (EST). USAF pilot of T-33 with 4039th Strategic Wing saw a round a stationary round yellow-white object move away, disappear, then reappear. (Project 1947)

Nov. 5, 1959; Montauk AFS, Long Island, New York (BBU)
7:19 p.m. EST. A blip appeared on radar screens of the 773rd RADRON (SAGE). The target was steadily climbing to a range of 43 miles at an azimuth of 286 degrees. The track was first seen at azimuth 282 degrees at 40 miles. The blip faded out at an altitude of 78,200 feet. The observation was on FPS-20, FPS-6 radars and IFF: UPX-6. The length of observation was 10 minutes. (McDonald list)

Nov. 18, 1959; S of Crystal Springs, Mississippi (BBU 6600)
6:25 p.m. J. M. Porter saw a row of red lights fly slow, then accelerate immensely. (Berliner)

Dec. 18, 1959; S Victoria Island, Canada (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Dec. 23, 1959; 10 mi. W. of Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
At 12:05 p.m. MST, three objects were picked up at 70,000 feet at 208 degrees at 72 miles on a MPS-14 radar at the 687th AC&W Squadron. The objects flew on a 90 degree heading and were descending at a rate of 700 feet per minute. The objects disappeared from the radar after 1 hour 32 minutes at 11,000 feet altitude at 120 degrees at 65 miles distance. (McDonald, Dan Wilson, Jan Aldrich)

December 24,1959; "UFOs Serious Business"

> Air Force Inspector General's Brief issued to Operations and Training Commands: "UFOs SERIOUS BUSINESS"; UFO investigating officers to be equipped with geiger counters, camera, binoculars, other equipment.

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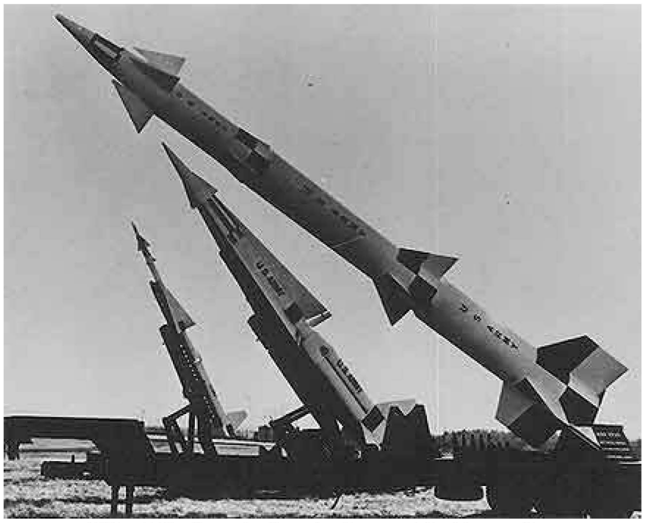

**Nike Missiles similar to those at Indiana site**

UFO Incident on Nov. 14, 1960; Dillsboro, Indiana

Map of sightings for 1959, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database

**Created: March 22, 2006; Updated 15 Jan 2021**

This was a special year for me to create a chronology for. This was the year that my team and I (Indiana Unit No. 1) were authorized by NICAP as an official Subcommittee, on November 17, 1960. Three days prior to this there was a UFO incident at a NIKE missile base just near Indiana/Ohio border. This incident was not listed, explained or unexplained, in the BB listings for Nov. 1960.

This is the 1960 chronology, but has links to a 50-page summary, and the FULL 219-page, Brookings Institute Report. A lot of the incidents themselves do not have active links as yet. Blue Book microfilms are only processed to mid-1952, so it will be some time before we can accomplish that goal. However, this is a comprehensive list for 1960 and will also suffice as a good work and checklist for our team. Our thanks to Rebecca Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), Jean Waskiewitz (computer specialist), and Brad Sparks (updated list, the Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns). "UFOE" is the NICAP publication, "The UFO Evidence" (Richard Hall, 1964).

An excellent source of history for 1960 are the articles by Loren Gross, "UFOs: A History", linked below:

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Redacted Project Blue Book Sightings beginning with January of 1960

Sometime in 1960; Cincinnati, OH
Kentucky Air National Guard pilot chased round UFO. [NICAP UFOE, V]

Jan. 18, 1960; Gulf of Mexico

4:55 p.m. CST, a B-52 aircraft picked up an object on an ASB-4 radar and repeater scope with an estimated speed of 10,000 to 14,000 knots on a collision course at 38,000 feet. The object was bearing 20 degrees on an inbound track and 240 degrees after passing the aircraft. After passing the aircraft the object was picked up on the tail gunner's MD-9 radarscope. [This is curious: A Major Richard R. Shoop observed a UFO at Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, Calif on July 8, 1947. (Dan Wilson)]

Jan. 18, 1960; Lakota, North Dakota
Car lights dimmed as UFO descended toward field about a mile off highway. (Item 81, 1960 NICAP report)

Feb. 3, 1960; Intervale, New Haven
Former Air Force PT Boat Commander watched UFOs rendezvous, travel in formation. [NICAP UFOE, VII]

Feb. 5/6, 1960; Hollywood, CA
11:15 p.m. each night. Several witnesses reported a distinct round UFO hover and maneuver slowly. [Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee investigation report on file.]

Feb.14, 1960; Nome, AK
Airline employee, others, saw a silvery rocket-like object with orange flame trail curving up and away "as if it were manned and controlled." A similar second UFO was sighted at Unalakleet moving rapidly NW leaving contrails. [NICAP UFOE, X]

Feb. 14, 1960; Unalakleet, AK
A similar second UFO was sighted at Unalakleet moving rapidly NW leaving contrails.

Feb. 16, 1960; Laguna Beach, CA
Retired chemical manufacturing company executive observed rendezvous of two oval UFOs. [NICAP UFOE, VII]

Feb. 21, 1960; Grand Blanc, Michigan
1:00 a.m. Mr Joe Perry took a photograph of the moon with his homemade telescope. Later, after he had taken the photograph, he found that there was an object silhouetted against the moon.(Lara Elliott, NICAP & FBI files)

Feb. 22, 1960; Cambridgeshire, England
Railmen at March locomotive depot, Hundred Road, thought their eyes were deceiving them in the early hours of Monday morning, when they saw what they believe to be a UFO. Through the window of the mess room they saw a bright circular object in the night sky. According to one of the witnesses, Mr Albert Haynes, of 38 Asplin Avenue, March, it was difficult to judge how far away it was, the speed it was travelling, or how big it was. “There was well over a dozen of us all looking through the window at what we first thought was a ‘plane. I saw a bright orange circular light which hovered a bit and then disappeared,” said Mr Haynes. As it was in the Stonea region they thought at first it might have been a ‘plane coming down on its way to Mildenhall. But this suggestion was soon discounted after watching its erratic movements and the intense glow of the spherical object. Pc Sid Ayres and Pc Alan Jarman were on duty when they received news of the possible UFO sighting and went to the depot to investigate. But by the time they had arrived there was nothing to be seen and no evidence to collect. “I know the area is a very busy corridor as far as aircraft are concerned but I believe whatever the men saw it was indeed something,” said Pc Ayres. “I keep an open mind about what the men saw,” he continued. (Source: From the TIMES, Cambridgeshire, England – 22 February 1980)

Feb. 27, 1960; Rome AFB, NY (BBU 6663)
6:27 p.m. Control tower officer Capt. J. Huey and 4 other tower operator saw a light trailing a white fan shape make a mild descent. (Berliner)

March 4, 1960; Dubuque, IA (BBU 6667)
5:55 [5:57?] p.m. (CST). Pilot instructor Charles R. Morris and wife saw 3 elliptical-shaped objects, about 200 ft long x 60 ft wide about 5 miles away at 25° elevation [≈11,000 ft altitude] estimated at 20,000 [?] ft altitude (another witness, Nesler, estimated 40,000 ft), in the SE headed NNE at about 200 mph, making a slight climb as they disappeared in the NE after covering about 135° of arc in the sky. Morris took 6 ft of 8 mm color film during sighting but it showed no images of the objects, thus neither disproving IFO or UFO. Two witnesses, Ferdinand Nesler and Allan A. Jones, used binoculars and described objects as aircraft in appearance. Jones using 10x50 binoculars said he saw what looked like the tail of a B-52 jet. Insufficient data on possible IFO’s (flight of 3 B-52’s). SAC records showed flight, of uncertain or ambiguous date, of 3 B-52’s at 31,000 to 32,000 ft that passed about 25 miles E of Dubuque on course 001° True at 370 knots (~430 mph) ground speed, at about 5:50 p.m. CST, date uncertain. ADC radars and Chicago ADC Air Defense Sector Hq had no records or

radar tracks of B52's or B-52 flight. ATIC rejected SAC's claims of B52's in the area and called case "Unknown / Unidentified." (Sparks; Berliner; UFO Evidence; NICAP UFO Investigator March 1960; BB files; Printy/Taylor)

March 23, 1960; Indianapolis, IN (BBU 6691)
3:35 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Larsen saw a series of balls, arranged like an "x" with one diagonal line. Note: Little data on the case in the files. (Berliner)

April 12 [18?], 1960; La Camp (Lacamp), LA (BBU 6711)
9 p.m. Physical scientist Monroe Arnold saw a fiery-red disc from the S touch the ground about 1,000 ft away with a loud explosion heard by many people, and a flame. It bounced in an E direction for about 1,000 ft then rose again, turned W and disappeared. The ground was scarred in 9 places, and a substance resembling metallic paint was found, analysis inconclusive. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 503)

April 13, 1960; Red Bluff, CA
State Police encounter with highly maneuverable elliptical object, red light beams swept ground (NICAP UFOE, V).

April 17, 1960; Richards Gebaur AFB, Kansas City, MO (BBU 6721)
8:29 p.m. (Berliner)

April 25, 1960; Shelby, MT (BBU 6727)
7-10 p.m. Mrs. M. Clark saw 5 circular objects fly in trail formation, hover, accelerate and make sharp turns. Case file includes other reports from Mrs. Clark for previous 3 years. (Berliner)

April 25, 1960; Plymouth, NH
Former Town Selectman saw bright red cigar-shaped UFO hover, speed away. [NICAP UFOE, VII]

May 4, 1960; Sarasota, FL
Cigar-shaped UFO with four window-like markings sighted by architect. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

May 7, 1960; Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada (BBU)
At 1:10 a.m. CST, a visual observation was made of two white points of light that traveled north, stopped, then proceeded east and stopped. The sighting started at Regina Airport, Saskatchewan, Canada. The objects were observed on FPS-20 and FPS-6A radars and an F-101B was scrambled after the objects but no observation was made. Jamming was experienced. The length of the observation was approximately 1 hour. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

May 18, 1960; Wellington, N.Z.
Cigar-shaped UFO with "portholes." [NICAP UFOE, XII]

May 19, 1960; Dillingham, AK (BBU)
Silver-colored round object 20-25 ft wide with hanging appendages hovered at 50-100 ft distance at 12 ft altitude, sucked up trash cans and grass, carried them about 300 ft then dropped them. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 146)

May 22, 1960; Majorca Isle, Mediterranean Sea
Palma Observatory reported morning observation of a white triangular UFO, about one-fourth the size of the moon, spinning on its axis. [NICAP UFOE, VI]

May 24, 1960; Ocumare del Tuy, Venezuela
Several doctors, a topographer and policemen saw three UFOs, in-line formation, which landed in a heavily wooded area on a hilltop; diamond-shaped scorched marking found at landing site. [NICAP UFOE, VIII]

June 4, 1960; 33:50N, 144:25W (Pacific) (BBU)
About 9.35 pm local time (0635Z on 5 Jun 1960). A member of the crew of a 707-aircraft flying from the West coast of the USA to Honolulu, at 31,000 feet, observed two large unidentified radar returns. The targets were 2-3 miles apart. They were not round, but about two ship widths wide. One target was five miles long, the other two miles long, on the radar scope. The observer stated they were not clouds. The targets held from 90 miles ahead on starboard bow at first contact, to 130 degrees relative starboard side radar limit. The targets were stationary. Duration was not reported. Subsequent reports from other flights through the area, indicated no unusual radar returns.(Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.)

June 8, 1960; New York City, NY

Elliptical UFO sighted by biochemist. [NICAP UFOE, VI]

June 14, 1960; Miho AFB (2 miles east of), Japan (BBU)
Pilot saw a brilliant pale yellow oblong object with a short trail flying.

June 21, 1960 (report)

On 21 June 960, NICAP submits a “confidential report to Congress” entitled “Dangers of Secrecy on UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) and Digest of Documented Evidence”

July 1, 1960; Nr. Leefe, WY
Hovering disc like "two dinner plates face to face," ascended and sped away. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

July 2, 1960; Nr. Maiquetia, Venezuela
Pilot and crew of Venezuelan Airlines Super-Constellation arriving from Spain, reported plane was followed by a luminous UFO. [NICAP UFOE, X]

July 14, 1960; 2 miles E of Miho AFB, Japan (BBU)
1:03 a.m. Military aircraft pilot saw a brilliant pale yellow oblong object with a short trail flying at about 10,000 mph. (Project 1947)

July 19, 1960; St. Louis, MO (BBU 6858)
8:30 p.m. T. L. Ochs saw a round, bright red light fly overhead, stop and hover, and then back up. Ochs reported similar sightings on 3 following nights [July 20 and 21 plus ?].

July 24, 1960; Portville, NY
State policeman reported two dumbbell-like UFOs. [NICAP UFOE, VII]

Aug. 11, 1960, Col. Friend suggests Panel change acronym UFO to UPO

Aug. 13-14, 1960; Red Bluff, CA. (BBU)
11:50 p.m.-2:05 a.m. Officers Charles A. Carson and Stanley B. Scott plus 3 others observe maneuvering silent red light with 5 white lights to the E descending to 100-200 ft height, reversed course, lifted to 500 ft, hovered, swept ground with red beam, aerial gymnastics, then headed E chased by police car, joined by similar object from S, disappearing in the E. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 92-94; NICAP UFOE, VII)

August 13-18,1960; CA
Concentration of UFO sightings, mostly in north, including many police witnesses. (NICAP UFOE, XII)

August 15, 1960

Policy letter to Commanders, from office of Secretary of Air Force: The USAF maintains a "continuous surveillance of the atmosphere near Earth for unidentified flying objects -- UFOs."

August 16, 1960; Oak Forest, IL
Former Air Force pilot saw disc-like UFO which hovered, bobbed around. [NICAP UFOE, V]

Aug. 23, 1960; Wichita, KS (BBU 6914)
3:24 a.m. Boeing aeronautical engineer C. A. Komiske saw a dullorange round object, with yellow lights coming from what looked like 3 triangular windows at bottom, flying in an arc. (Berliner)

August 25,1960
Mystery satellite seen for several days, photographed by Grumman Aircraft Corporation.

August 26, 1960; Mesa, AZ
UFO observed by chemistry teacher, pilot. [NICAP UFOE, VII]

Aug. 29, 1960; Crete, IL (BBU 6929)

4:05 p.m. Farmer Ed Schneeweis saw a shiny, round, silver object fly straight up at high speed. (Berliner)

September 4, 1960; Lexington, KY
Former Strategic Air Command radar technician saw a glowing sphere traveling from horizon to horizon. [NICAP UFOE, VI]

September 5, 1960; Sonoma County, CA
Sheriffs observed six varicolored UFOs flying in V-formation. [NICAP UFOE, VII]

Sept. 10, 1960; Ridgecrest, CA (BBU 6962)
9:50 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Evans saw 2 light gray glowing objects, saucer or boomerang-shaped, which swished when accelerating [in 2 sightings?]. (Berliner)

September 15, 1960; Carrizales, Venezuela
Professor of engineering observed accelerating luminous object. [NICAP UFOE, X]

Sept. 17, 1960; Kirksville, Missouri (BBU)
10:13 p.m. CST. Radar returns were detected by the 790th Radar Squadron (SAGE) of what was thought to be 8 to 12 aircraft at 95,000 feet. At 10:17 p.m., they descended to 23,000 feet. At 10:19 p.m., 6 to 8 objects were picked up at 100,000 feet and then were lost in the weather. At 10:23 p.m., the first formation started to climb and was tracked until they disappeared off the top of the scope at 100,000 feet. Another formation appeared at 10:40 p.m., at 85,000 feet. The manner of observation was the ground radar AN/FPS-6A height finder. (McDonald list)

Sept. 19, 1960; Susanville, CA (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Sept. 20, 1960; Kirksville AFS, MO (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Sept. 20, 1960; SE of Farmington, NM (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Sept. 25, 1960; Midway Isles (BBU)
At 8:11 p.m. local time (26/0711Z), the crew of a military aircraft reported seeing a bright, round/oval object, , estimated as size of a dime at arm's length, continuously changing color from red to green to white, then repeating the cycle. Each color would present for 3-4 seconds before changing. First sighted when the aircraft was in a left turn from course 030 to 210 degrees. The object appeared to climb from water level at the position, sped past the tail of the aircraft to their 5 o'clock position, and was lost to view. Next seen when aircraft was at 15,000 feet and level, course 210 degrees. Object at 60 degrees relative and 40 degrees above. It moved across the nose of the aircraft to a relative bearing of 330 degrees, low. Object disappeared behind a cloud bank, with tops at 10,000 feet. Duration of 4 minutes.(Basterfield, Fol3; McDonald list: Sparks.)

Moon Dust Report near SAC Base 28 Sept. 1960

Sept. 28, 1960; Sheppard AFB, 8 miles W. of Wichita Falls, TX
OSI document says crash reported and mention of "Moon Dust", asks ATIC to come to the scene.

Sept. 28, 1960, Kirksville, MO (BBU)
At 3:16 a.m. CDT, a normal aircraft return appeared on an AN/FPS-6A Height Finder radar scope at 90 degrees at 70,000 feet and disappeared at 90 degrees at 100,000 feet. The length of observation was 45 seconds. (McDonald list)

Sept. 28, 1960; Arlington, TX
Aeronautical engineer observed erratically maneuvering UFO. [NICAP UFOE, V]

Oct. 4, 1960; Cressy, Tasmania, Australia
At about 6:10 pm.m local time, (AEST) the Reverend Lionel Browning and his wife, were indoors at their home in Cressy, looking at a rainbow in the sky, to their east, through a window. A long, cigar-shaped object emerged from a rain squall. The object was a dull, grey color; had four or five vertical dark bands around its circumference and at regular intervals along its length. What looked like a short aerial array projected outwards and upwards from the northern facing end of the

cigar. The object's outline was well defined, and at one point it was seen against the background of tree covered slopes of a rain free area of nearby hills. Based on his knowledge of the local topography, Browning estimated its distance as 3.5-4 miles. The object travelled north at an estimated speed of 60-70 miles per hour, at about 400 feet altitude. The object, again based on local knowledge, travelled 1.5 miles north, then abruptly stopped. Within seconds it was joined by five or six small, saucer-like objects which emerged at high speed from the low cloud above, and behind the cigar. The small objects stationed themselves around the cigar. Then after several seconds, the whole formation of cigar and small objects, reversed backwards, and then into the rain squall and all were lost to view. The total duration of the sighting was estimated as two minutes, and the small objects were in view for about one minute. There was no associated noise. (Keith Basterfield; National Archives of Australia, file series A703, control symbol 580-1-1 part 2, pp 19-29; 54-55.) [Documents can be found at link].

Oct. 5, 1960; Mount Kisco, NY (BBU 7057)
7:37 p.m. E. G. Crossland saw a bright, star-like light move across 120° of sky. (Berliner)

October 9, 1960; Longpoint, IL
Minister and others saw a golden, elliptical UFO hover, move away. [NICAP UFOE, VII]

October 27, 1960; Lexington, KY
Attorney saw disc hover, move away. [NICAP UFOE, VII]

Nov. 14, 1960; Dillsboro, IN
SE Indiana Nike Missile station traced a UFO, then later denied it. (NICAP, Ridge)

Nov, 15, 1960 15 miles north of Launceston, Tasmania, Australia (BBU)
At 1040 hrs local time, a USAF JB-57 aircraft crew, operating out of the RAAF base at East Sale, under Operation Crow Flight, reported seeing an unusual object in the sky, approaching to their left and slightly low. The aircraft was at 40,000 feet, travelling at 350 knots, flying a heading of 340 degrees. The object was estimated to be at 35,000 feet, heading 140 degrees, at high speed. It disappeared under the aircraft's left wing. The pilot banked the plane, but they did not re-establish visual contact. In color, the object was said to be 'rather translucent.' The object had no sharp edges, and seemed rather fuzzy. The size was estimated at 70 feet in diameter, and it did not appear to have any depth to it. Total duration of the sighting was 5-7 seconds. (Source: Keith Basterfield, Written statement by crew members Captain Douglas G. Ludlam, USAF; and Captain Joseph W. Ivins, USAF to the RAAF. A copy is to be found on RAAF file series A703; control symbol 580-1-1, part 2, pp44-45, Project 1947; BB files??)

Nov. 17, 1960; Lexington, KY Three UFOs were seen to follow two jet aircraft. One object closed in on the jets, then stopped, repeating this several times. Witnesses described it as round, rotating, color changing from gray to silver as it turned. (Investigated by the Bluegrass NICAP Affiliate, headed by former AF Major William D. Lest *sic* [Leet?] ) (UFO Investigator / Dec.- Jan., 1960 - 1961, page 6)

Nov. 24, 1960; OH
White elliptical UFO observed by scientist. [NICAP UFOE, VI]

Nov. 27, 1960; Chula Vista, CA (BBU 7133)
7:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hart and 5 others saw an orange-red point of light, with white sparkler-like light moving in and out of it, make huge circles, seen to the S and to N, overhead, then stopped. 3 witnesses had separate binoculars. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 78-80)

Nov. 29, 1960; S of Kyushu, Japan (BBU 7134)
6:38 p.m. USAF Lt. Col. R. L. Blwlin [sp?] and Maj. F. B. Brown, flying a T-33 jet trainer, saw a white light slow and parallel the course of the T-33. (Berliner)

Nov. 29, 1960; Vincennes, IN
Observed for 25 minutes, an object with a bright, pulsating light was seen by Francis Ridge, a NICAP subcommittee chairman, and many other witnesses. After it was joined by smaller UFO, a jet was sighted in apparent pursuit of the UFOs. (UFO Investigator / Jan - Dec, 1960 - 1961, page 6)

December 5,1960

Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC, ret., (NICAP Director) debated Lt. Colonel Lawrence J. Tacker (Air Force UFO spokesman) on Dave Garroway's "Today" program.

December 14, 1960 (50-page Summary in pdf file format)
Full Report (219 pages in pdf format)

The Brookings Research Institute in Washington releases a report prepared during 1960 for NASA entitled "Proposed Studies on the Implications of Peaceful Space Activities for Human Affairs", including a section entitled "Implications of a Discovery of Extraterrestrial Life". (Commonly referred to as "the Brookings Institute report".) The report discusses effects of meeting extraterrestrial life: "It is possible that if the intelligence of these creatures were sufficiently superior to ours, they would choose to have little if any contact with us. . . " (New York Times, Dec. 15, 1960)

Dec. 29, 1960, Miho, Japan (BB)

9:37 p.m. local. Capt. Leon C. Seale Jr., and Col. Royal Francisr flying in a T-33 jet aircraft at 26,000 feet on a heading of 62 degrees observed a bright light at 10 degrees elevation bearing 330 degrees from Miho and disappeared at 10 degrees elevation on a bearing of 270 degrees from Miho. The bright light changing from intense white to cherry red to green to blue to white approximate was the apparent size of basketball held at arm's length.The length of observation was 3 minutes beginning at 9:37 p.m. local time. (Dan wilson)

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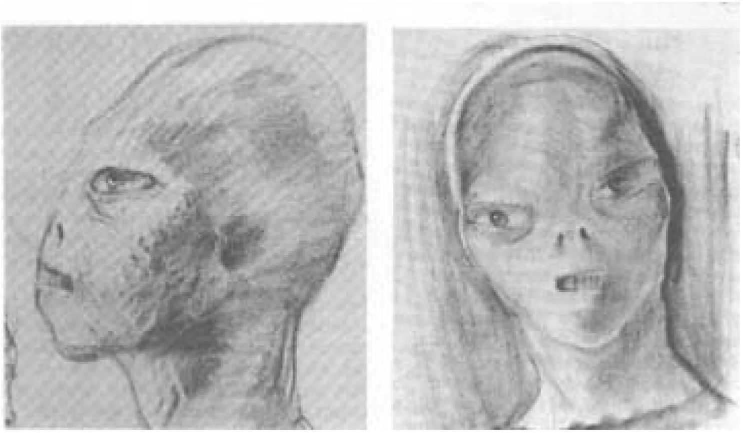

Charcoal sketches by David Baker of Hill abductors

Sept. 19-20, 1961; Indian Head, New Hampshire (BBU)

Map of sightings for 1961, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database

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This is a 8-page chronology of UFO incidents for 1961. Most notable was the Betty and Barney Hill abduction, but this was a year for nuclear connections and incidents involving missile bases. A lot of the incidents themselves do not have active links as yet. Blue Book microfilms are only processed to mid-1952, so it will be some time before we can accomplish that goal. However, this is a comprehensive list for 1961 and will also suffice as a good work and checklist for our team. With the help of William Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), and Dan Wilson (archive researcher), the task becomes much easier. But without Brad Sparks' updated list, the Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns, the entire project would have been impossible. And our thanks also go to Jean Waskiewicz who created the online NICAP DBase (NSID) that helped make it possible to link from the cases to the reports themselves. "UFOE" is the NICAP publication, The UFO Evidence (Richard Hall, 1964). Cat. 3 incidents are E-M cases.

**Francis Ridge**
**NICAP Site Coordinator**

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Blue Book sighting lists for 1961 by month

Summer 1961; Moscow (near), Russia
Report of Russian tactical missiles being fired on UFO

Jan. 10, 1961; Cape Canaveral, Fla.
Hovering, maneuvering UFO tracked on radar during missile test. A disc-shaped object altered the tracking of a U.S. Navy Polaris launched from a ground pad at Cape Canaveral. [NICAP UFOE, VIII; McClelland]

Jan. 10, 1961; Atlantic bet. Cuba and Haiti (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Jan. 10, 1961; Wichita Falls, Texas (not Kansas) (BBU)
9:18 p.m. CST. A round, bright, white light, with an amber-red color on its lower side was observed from a Beechcraft Debonair aircraft flying from Tulsa, Okla. to Abilene, Texas. The plane was approximately 15 miles from Wichita Falls on an outbound heading at an altitude of 6,500 feet and at a speed of 160 mph. Thinking the object was an aircraft in trouble, the pilot took up course of 268 degrees toward Benjamin, Texas, in pursuit of the object. At approximately 9:24 p.m., the object disappeared toward the ground near Benjamin. About 10 seconds later a red flash was seen on the ground. The aircraft continued toward a red glow at the point of the flash and at about 9:29 p.m. another red flash on the ground was observed. At a point about 4 1/2 miles from Benjamin, the aircraft flew directly over the area of the red glows. The two red glows were approximately 1/4 mile apart. The aircraft circled the area with its landing lights on in an attempt to guide men on the ground to the source of the glows. The aircraft ran low on fuel and the search was discontinued. Duration: Approx. 6 minutes in the air (Dan Wilson, McDonald list, NICAP UFOE, V]

Jan. 22, 1961; Eglin AFB, Florida
An elliptical UFO, metallic looking, approached from over the Gulf, made a U-turn and sped back over the Gulf. Photographed on 8 mm movie film by a businessman. [NICAP UFOE, VIII]

Feb. 1961; Western Europe, France
Disc near nuclear power station.

Feb. 5-7, 1961; Maine
Many reports of strange lights flashing around in sky. Some blinked and moved up and down. Portland Press Herald editorial, Feb. 9: "Mysterious objects 'lit up like a ball of fire and going fast' zoom over Portland. Unidentified shapes with green, yellow and red lights hover over Brunswick then dart away with 'unbelievable quickness.' Strange things are happening. . . The military had us just about convinced that no such objects existed. The only trouble was that many people -good, reliable observers - continued to see these things."

Feb. 7, 1961; Kennebunkport, Maine
The president of an advertising agency saw a bright red hemispherical UFO which hovered, then suddenly sped away. [NICAP UFOE, VII]

Feb. 16, 1961; Atlantic N. of Bermuda (BBU)
At 10:45 p.m. (EST), 0345Z, an abnormally large blip was observed for 1-3 minutes on radar on a magnetic heading of 270 degrees. The speed of the object was reported to be 4,500 knots. The object disappeared on the same heading of 270 degrees. The object was observed on an APS-95 radar aboard a RC-121D based at Otis AFB, Mass. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list)

Feb. 23, 1961; Misawa AFB, Japan (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Feb. 26, 1961; Tyndall AFB, Florida (BBU)
At about 7.35pm EST (270035z), Msgt Henry J. Lacour; Capt. Norman R. Smedes; and a number of children, observed one elliptical shaped object in the sky. The very bright object, ‘the size of a grapefruit’ travelled noiselessly on a steady course from azimuth 295 degrees, at 45 degrees’ elevation. It moved from west to east and was visible for ten minutes, on a clear sky, moonlit night, until lost at azimuth 60 degrees, approximately a 45-degree elevation. . (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.)

Feb. 27, 1961; Yuma, Ariz (BBU)

At 1041 local time A2/C Paul E. Reuter and Capt. Morris Royster of the 864th AC&W Squadron picked up an unusual return about the size of a single aircraft moving slowly at about 42,000 feet on a MPS-14 radar. The object was moving at only 20 knots and it left a trail of diffused echoes extending behind and slanting downward. The rate of descent was approximately 300 feet per minute. Total time of observation was 1 hour and 48 minutes. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list)

Feb. 27, 1961; 5.5 ml E of Herndon, Virginia  (BBU)
At about 8.15 pm local time EST (280115z), A/3c Braynard Warner; Sp/5 Donald H Lund; Pfc Gordon K Shearer; Sp/4 Richard K Mosely; Pfc Donald B Buck; Pfc Cecil F Smith; Pfc Charles H Hanson; and Pfc Billy G Smith, observed a round, dull, soundless, 'star' sized light in the sky. It was initially seen at 10 degrees' elevation, azimuth 275 degrees, as a red glow, which changed color to yellow, orange and white. It rose to 14 degrees' elevation, before descending to 3 degrees' elevation, azimuth 275 degrees, and was last seen as a dull yellow light. The duration was given either as 30 minutes or 60 minutes (differing accounts). It was viewed both by the naked eye and through a 32 x telescope. It was a moonlit night.(Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.)

Feb. 27, 1961; Bark River, Mich.  (BBU 7284)
10:15 p.m. Mrs. LaPalm saw a fiery-red, round object, preceded by light rays, slowing and descending, while her dog howled. (Berliner)

Feb. 27, 1961; Fort Meade, Maryland (BB)
10:45 p.m. EST A cluster of three objects was seen on ground radar at an altitude of approximately 6300 feet. The objects had the ability to stand still and had a high rate of change of direction. Speed of the objects was tracked at 900 knots with stops and starts. It was stated that the UFO were observed by a Sergeant at Fort Mead Missile Master Center and also tracked on radar. The length of the observation was approximately 20 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Feb. 28, 1961; waverly AFB, Iowa (BBU)
At 9:16 p.m. local time, a fast moving object appeared on a Mark X radar of the 788th Radar Squadron at 245 degrees at a range of 40 miles and on a SW heading. The object proceeded to a range of 125 miles at 240 degrees then made left turn to 230 degrees at 140 miles. The object turned inbound on a heading of 40 degrees and disappeared at a range of 30 miles. Length of observation was 10 minutes. All the witnesses were employed by the FAA as Flight Followers and considered very reliable. (Dan Wilson, McDonald List)

Feb. 28,  1961; Nr.  Lakeville,  Mass.
A bright yellow elongated UFO with dark red edge, surrounded by black "smoke", was seen after witnesses heard a roaring noise. House lights failed as UFO made two passes over area.   [NICAP UFOE, VIII]

March 3, 1961; Ephrata, Wash. (BBU)
At 9:48 p.m. local time, a T-33 aircraft on normal lookout at 33,000 feet flying 260 degrees observed a round bright white light the size of a pea at 2 o'clock position. The object was observed by air visual and air radar. Spokane Center was called and confirmed a target was in contact moving rapidly to the NW. Radar speed of object estimated at 1050 knots. The object disappeared instantaneously like a light being shut off. A Moon Dust Alert was involved. Length of observation was 7 minutes. (Dan Wilson, Sparks, McDonald list)

March 10, 1961; RAF Upper Heyford, England, UK (BBU)
At  9 p.m. local time, a very bright white or yellowish circular object was observed in the sky at about a 45 degree angle and appeared to be stationary. All the observers indicate that the light/object was very bright. The object was also picked up on ground radar and the radar observer said the object was moving very slowly. The object was described as orange size to basketball

size. The object was observed visually for approximately 10 minutes and observed on radar for approximately 20 minutes. There was no air traffic or known balloon release in the vicinity. Among the observers were two Air policemen and a Contol Tower Operator. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list)

March 16, 1961; Antarctica
Meteorologist observed a fireball-like object, multi-colored, below overcast. [NICAP UFOE, VI]

Spring 1961; Kemah, Texas (BBU 7321)
Case missing. (Berliner)

March 23-29, 1961; Fort Pierce, Florida (BBU)
9:45 p.m. Beechcraft pilot and passenger saw an intense bright light rise from 8,000 to 20,000 ft and accelerate. (McDonald list; cf. Project 1947)
Several witnesses over several days reported seeing a strange bright light in the sky, sometimes hovering, sometimes moving rapidly from the hours around 10:10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. local time. The light was seen to bob up and down at times. Length of observation varied from 5 minutes to 1 hour. Type of observations: Ground-Visual, Air-Visual, and Ground-Radar. (Dan Wilson)

April 9, 1961; Kingsville, Texas
Round red UFO descended, hovered, sped away. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

April 11, 1961; Cape Canaveral, Florida (BBU)
At 9:57 a.m. local time, an object was picked up on ground radar at speeds from from 150 knots to 600 knots. The object orbited 6 or 7 times along an azimuth of 126 degrees and between 10 and 55 miles from the Cape. The length of the observation was 30 minutes. The UFO was picked up prior to launch of test number 1352, a Polaris Missile. (39 documents found) (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

April 14, 1961; Far East, NW of Mariana Islands [1834N 14257E] (BBU)
At 2:36 p.m. local time four objects the size of a pinhead were picked up on air intercept radar. The radar blips were small and well defined.The length of the observation was approximately 10-15 minutes.
(McDonald list)

April 18, 1961; Eagle River, Wisc. (BBU)
11 a.m. Joe Simonton heard a whining sound and saw an object, 30 ft in diameter, 12 ft high, with exhaust pipes around the periphery, land near his house. A door opened and a man appeared, about 5 ft tall, wearing a black, turtle-neck pullover with a white band at the belt, and black trousers with a vertical white band along the side. Two other [?] figures were visible inside. Simonton filled a jug with water, returned it to the man, who gave him three ordinary pancakes, and the object took off. (Vallée Magonia 517)

April 20, 1961; Hanna City AFS, Illinois (BBU)
6:20 p.m. CST. An object at an estimated altitude of 97,000 feet was picked up on a FPS-6A radar of the 791 Radar Squadron (SAGE) at a bearing of 96 degrees. The object disappeared after 1 hour and 4 minutes at 10,000 feet at a 95 degrees bearing. The object had been on a perpendicular descent with a 10 NM variation. (McDonald)

April 24, 1961; 200 miles SW of San Francisco, Calif. (BBU 7359)
3:34 a.m. (PST). AEW&C Sq aircraft commander Capt. H. J. Savoy and navigator 1st Lt. M. W. Rand, on USAF RC-121D radar patrol plane at 11,000 ft saw reddish-white round object or light, similar to satellite or aircraft, angular size of pinhead at arm's length, moving W to E, tracked through sextant from 29°55' elevation 140° azimuth (SE) disappearing at the horizon at 50° (or 60°

text barely legible) azimuth. No sound, no trail, weather clear, check for Echo satellite negative. (Berliner; Jan Aldrich-NICAP)

April 25, 1961

U.S. Air Force Guidance Collection Letter No.4, originally classified Confidential, describes and provides guidance for project Moon Dust reporting. Several items of interest appear in the document: classification level of Moon Dust Alerts and reports, focus of Moon Dust on "foreign earth satellite vehicles," and destination agencies for Moon Dust reports among them. (CUFON)

May 1961

Joint statement by 21 American Scientists released by NICAP. Calls for open investigation of UFOs without secrecy, the need for a more thorough investigation shown by circumstantial evidence. States the Air Force should have more straightforward information policy, specifically to give out all facts on major UFO sightings.

May 1961, LUNEX

This 186-page document, The Lunar Expedition Plan, was produced in May of 1961 by the Air Force Space Systems Division, AFSC (Air Force Systems Command) and is now available on the Lunascan Project site at

May (first week) 1961; Union Mills, Indiana
Hemispherical UFO with "portholes", on road; took off as car approached. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

May,11, 1961; Indian Springs, Nevada (BB)
At 1128 hrs local (1828Z) a weather observer at Indian Springs, AFB noted an unusual object in the sky during a theodolite observation. It was tracked until 1400 hrs. Nellis AFB commenced tracking by theodolite from 1400 hrs. At 1500 hrs Nellis AFB intelligence saw the object through theodolite. At 1500 hrs the object was at an elevation of 31.9 degrees and an azimuth of 248.7 degrees as seen from Nellis AFB. The altitude of the object was estimated as 75,000 to 100,000 feet. It was said to be crescent shaped, and silver in color. At 1530 hrs, the 865 AC&W site at Angels Peak was queried but they were not tracking any objects. At 1600 hrs, AC&W radar tracked the object with scope photographs being taken. Nellis AFB ceased theodolite tracking at 1600 hrs local. At this time its elevation was 19 degrees, and azimuth 260 degrees. At 1700 hrs, the 865 advised they had picked up a total of 57 separate object sightings. The weather conditions at Nellis were a clear sky, ground temperature 84 degrees F; surface winds were 27-38 knots and it was dusty. Data on the upper air winds were only known to 50,000 feet. There were no known balloons in the area, yet the Director of Intelligence at Nellis stated 'presumed to be a mother balloon device periodically launching other flying objects. Origin unknown.' The final PBB conclusion was 'Subsequent reports of similar sightings from same area attributed to U-2 type a/c.' (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list.)

May 19, 1961; About 7 miles W of Bay Minette, Alabama (BBU)
10:18 a.m. Man checking mast of a ship saw an oval aluminum or silver-like object with tapered edges reflecting sunlight to the NNE at 20° azimuth 60° elevation traveling to SSW at 200° azimuth 60° elevation, no sound or trail. (Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files)

May 19, 1961; Long Beach, Calif.
Twelve shiny UFOs maneuvered erratically over the area at 3:50 p.m., with an odd fluttering motion; then two loud "skyquakes" were heard. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

May 20, 1961; Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama (BBU)

At 3:30 a.m. CST, an object oval in shape the size of a dime with a tail and silver colored, was sighted in the sky SE of the sunrise. Weather radar detected an object moving east at 150 knots. (McDonald list)

May 20, 1961; Tyndall AFB, Florida (BBU)
2:50 a.m. local time. A round rusty-orange colored object was observed near the Drone Launching Area. The object moved up and down and would gain altitude rapidly. The object seemed to float. Four Air Policemen saw the object. RAPCON was painting the target that the Air Police at the launching site had called in. An F-102 fighter was scrambled to run on the object. The object was traveling at 2-4 mph and then up to 45 mph. The fighter was getting a sporadic paint on radar. A helicopter was scrambled due to the slowness of the object. An AF GCI radar also tracked the object between 2,000 and 10,000 feet. Total time of observation was approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes. (UFOE, III; 85 pages of documents by Dan Wilson)

May 22, 1961; Tyndall AFB, Florida (BBU 7417)
4:30 p.m. Mrs. A. J. Jones and Mrs. R. F. Davis saw big silver-dollar disc hover and revolve, then suddenly disappear. (Berliner)

May 23, 1961; Bronson and Cross City, Florida
At 5:05 a.m. EDT, a round or oval-shaped object with a green halo was observed moving ESE. The speed conformed to light aircraft. Object picked up at Cross City on AN/FPS-6A height finder at 6:00 a.m. EDT (1000Z) from then until dawn. Radar picked up object at 160 degrees at 45 miles & 8400 feet. Altitude varied from 6 to 10 thousand feet while being tracked. When target locked on, antenna would hunt violently. When moved a few degrees in either direction the hunting would stop. When hunting occurred the scope would be cluttered. Tracked for two hours. (Dan Wilson)

May 25, 1961; Shepperton, Middlesex, England
Domed UFO with "portholes." [NICAP UFOE, XII]

May 29, 1961; Newark, Ohio
Boy filmed unidentified light. [NICAP UFOE, VIII]

June 2, 1961; Tampa, Florida (BBU)
At 8:06 p.m. local time, two civilian witnesses, one a retired USN Commander, saw a star-like object, bluish red changing to white, high in the sky on a SE course of approximately 140 degrees from Tampa. This object or a similar object had been seen nightly on about the same flight path. The 660th Radar Station was called to check on the UFO and they reported a target on their height finder radar bearing 055 at 34,000 feet. Target moved up and down and remained in the same relative position. This object was still on the radar scope 5 June 61 and an F-102 was scrambled on the target. The aircraft reported contact but experienced ECM trouble and could not complete intercept due to jamming. Additional witnesses to the object were two tower operators of the 1928th AACS Det., MacDill AFB. An airman of the 660th AC&W Squadron also sighted the object. (McDonald list, tDan Wilson)

June 2, 1961; Miyako Jima Air Station, Japan (BBU 7437)
10:17 p.m. 1st Lt. R. N. Monahan and Hazeltine Electric Co. technical representative D. W. Mattison saw a blue-white light fly erratic course at varying speed, in an arc-like path. (Berliner)

June 4, 1961; Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.
A cigar-shaped or long elliptical UFO with a cluster of smaller UFOs was observed by a librarian. First motionless, the smaller objects then streaked across the sky to the large UFO and all vanished behind trees. [NICAP UFOE, VIII]

June 19, 1961; Exeter, England

A "flying object" was reported to have hovered for more than an hour above an airport. Officials said: "We do not know what it is. It was seen on the radar screen and we have had it under observation for some time. We think it is pretty big. It appears to be shining brightly and is about 50,000 feet up." [NICAP UFOE, VIII]

June 25, 1961; Pacific Ocean (BBU)<>
At 2200 hours local time, at 39 degrees 45'N - 127 degrees 33' W, approximately 250 miles NW of San Francisco, Calif., a Lockheed RC-121D aircraft of the 552nd AEW&C Squadron (Airborne Early Warning and Control) reported a radar sighting of two unidentified blips of unknown size on a heading generally N-S at an estimated speed of 4800 knots. These were tracked for approximately 3 minutes. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

July 4, 1961; Akron, Ohio (BB)
10:15 p.m. EST. A glowing green and white object dove at a plane, stopped suddenly and climbed away at tremendous speed. (July 5, same pilot sighted similar object; also seen visually and tracked on radar at Cleveland airport). [NICAP UFOE, V]

July 7, 1961; Copermish, Mich. (BBU 7491)
At 11:00 p.m. local time (0400Z), waitress Nannette Hilley, near Copemish, [44:30N; 85:54W] saw a round object at 45 degrees' elevation, 330 degrees' azimuth. After 45 minutes, it split into four objects, which stayed in close formation. It appeared to be 'very high' and then came down low behind trees, and disappeared at 10 degrees' elevation, 270 degrees' azimuth. It was blue to red in colour. The total duration was one hour. Weather was high, thin, scattered clouds.(Basterfield, Fold3; Berliner; McDonald list; Sparks.)

11 p.m. Waitress Nannette Hilley saw a large ball fly slow, split into 4 after 45 mins flying close formation, descend, then fly away to the W. (Berliner)

July 10, 1961; Golden, Colo. (BBU)
(McDonald list)

July 11, 1961; Springfield, Ohio (BBU 7499)
7:45 p.m. Ex-air navigator G. Scott, wife, and neighbors saw a round, bright light like shiny aluminum, pass overhead. (Berliner)

July 17, 1961; 1 mile N of Bonny Spring Ranch [Bonnie Springs?] near Las Vegas, Nevada. (BBU)
2 a.m. On U.S. Highway 91 [95?], 2 civilians in a car saw in the rear-view mirror a low-flying object that overtook their car, followed by a rush of cold air. It stopped, circled the vehicle, flew off and was lost to sight behind the mountains, where it may have landed but exhaustive military investigation found no trace. (Vallée Magonia 521)

July 20, 1961; Houston, Texas (BBU 7510)
At 9:00 a.m. local time, Trans-Texas Airlines Capt. A. V. Beather, flying a DC-3, saw two very bright whte objects straight ahead of aircraft hovering between 6,000 and 7,000 feet over Bayton, Texas. The objects disappeared on a heading between 65 and 70 degrees at 10,000 feet. The objects followed an erratic flight path. They appeared to be traveling much faster than an aircraft. Weather radar showed small non-persistant blips on the scope in the general area of the sighting SW of Orange, Texas. These blips were apparently not ground clutter. (Berliner, Sparks, 42 pages of document by Dan Wilson)

July 24, 1961; Ilha Grande, Brazil
An intensely luminous UFO maneuvered sharply around a VASP Airlines plane. [NICAP UFOE, X]

Aug. 4,1961

> Letter to NICAP member from Rep. Thomas W. Downing: "The Bureau manager (of Newsweek) informs me that his information indicates that an investigation of the UFO phenomenon is being contemplated by the Science and Astronautics Committee. The information that I was provided indicates that Congressman Joseph E. Karth of Minnesota may serve as Chairman of the three-man Subcommittee." (See NICAP UFOE, Section XIII)

Aug. 12, 1961; Kansas City, Kansas (BBU 7579)
9 p.m. College seniors J. B. Furkenhoff and Tom Phipps saw a very large oval object with a fin extending from one edge to the center, like a sled with lighted car running boards, which hovered at 50 ft altitude for 3-5 mins, then flew straight up and E, disappearing in about 5 secs. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 522)

Aug. 17, 1961; Stillwater, Minn.
A V-formation of yellowish lights (or V-shaped UFO with body lights) passed behind trees at low altitude. [NICAP UFOE, II]

Sept. 2, 1961; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
4:40-4:50 p.m. (MST). Ziegler saw reflection of sun from a shiny surface moving erratically W to E from about 240° azimuth (about WSW) to 210° when it stopped and emitted several smaller silvery objects about 1/6 the size of the main object, then continued on to about 150° azimuth (about SSE) where it again stopped and emitted several silvery objects about 1/6 size then moved away and climbed to about elevation 50° until disappearance by fading. (Keith Basterfield; Project 1947; McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 7, 1961; Cape Canaveral, Florida (BBU)
8:37 p.m. local time. Object moving vertically in tracking scope during missile launch. Military source. AF evaluation: "...star Gamma Piscium.". (Hynek UFO Rpt p. 44) Hynek: "Gamma Piscium is a relatively faint star, and quite stationary. It is absurd to think that a person professionally qualified to track missile launches would be puzzled by one particular star out of a great many." (Brad Sparks, Dan Wilson)

Sept. 13, 1961; Crawfordsville, Indiana
4:00 a.m. Three people reported a round, orange UFO which moved rapidly east to west, stopped and hovered for 5 minutes, then accelerated rapidly disappearing in the distance. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

Sept. 19, 1961; North Concord AFS, Vermont
At 5:22 local time, a return was picked up on an AN/MPS-14 height finder radar at 62,000 feet at 196 degrees at 84 miles. The target was the size of a large aircraft and appeared as a normal target. Contact was lost at 199 degrees at 80 miles going NW then south. Length of observation was 18 minutes. The target moved at a low speed on an erratic course. The location of observers was at 5 miles east of Claremont, New Hampshire. (Dan Wilson)
Pease AFB has unidentified radar contact at 2:14 a.m. (Dan Wilson, Vallée Magonia 524, etc., NICAP UFOE, XIV)

Sept. 19-20, 1961; Indian Head, New Hampshire (BBU)
11 p.m.-2 a.m. Barney and Betty Hill saw a lenticular object with a double row of portholes and half-a-dozen dark figures working at control panels inside, when they stopped to investigate a light following their car. They became afraid and drove away. A "beeping sound" enveloped the car, they felt a prickling sensation before losing consciousness. When they came to, they were driving near Ashland. A series of nightmares and medically controlled hypnosis brought back what apparently was the memory of their abduction by the occupants of the object.

Sept. 19, 1961; Pease AFB, New Hampshire

2:14 a.m. Pease AFB has unidentified radar contact (Dan Wilson, Vallée Magonia 524, etc., NICAP UFOE, XIV)

Sept. 21, 1961; Pacific Ocean, nr. Wake Island
Airline pilots, ship, reported a bright white circular UFO. [NICAP UFOE, X]

Sept. 27, 1961; Pacific Coast (BBU)
7:57 a.m. local time. Post landing CIRVIS Report by a AEW&C aircraft. Radar Operator sighted five objects on his scope. Four of the objects were on a heading of 90 degrees and while the other object was heading of (80 degrees?). All the objects were moving at a high rate of speed, and disappeared into sea clutter Three minutes later, two objects appeared heading 70 degrees and moved across the scope and also disappeared into sea clutter. Speed of one of the objects was measured at 1800 knots over a distance of 200 NM. While these two objects were on the scope a single stationary object appeared. After remaining stationary for approx. two minutes it moved on a heading of 265 degrees at 60 knots and was lost in the sea clutter at 1610Z. The objects could only be painted with IFF on. The radar was an APS-95. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

Sept. 30, 1961; Las Vegas, Nevada (BBU)
At around 9:04 a.m. local time, a weather observer at Indian Springs AFB, Nevada, saw objects on a 20 power theodolite at 133.4 degrees azimuth, 55 degrees elevation. The observer first saw one object white or metallic in color, round in shape and the size of the head of a pin. Four smaller objects traveling very fast came from the first object. The 865th AC&W Squadron, Las Vegas AFS, tracked a UFO on radar 45 miles SE of Nellis AFB. Picked up on AZ scope only. Object was tracked for approximately 45 minutes. (McDonald)

Oct. 2, 1961; Salt Lake City, Utah
Disc-shaped UFO maneuvered away from investigating aircraft. [NICAP UFOE, I]

Oct. 12, 1961; Indianapolis, Indiana
Spherical UFO with a row of pulsating lights viewed from many angles by different observers. [NICAP UFOE, XII]

Oct. 21, 1961; Nr. Datil, N. Mex.
Four lights paced car, maneuvered, shot away upward. [NICAP UFOE, II]

Oct. 30, 1961; Ligonier, Penna.
Engineer observed four luminous blue discs with bands of lights or "portholes" on outer periphery. [NICAP UFOE, I]

Nov. 1, 1961; SETI_Conference

> On this date at Green Bank, W. Va. Government (National Academy of Sciences) sponsored secret discussions on space life, possibility of communicating with other worlds. This discussion was alluded to in the New York Times, February 4, 1962.

Nov. 7, 1961; Arlington Heights, Illinois (BBU)
At 1:55 a.m. local time, several employees of the Martin Company and Army personnel observed three unusual radar returns on the long range radar. Three objects were observed approaching the Chicago area from ESE with 30 second separation at speeds in excess of 4000 knots. The radar return was very sharp. An attempt was made to determine the altitude of the objects but their speed was beyond the capability of the equipment. After the sightings the equipment was tested and found to be in perfect operating order. (Dan Wilson)
(McDonald list)

November 24, 1961: BMEWS Communication Failure

On this night, all communication links went dead between SAC HQ and NORAD. The communication loss cut off SAC HQ from the three Ballistic Missile Early Warning Sites (BMEWS) at Thule (Greenland,) Clear (Alaska,) and Fillingdales (England,). There were two possible explanations facing SAC HQ: either enemy action, or the coincidental failure of all the communication systems, which had redundant and ostensibly independent routes, including commercial telephone circuits. All SAC bases in the United States were therefore alerted, and B-52 bomber crews started their engines, with instructions not to to take off without further orders. Radio communication was established with an orbiting B-52 on airborne alert, near Thule. It contacted the BMEWS stations by radio and could report that no attack had taken place. The reason for the "coincidental" failure was the redundant routes for telephone and telegraph between NORAD and SAC HQ all ran through one relay station in Colorado. At that relay station a motor had overheated and caused interruption of all the lines.

Nov. 21, 1961; Oldtown, Florida (BBU 7741)
7:30 p.m. C. Locklear and Helen Hatch saw a round, red-orange object fly straight up and fade. (Berliner)

Nov. 22, 1961; Nr. Grafton, N.D.
Metallurgist observed a hovering, grayish cigar-shaped UFO with "portholes". [NICAP UFOE, VI]

Nov. 23, 1961; Sioux City, Iowa (BBU 7742)
9:30 p.m. F. Braunger saw a bright red star fly straight and level. (Berliner)

Dec. 13, 1961; Washington, D.C. (BBU 7754)
5:05 p.m. C. F. Muncy, ex-U.S. Navy pilot W. J. Myers, and G. Weber saw a dark diamond-shaped object with a bright tip fly straight and level. (Berliner)

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# The 1962 UFO Chronology

**The Cuban Missile Crisis: Just how close a call was it?**

Map of sightings for 1962, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database

**Created: April 27, 2006; Updated 26 March 2017**
This is a chronology of UFO incidents for 1962. Most notable was the reported crash of a UFO on April 18 near Las Vegas, Nevada. A high speed brilliant maneuverable object was tracked by radars and sighted visually across the continent by numerous military and civilian witnesses. Next was the NE New Jersey mini-flap of Sept. 15-28. Across the Hudson River from New York City, was the scene of a definite flurry of sightings of UFOs, with the heaviest concentration in the Oradell-Hawthorne area. In October (18-29) the Cuban Missile Crisis occurred. It was the closest the world has ever come to a nuclear war. Right in the middle of this crisis an F-106, armed with nuclear-tipped missiles, was scrambled from Palermo AFB to intercept a UFO over New York.

The Air Force put its first ten Minuteman ICBMs on operational alert at Malmstrom AFB, Montana, in October 1962. Deployment proceeded at an equally furious pace, and within 5 years (the 1967 UFO sighting wave) 1,000 of the solid-fuel missiles stood poised in their silos.

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Blue Book sighting lists for 1962 by month

Jan. 12, 1962; Winnemucca AFB, Nevada (BBU)
(McDonald List)

Jan. 22, 1962; Kirksville, Missouri (BBU)
At 12:45 p.m. local time, one object appeared on a FPS-6A height finder radar at 72,000 feet in altitude at a range of 65 miles. The object ascended to 80,000 feet then started a steady descent at 1500 feet per minute on a heading of 55 degrees at a speed of approx. 100 knots. When the object reached 9,000 feet the radar would no longer paint it. Length of observation was 65 minutes. (McDonald list)

Jan. 29, 1962; Eastern Holland
Radar-visual sighting by Dutch AF F-86 pilot. [NICAP UFO Evidence, X]

Hillenkoetter Resigns From NICAP

> Vice-Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter resigned from NICAP in Feb 1962 and was replaced on the NICAP Board by a former covert CIA high official, Joseph Bryan III, the CIA's first Chief of Political & Psychological Warfare (Bryan never disclosed his CIA background to NICAP or Keyhoe).

Feb. 9, 1962; Ashton Clinton, Beds., England
Cat. 3. Disc-like UFO with apparent dome, "portholes", hovered low over road. Car motor lost power, headlights not affected as UFO passed ahead of car. [NICAP UFO Evidence, VIII, XII]

Feb.11, 1962; Parque del Este, Caracas, Venezuela
Formations of UFOs, about 16 objects in all, were observed by many people. Sr. Carlos Pineda, at nearby Humboldt Planetarium, witnessed one of the UFOs, described as "a body giving off a brilliant light. . . moving at great altitude as if towards the moon." [NICAP UFO Evidence, X]

Feb. 12, 1962; Winnemucca AFB, Nevada (BBU)
At 8:06 a.m. local time, radar of the 658 Radar Squadron painted one large target considered to be out of the ordinary because of the height and range. Object appeared at 74,000 feet and disappeared in excess of 96,000 feet. The object was on the scope for 5 minutes. Observer was S/Sgt F. Grover, Crew Chief 658th RS, with 11 years of radar experience. Radar type was an FPS-6B. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

Feb. 19, 1962; Dauphin Island, Alabama (BBU)
3 witnesses driving S on the Dauphin Island toll bridge saw a reddish-orange object 1/3 the sun's diameter to the S about 10° elevation, changing shape from round to football or cigar shape then covered with fog. Car stopped for witness to call Dauphin Island AFS radar site, 693rd Radar Sq which coincidentally had 2 USAF airmen driving N on the toll bridge and saw the object to the W, and thus object's location can be approximately triangulated at about 30°16' N, 88° 10' W, distance to civilian observers 2-5 miles depending on how far N when first seen, and actual size at least 30 ft. No radar contact reported. (Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files)

Feb. 20,1962
Col. John Glenn orbital flight, Project Mercury

Feb. 25, 1962; Kotzbue, Alaska (BBU 7818)
7:20 p.m. U.S. Army private and 6 anonymous civilians saw red light, trailed 30 secs later by a blue

light. (Berliner)

March 1, 1962; Salem, New York (BBU 7823)
10:35 p.m. Mrs. L. Doxsey, 66, saw a gold-colored box, 12-14 inches x 3-4 ft fly straight and level across the horizon. (Berliner)

March 26, 1962; Ramstein AFB, Germany (BBU 7840)
1:35 p.m. local. At first sight the object appeared like a small delta wing fighter. When it reached the 3 o'clock position the object appeared less like a delta wing shape and more like a sidewinder missile. As the object traveled from the 3 o'clock position to the 5 o'clock position the pilot had the impression of shape changing to the appearance of a dart target. The length of the observation was from 5 to 8 seconds. (Berliner)

1:35 p.m. USAF Capt. J. M. Lowery, from an unspecified aircraft, saw a thin, cylindrical object, 1/3 snout, 2/3 tail fins, fly at an estimated Mach 2.7 (1,800 mph). (Berliner)

March 26, 1962; Naperville, Illinois (BBU 7841)
11:40 p.m. Mrs. D. Wheeler and Claudine Milligan saw 6-8 red balls, arranged in a rectangular formation, become 2 objects with lights by the end of sighting. (Berliner)

March [May?] 26, 1962; Westfield, Mass.(BBU 7930)
10:45 p.m. Many unidentified young people saw a large red ball fly or fall down, then rise back up. (Berliner)

April 2, 1962; Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada (BBU)
At 1:30 a.m. local time, one object was picked up on ground radar at approx. 47,000 feet on an easterly course at about 72 knots. This was observed by 10 witnesses on the ground radar. Two F-102 aircraft were scrambled and picked up the object on their radars and lock-on was obtained for three separate passes. Pilots stated that their overtake speeds indicated that the target was nearly stationary. Estimated winds at 40,000 to 47,000 feet were 240/90. Radar located at 641st AC&W Squadron, Melville Air Station, Labrador. Radars used were an FPS-20, FPS-6B, and an Airborne Fire Control Radar MG10. Length of observation was 1 hour and 54 minutes. (McDonald list)

April 3-4, 1962; Wurtland, Kentucky (BBU 7851)
8:50 p.m. (EST). G. R. Wells and J. Lewis, using 117x telescope spotted a small object changing brightness, giving off smoke but stationary like a comet. Case missing. (Berliner)

April 9, 1952; Sample (Trip Report) from Col. Friend

Apr, 12, 1962; Kunia, Hawaii (BB)
10:54 p.m. local time. Hawaii Air Defence reported an unusual radar return on 13 April 1962, at 318 degrees' azimuth, which appeared to be an aircraft, below 24,500 feet with a very high rate of closure – 700 knots. PBB conclusion was possible aircraft, but acknowledged there was a lack of data. (Basterfield, Fold3: McDonald list; Sparks.)

April 18, 1962; New York to Eureka, Utah, to Nellis, Las Vegas, Nevada (BBU)
Reported crash. High speed brilliant maneuverable object is tracked by radars and sighted visually across the continent by numerous military and civilian witnesses. (Don Berliner, Dan Wilson)

April 24 & 25, 1962; Philadelphia, Penna.
Series of UFO sightings over area. Circular UFO with body lights, apparent dome on top, shafts of white light directed downward from base. Center section had rotating row of square "windows." [NICAP UFO Evidence, XII]

April 28, 1962; Fort Worth, Texas (BBU)
Egg-shaped light crossing the sky brighter than Echo 1 satellite.

April 30, 1962, Edwards AFB, Cal.
X-15 flight, piloted by Joe Walker; Photograph (no visual sighting) of 5 or 6 "disc-shaped or. . .cylindrical" objects. Slides later shown in Seattle conference. NICAP unable to obtain prints. [NICAP UFO Evidence]

April 28, 1962; Ft. Worth, Texas (BBU)
Night. Nuclear engineer Ralph Jackson saw egg shaped light crossing the sky brighter than the Echo I satellite. (Mary Castner/CUFOS)

May 1962; Argentina
At least twelve UFOs sighted in May. Official reports and newspaper chronology given NICAP by Argentine Embassy include four sightings by Argentine Navy pilots, two reported landing cases. (NICAP UFO Evidence, See Section XII; Argentine Chronology.)

May 18, 1962; Pompano Beach, Florida
Cigar-shaped UFO, brilliantly lighted below, dark on top. Hovered, sped away.
[NICAP UFO Evidence, VII]

May 19, 1962; Marksville, Leesville, Colfax, Louisiana (BBU)
(McDonald list)

May 20, 1962; Defiance, Ohio
Scientist, others, watched maneuvering light source, brilliant blue changing to yellow. [NICAP UFO Evidence, VI]

May 21, 1962; England
Irish International Airlines pilot watched spherical UFO pass below aircraft. [NICAP UFO Evidence, X]

May 24, 1962
Astronaut Scott Carpenter, Project Mercury orbital flight.

May 24, 1962; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BBU)
At 5:22 p.m. local time, an object the size of Venus was observed by ground and airborne witnesses. The object was also observed on air route traffic surveillance radar. The object was round, white during the day, pink at sunset and dark at night. It was mostly stationary but had slight northeast movement during the day then returned to original position. The object was observed 20 to 30 degrees above horizon at Albuquerque. At Las Vegas, New Mexico the object was observed directly overhead. At Sante Fe, ARTCC personnel watched the object with binoculars. The object was also observed from a KC-135 tanker aircraft piloted by Capt. A. A. Picinich, heading and speed unknown. Page 2, part B, number 5 states presumed to have been in position at dawn 24 May 1952. Number 6. states over 9 hours. (McDonald list)

May 26, 1962; Westfield, Mass. (BBU 7930)
"Round, slightly oval, bright red object, giving off sparks from top and bottom. Center. . . yellowish or white. . .case is listed as unidentified." (Air Force Project Blue Book 1962 Summary.)

May 27, 1962; Palmer, Alaska (BBU 7931)
Two triangular UFOs, diving and climbing. Unidentified. (NARA, Air Force Project Blue Book 1962 Summary.)

June 7, 1962; Hallett Station, Antarctica (BBU)
At 0105Z a brilliant, white light, approximately 20 times brighter than first magnitude stars, was seen at 250 degrees (true) azimuth, and 30 degrees' elevation. Over 5 minutes it remained stationary and was viewed both with binoculars and the naked eye. It appeared circular. It was a dazzling gold color, and seen between two mountain peaks. The Sun at the time was below the horizon. After 5 minutes it moved in a southerly direction and was lost to view behind a peak. PBB concluded it was Jupiter. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.)

June 21, 1962; Indianapolis, Indiana (BBU 7957)
4 a.m. Lt. Col. H. King and tail gunner M/Sgt. Roberts, aboard a B-52 heavy jet bomber, saw 3 bright, star-like lights, first one then 10 secs later 2 more. (Berliner)

June 22, 1962; Columbus, Georgia
From 10:25 p.m. local time, June 22, until 3:00 a.m. local time, June 23, multiple witnesses reported at least seven sightings of flying objects in the Columbus area. There were observations of ground-visual, air-visual, and ground-radar. One witness observed 3 objects passing over his house. He did not hear any noise. One sighting by a qualified pilot estimated the speed of objects at 300 mph. A sighting was made at the Columbus Airport Control Tower. (Dan Wilson)

June 30-July 1, 1962 [?]; Richmond, Virginia (BBU 7968)
9 a.m. 13 year old Meadors [?] saw a red, circular object with some white observed 10 minutes. Went from 20 degree elevation, 169 degrees azimuth to 13-1/2 degree elevation, 132 degrees azimuth. Unidentified. (Air Force Project Blue Book 1962 Summary).

July 7, 1962; Artic Coast.
11:10 GMT. The Hallett base is a post controlled by USA and New Zealand and located on the Antarctic coast exactly on the opposite side of the SANAE base (through the South Pole). According to a radiogram signed by Claud Taylor, base commander, an object appeared over the region, crossing in 3 to 4 minutes the horizon in a S-N direction. [See detailed dir at link] (Explained; Visoni/Ridge)

July 7, 1962; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BB)
9:05 p.m. MST. A civilian observed a mushroom shaped object rising in the south and moving north. When the object reached a point overhead it turned NE. At this point the object flashed and seven objects in an arrowhead formation emanated from the main object. These seven objects traveled east while the main object traveled to the NE. The first object had the apparent size of a marble held at arm's length. The total length of the observation was around six minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

July 9, 1962, Starfish Prime

A high altitude nuclear test conducted by the United States, a joint effort of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Defense Atomic Support Agency. It was launched from Johnson Atoll and was the largest nuclear test conducted in outer space and one of five conducted by the US in space. (The six high altitude tests conducted in 1958 were not in outer space).

July 10, 1962; New Iberia, Louisiana
Disc-shaped UFO with rotating dome on top swept low over Naval Auxiliary Air Station, slowed over area of runway and hangar, then climbed out of sight at 20 to 30 degrees angle accelerating rapidly. [NICAP UFO Evidence, IV]

July 17, 1962, Edwards AFB, Cal.

X-15 flight, Maj. Bob White pilot. Photographs and visual sighting of unidentified object "like a piece of paper," gray-white. Observed to left of aircraft "going along with the ship" for about 5 seconds, then "darted above and behind the plane." [NICAP UFO Evidence]
July 19, 1962; Metuchen [Bayhead?], New Jersey (BBU 8020)
9:30 p.m. C. T. Loftus and H. Wilbert saw 3-5 lights from different parts of the sky dart about the sky with no pattern, brightness increased with speed of motion, complete stops, zigzags, generally straight lines, N course [?]. No trails or sound. (Mary Castner/CUFOS)

July 29 [30?], 1962; Ocean Springs, Mississippi (BBU 8034)
11:20 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Barton saw a bright cherry-red, diamond-shaped object fly slow, hover, make fast 1/2 loops. (Berliner)

July 30, 1962; Ocean Springs, Miss.
"Diamond-shaped object, mostly round, sometimes rectangular. Color bright cherry red varying in intensity as it maneuvered. Performed intricate maneuvers. Moved slowly, sometimes stationary -- then darted up and over, etc." Case listed as unidentified. (Air Force Project Blue Book 1962 Summary.)

July 30, 1962; Pojucara, Bela Horizonte (near), Brazil
Cat. 3. Car motor stopped, then oval UFO seen alongside road.

Aug. 2, 1962; Liberal, Kansas
Series of brightly lighted colored objects seen by airline pilot, airport personnel, and passengers at airport. [NICAP UFO Evidence, V]

Aug. 7, 1962; Oracle, Arizona
UFO over Titan missile silo. Jets sent up.

Aug. 15 (approx), 1962; Near Denver, CO
Large UFO hovering over a high line tower, chased by Air Force helicopters. [This is in the area of the Lowry AFB Titan I ICBM Complex].

Aug. 18 [19?], 1962; Bermuda (BBU 8064)
5 p.m. Owner M. Sheppard and chief announcer A. Seymour of radio station saw 3 dull-white, egg-shaped objects waver as they moved. (Berliner)

> August 23, 1962: B-52 Navigation Error
> SAC Chrome Dome airborne alert route included a leg from the northern tip of Ellesmore Island, SW across the Arctic Ocean to Barter Island, Alaska. A B-52 nuclear armed bomber crew made a navigational error and flew 20 degrees too far north. They approached within 300 miles of Soviet airspace near Wrangel island, where there was believed to be an interceptor base with aircraft having an operational radius of 400 miles. The necessary orders had not been given by the time of the Cuban missile crisis in October 1962, so throughout that crisis the same northern route was being flown 24 hours a day.

Sept. 8, 1962; Floresta, Argentine
"Burnished metal" lens-shaped UFO sighted by Argentine Navy pilot. [NICAP UFO Evidence, X, XII]

Sept. 15, 1962; W. Newark (Oradell), NY
At 6 p.m., ex-Navy electronics officer, J. J. McVicker reported two "silver dollars" apparently

revolving as they passed over W. Nyack, N.Y. At about 7:55 p.m., five boys reported a disc which hovered over the Oradell reservoir, touched down on it, then took off silently at high speed. Later, two other boys said they had seen a very bright light moving back and forth over the edge of the reservoir, following which a loud explosion was heard. [NICAP UFO Evidence]

Sept. 15, 1962; Oradell, New Jersey (BBU)
5, 6, 7:50 p.m. 2 bright disks seen at 5 p.m., again at 6 p.m., at the state line. 2 witnesses saw one round object with a fin on top and another under it at 7:50, heading down toward Oradell reservoir. 3 young men saw and heard the object touch the water. Another witness called police. Bright luminous object surrounded with a glow, apparent size of a small plane 1/2 mile away, took off a few minutes later to the S. (Vallée Magonia 547)

Sept. 18, 1962; Westwood, N. J.
4 a.m.. Two policemen reported a 7-8 second observation of a huge object, round at the top and tapering to a cone. 4:45 a.m.; Two Oradell policemen reported a brilliant light in the sky. [NICAP UFO Evidence]

Sept. 18, 1962; Hawthorne, NJ
7:55 p.m.; A family in Hawthorne watched a greenish disc descend low over their house. [NICAP UFO Evidence]

Sept. 18, 1962; Northeast Ohio
Six policemen sighted UFOs about the same time. One hovering object, two maneuvering. [NICAP UFO Evidence, VII]

Sept. 20, 1962; Hawthorne, NJ
Early in the morning, a watchman, William Stock, of Hawthorne, reported a saucer-shaped object which hovered and moved from side to side as it shone bright enough to illuminate a huge area. [NICAP UFO Evidence]

Sept. 21, 1962; Bt. Hawthorne & North Haledon, NJ
At 3:40 a.m., William Stock and four invited policemen spent a half hour watching a round object with two apparently revolving body lights. At 4 a.m., two policemen, between Hawthorne and North Haledon, watched a bright light revolving and moving up and down and from side to side for about 35 minutes. [NICAP UFO Evidence]

Sept. 21, 1962; WSW of Biloxi, Mississippi, in Gulf of Mexico (BBU 8133)
7:37-7:50 p.m. Fishing boat captain S. A. [Danny?] Guthrie and deck hand saw 2 objects, red and black with orange streaks, one as big as the Moon, and the other smaller and trailing [?], arcing across the sky. (Mary Castner/CUFOS; Berliner)

Sept. 21, 1962; Hawthorne, NJ
That night, 4 young persons in Hawthorne reported seeing a bright star-like object with light beams coming from it. [NICAP UFO Evidence]

Sept. 23, 1962; Hawthorne, NJ
In the middle of the day a Hawthorne woman and her son saw an oblong, silvery object, for about 10 seconds. [NICAP UFO Evidence]

Sept. 24, 1962; Hawthorne, NJ
Early in the morning, a group consisting of the head of an independent news agency, a photographer and numerous policemen watched, for 10 minutes, an object which changed from red to silver to green and back to red. In the evening, a Hawthorne patrolman watched a light approach, hover for 15 minutes and then move away. [NICAP UFO Evidence]

Sept. 28, 1962; Seven counties near Hawthorne, NJ
Police from seven counties reported seeing UFOs between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m. Most reported three objects which changed color. [NICAP UFO Evidence]

Oct. 3, 1962; Chicago, IL
City of Chicago official watched circular UFO with dome move across lower half of moon. [NICAP UFO Evidence, VII]

Oct. 18-29, 1962
The Cuban Missile Crisis

Oct. 1962; During the Cuban Missile Crisis; Palermo AFB, NY
A "hot bird" (an F-106) was scrambled when radar tracked an unknown on the East Coast. (Fran Ridge)

Oct. 23, 1962; Farmington, Utah (BBU 8182)
3 p.m. R. O. Christensen saw a grey and silver ball, trailing what looked like twine with two knots in it, swerve, and climb away at a 45° angle, making a sound like a flock of ducks (rushing air). ("Duck Hunter Case") (Berliner)

October 24, 1962

A Soviet satellite entered its own parking orbit, and shortly afterward exploded. Sir Bernard Lovell, director of the Jodrell Bank observatory wrote in 1968: "the explosion of a Russian spacecraft in orbit during the Cuban missile crisis... led the U.S. to believe that the USSR was launching a massive ICBM attack." The NORAD Command Post logs of the dates in question remain classified, possibly to conceal reaction to the event. Its occurrence is recorded, and U.S. space tracking stations were informed on October 31 of debris resulting from the breakup of "62 BETA IOTA."

Oct. 25, 1962; Delta, Colorado
Police dispatcher saw round glowing object from radio room window. State patrolman and Cedaredge Marshal observed two UFOs "like an inverted umbrella with a number of bright, tail-like appendages." [NICAP UFO Evidence, VII]

October 25, 1962

At around midnight a guard at the Duluth Sector Direction Center saw a figure climbing the security fence. He shot at it, and activated the "sabotage alarm." This automatically set off sabotage alarms at all bases in the area. At Volk Field, Wisconsin, the alarm was wrongly wired, and the Klaxon sounded which ordered nuclear armed F-106A interceptors to take off. The pilots knew there would be no practice alert drills while DEFCON 3 was in force, and they believed World War III had started. Immediate communication with Duluth showed there was an error. By this time aircraft were starting down the runway. A car raced from command center and successfully signaled the aircraft to stop. The original intruder was a bear.

October 26,1962

At Vandenburg Air Force Base, California, there was a program of routine ICBM test flights. When DEFCON 3 was ordered all the ICBM's were fitted with nuclear warheads except one Titan missile that was scheduled for a test launch later that week. That one was launched for its test, without further orders from Washington, at 4a.m. on the 26th. It must be assumed that Russian observers were monitoring U.S. missile

> activities as closely as U.S. observers were monitoring Russian and Cuban activities. They would have known of the general changeover to nuclear warheads, but not that this was only a test launch.
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> Same day. Some radar warning stations that were under construction and near completion were brought into full operation as fast as possible. The planned overlap of coverage was thus not always available. A normal test launch of a Titan-II ICBM took place in the afternoon from Florida to the South Pacific. It caused temporary concern at Moorestown Radar site until its course could be plotted and showed no predicted impact within the United States. It was not until after this event that the potential for a serious false alarm was realized, and orders were given that radar warning sites must be notified in advance of test launches, and the countdown be relayed to them.
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> That night, for a reason irrelevant to the crisis, a U2 pilot was ordered to fly a new route, over the north pole, where positional checks on navigation were by sextant only. That night the aurora prevented good sextant readings and the plane strayed over the Chukotski Peninsula. Soviet MIG interceptors took off with orders to shoot down the U2. The pilot contacted his U.S. command post and was ordered to fly due east towards Alaska. He ran out of fuel while still over Siberia. In response to his S.O.S., U.S. F102-A fighters were launched to escort him on his glide to Alaska, with orders to prevent the MIG's from entering U.S. airspace. The U.S. interceptor aircraft were armed with nuclear missiles. These could have been used by any one of the F102-A pilots at his own discretion.

Nov. 10, 1962; North Star Bay, Greenland
At 2:15 a.m. local time, a fast moving target was observed on ground radar on a magnetic bearing 280 inbound. A CIRVIS REPORT was made. Airway notified Thule ACC. Target lost in ground clutter. Two F-102 aircraft and an L-20 aircraft searched the area without results.  (Dan Wilson)

Nov. 17, 1962; Tampa, Florida (BBU 8215)
9 p.m. F. L. Swindale, college graduate and ex-USMC Capt., saw bright star-like lights approach, hover and bounce, then fade. (Berliner)

Nov. 19, 1962; Tampa, Florida
Three star-like objects approached horizontally, hovered. "Impression was that objects were under intelligent control at all times." Unidentified. (Air Force Project Blue Book 1962 Summary.)

Dec.12, 1962; Amagasaki City, Japan
Five students saw, and independently sketched, Saturn-shaped UFO. [NICAP UFO Evidence, X]

Dec. 21, 1962; Angel Falls, Venezuela
Bright teardrop-shaped light apparently rising from jungle floor filmed from aircraft. [NICAP UFO Evidence, VIII]

Dec. 22, 1962; Buenos Aires, Argentina
At Ezeiza Airport, pilots and control tower operators saw circular UFO rise from end of runway. [NICAP UFO Evidence, X]

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Map of sightings for 1963, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database

**Created: May14, 2006, updated 17 March 2017**
This is an 8-page chronology of UFO incidents for 1963. From August 4th into mid-month, there was a flurry of UFO sightings, mostly in southern Illinois. An advertising plane in the Chicago area caused some erroneous reports about the same time. Once the reports had been publicized, the planet Jupiter also was reported as a UFO on a few occasions. Our Vincennes, Indiana, NICAP Subcommittee investigated several of the key cases, submitting taped interviews and investigation reports. Our thanks for these chronologies must go to our documentation team: William Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), and Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns). Last, but not least, our thanks to Jean Waskiewicz who created the online NICAP DBase (NSID) that helped make it possible to link from the cases to the reports themselves.

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3 a.m. (Hynek UFO Rpt p. 45-46)

Jan. 5, 1963

> The National Academy of Sciences, Space Science Board, released a report (Pub. No. 1079) urging that a search for extraterrestrial life "be proclaimed the top-priority scientific goal of our space program."

Jan. 24, 1963; Lexington, Ky

Post Office safety engineer saw a round UFO traveling east to west, and a delta-wing aircraft north to south. UFO's line of flight intersected aircraft path at right angles. [Report via Bluegrass NICAP Affiliate, Lexington, Ky.]

Jan. 28, 1963; Shilton, U.K. (BBU)
5:20 p.m. Mary Sharp and Mrs. E. L. Sharp saw an object on the ground with 4 windows, emitting yellow-orange light, departed toward Rugby. (Vallée Magonia 559)

Jan. 28, 1963; Mamina, Chile (BBU)
Nighttime. Former Chilean Air Force officer, driving a truck, saw 2 disk- shaped objects follow him. (Vallée Magonia 560)

Feb. 5, 1963; (approx.). Ascension, Paraguay (BBU)
Student, Anastasio Lenven, saw an object land on the school grounds. A separate sighting by several residents, including an official of the Ministry of the Interior, was of an object flying at very high speed over Ascension. (Vallée Magonia 562)

Feb. 5, 1963; Nr. Washington, D. C.
Private pilot, newsman passenger, watched a pulsating yellow-white light maneuver around their plane. [UFOE, V]

Feb. 5, 1963; Charlottesville, VA
11:45 p.m. Planes scrambled, UFOs over missile site. Object had intermittent yellow-white glow, and at its closest point appeared to be about three feet in diameter.

Feb. 6, 1963; Montebello, Va (BB)
12:00 a.m. A pilot of a C-46 aircraft flying 15 miles SW of Montebello on a 40 degree heading when the pilot sighted a large round very bright star- like object at the one o'clock position at 3 to 5 degrees above the horizon. The object appeared to vary in size during observation and gain in elevation to 15 to 30 degrees above the horizon. The object was last sighted at 3 to 5 degrees above horizon at the 4 to 5 o'clock position. The length of the observation was approximately 45 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

February 15, 1963; Willow Grove, Australia
7:10 hrs local time. Farmer Charles Brew and his son Trevor were in a milking shed, milking a herd of cows. Charles saw an object descend very steeply out of the east out of low cloud, at about a forty-five degree angle. The object was described as about 25 feet in diameter, and about 9-10 feet high. The lower portion, about three feet high, was rotating in an anti-clockwise direction, and was of a bluish appearance. The upper portion of the object appeared to be stationary; battleship grey in colour, with a transparent dome on top. Protruding out of this dome was something which resembled a broom handle. A sound, described as a 'swishing' or 'burbling' was heard by Charles and also by Trevor. (See link above for more details)

Feb. 28 (?), 1963; Artic Ocean
3:15 a.m. It involved the contingent of the Royal Navy's North Atlantic Fleet which had been participating in excercises off Norway for about three days. Briefly, the incident occurred at 3:15 AM somewhere in the Artic Ocean, between Spitzbergen Island and Norway (30-50 miles off the Norway coast). The object was tracked on the ship's radar at 35,000' and then by sonar after it entered the water and was tracked at 50' below the surface and continued into deep water at a range of 20,000 yards. The radar signature indicated it was 100' to 120' in diameteer. Object was also

tracked by other ships and the order was issued for the fleet to execute an evasive "Z" pattern maneuver. Jets were scrambled. The duration was at least 15-20 minutes and the incident included maneuvering. No visuals were made. (MUFON Journal, 1984).

Feb. 15, 1963; Willow Grove, NW of Moe, Victoria, Australia (BBU)
7:10 a.m. Charles Brew saw a 25 ft blue and battleship-gray metallic object, 9-10 ft high, arrive from the E, stop at 50 ft altitude over his farmhouse [75-100 ft over a tree and a shed on his property]. Object made a swishing sound, underside spun counter-clockwise slowly about 1 rev/sec, had a bright chrome 5-6 ft long "aerial" or antenna, scoop like protuberances on the outer rim spaced 1-1.5 ft apart, no light except for pale blue glow of underside, took off faster than a jet to the W at a 45° angle into the cloud deck, after hovering about 5 secs. Animal reactions. Witness developed strong headaches on the approach of the object and all day. (Vallée Magonia 563; Project 1947; Bill Chalker)

March 6, 1963; Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas (BBU)
At around 10:37 a.m. local time, a bright flash was observed by numerous witnesses from Louisiana to Texas. One report said a large bright flash was seen 20 miles north of Barksdale AFB, seen by two light aircraft and a SAC bomber. Another report stated that there was on observation of a bright flash and metallic falling object 40 miles NNW of Chennault AFB at 10:55 a.m. (1655Z). A request was made to keep NORAD informed of significant events. Type of observations: Ground-Visual, Air-Visual, and Ground-Radar. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

March 11, 1963; Oahu, Hawaii
Brilliant light headed west and leaving a trail observed by many people just after 8:00 p.m. Two National Guard pilots flying jets about 40 miles west of Honolulu reported UFO was "much higher" than their altitude of 40,000 feet and moving "very fast." Possibly an observation of the recently announced A-11. (At 7:28 p.m., Pacific Time, a newsboy in El Sobrante, California, saw two oval-shaped yellow lights pass over the San Francisco Bay area from north to south, traveling at high speed.)

March 12, 1963; Paine, Chile
Members of the Santiago NICAP Subcommittee observed a pulsating luminous white sphere about 7:50 p.m. The UFO moved from north to south, disappearing in the distance after about a minute.

March 18, 1963; Cape Canaveral, Florida
Night. A strange object was sighted over the Atlantic coast of Florida a few moments before a Minuteman missile launched from Cape Canaveral veered off course and had to be destroyed. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, March-April 1963, page 4, UFO SEEN AS ROCKET VEERS OFF COURSE)

May 18, 1963; New Plymouth, New Zealand (BBU 8360)
10:30 p.m. C. S. Chapman, 15, saw a white, fuzzy, flashing light hover and dart around. (Berliner)

May, 19, 1963 Near Mt Gambier, South Australia, Australia
9:30 pm local. A 17 year old Mr Bushbridge, while driving a car, reported encountering an unusual object to one side of the road. When his car was 6 metres away from it, a bright light came on, and the object dazzled him and he stopped the car. The object then moved across the road, and he drove his vehicle underneath it. The object was described as 5 metres wide and 3 metres high and like a 'bull dozer". It was oval in shape. The lights on it were described as being as bright as 'the arc lights in electric welding.' There was no sound associated with the object. The object is reported to have followed the car. The object disappeared from sight when an oncoming car approached Bushbridge. Total duration of the event is given as 1-1.5 minutes. (Sources: Keith Basterfield; (1) RAAF file series A703 control symbol 580-1-1 part 4, pp305-307. (2) APRO Bulletin Nov 1963 p.6. (3) Queensland UFO Magazine Vol 1 No 2 p.6.)

May 22, 1963; Pequannock, New Jersey (BBU 8363)
10:45 p.m. Myra Jackson saw 4 pink wheels spin or roll very fast from E to W in succession, each about 1 sec. (Berliner)

May 23, 1963; Sunnyvale, Calif.
Bluish disc observed hovering and circling slowly, apparently at tree-top height; rose vertically and disappeared. [Report via Bay Area NICAP Subcommittee.]

May 31, 1963; 44N 49W (Atlantic) (BB)
2:03 p.m. local time. Three radar tracks were detected at a speed of 1400 mph by an airborne radar. There was no visual sighting although the targets were indicated at ranges of 2, 3 1/2 and 5 miles. Two of the targets were following identical paths. The length of the observation was 3 minutes.

June 15, 1963; About 200 miles N of Venezuela (BBU 8388)
10:39 a.m. 3rd Mate R. C. Chamberlin, of S/ [SS?] Thetis saw luminous disc travel at 1.5 times the angular speed of a satellite. (Berliner)

June 16, 1963; Palmerston, North City, N.Z.
A college student observed two brilliant lights descending in zigzag fashion. The UFOs hovered stationary for about 5 seconds, then "suddenly shot off at very great speed, at first in level flight across my front, then climbed up into the sky at approximately 45 degrees to disappear." [Witness interviewed by NICAP Adviser Harold H. Fulton.]

June 18, 1963; Niagara Falls, N. Y.
An unidentified object flashing various colors moved around erratically for over two hours. Witnesses in separate locations described the maneuvers similarly. About 10:00 p.m., the UFO moved from west to east, reversed direction and headed back west. Later, it headed southeast rising higher in the sky. Local astronomers and airport officials could not account for the object. [Report from NICAP member.]

June 19, 1963; Burlington, Mass.
An unidentified white light was observed descending, changing color; finally appeared silvery. The UFO then circled the area, disappearing behind objects on the visible horizon. [Report via Walter N. Webb, Boston NICAP Adviser.]

June 21, 1963; Chicago, Ill.
A student saw a gray, apparently spherical UFO with a central row of yellow lig3hts. Apparently at low altitude, the object made a "sizzling sound" as it moved east, turned sharply and disappeared to the north. [Witness filed NICAP report form.]

June 26, 1963; Rockland, Mass.
About 1:00 a.m., witnesses attracted by a loud roar observed a Saturn-shaped UFO. The object hovered, then moved away horizontally. The shape was observed in silhouette, partly illuminated by a white light on top and orange light on bottom. [Witnesses interviewed by NICAP member Raymond Fowler.]

June 26, 1963; Pine Crest, Calif.
Four glowing greenish objects with halos were observed by a technician, many others. Three objects moving westerly were approached by a similar object from the west. The fourth object stopped and hovered as the three approached, split formation, and continued west. Then the fourth object continued east. [Report via Bay Area NICAP Subcommittee.]

Summer 1963; Middletown, New York (8371)

9:30 or 10 p.m. Grace Dutcher saw 8-10 lights move at random, then in an oval formation, then singly. (Berliner)

July 1963; Boston, Mass.
An advertising plane caused several erroneous UFO reports. (Aircraft identified by NICAP Adviser, Walter N. Webb.)

July 1, 1963; Glen Ellyn, Illinois (BBU 8434)
8 p.m. R. B. Stiles, II, using a theodolite, saw a light, the size of a match head at arm's length, flash and move around the sky. (Berliner)

July 2, 1963 (approx); Tuscon, AZ
Large blimp like object reported. [In this area is the Davis Monthan AFB Titan II Missile Site, home of the 390th Strategic Missile Wing consisting of 18 Launch Facilities around the Tuscon area].

July 18,1963; Sunnyvale, Calif.
A technical writer for United Technology Center saw a disc-shaped UFO hovering in the sky. He exposed 8 mm color film of the object using a 36 mm telephoto lens. (A few frames of the film were submitted to NICAP, but the image is too small to show detail.) When four jet interceptors converged on the UFO (three from the west and one from the east), it drifted westward tilting back and forth, "then pulled up in a short arc and shot up out of sight in an estimated three seconds." [Report via Bay Area NICAP Subcommittee.]

July 20, 1963; Springfield, Ill.
About 7:50 p.m., a shiny silver object was observed hovering at high altitude. The UFO moved up and down, back and forth, but remained in the same area of the sky. About dusk, the object (now resembling a bright star) began moving across the sky, picking up speed, and disappeared in the distance. [Witness filed NICAP report form.]

Aug. 1, 1963; Garston, Herts., England
A former RAF pilot, and flying instructor, observed a triangular UFO which hovered for a long period of time, then climbed out of sight. An air traffic controller four miles away also observed the UFO. [FLIGHT International, 15 August 1963.]

Aug. 4-5, 1963; Near Mt. Vernon (or Keenes) to Wayne City, Illinois (BBU)
11:30 p.m. 12:20 a.m. (EDT). Ronnie Austin and Phyllis Bruce while driving E noticed a bright white round object to the SW about 20° elevation then S then N which followed them for several miles. When Austin dropped off Phyllis at home it was to the E about 500 ft away and her sister Forestine also saw the object with them. After about 15 mins Austin attempted to leave for home but the object followed him, at one point as he headed E it came over his car at about 100 ft, changed color to orange and appeared car sized, hovered above the car while the car radio had whining noise static and car engine almost failed, then made a pass from behind W to E. On arriving home object was about 900 ft to the SE or E and other family members also saw it, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Austin, sister Roxie and a brother. (NICAP)

Aug. 6, 1963; Sanford, Florida
Orville Hartle, Chairman of the LaPorte, Indiana NICAP Subcommittee, on a brief visit to Florida, observed a UFO. He obtained a full report with signatures of 13 additional witnesses. The object appeared in the northwest sky first as a red, then a white moving light. To the west, the star-like light hovered, then moved south. To the south, the object began a series of gyrations and pulsated on and off, visible intermittently. It moved up and down, back and forth, once emitting a flare of greenish-white light.

Aug. 7, 1963; 4 miles E of Fairfield, Illinois (BBU)
8:45-9:10 p.m. Chauncey Uphoff and Mike Hill heard dogs bark, saw a yellowish-orange diamond shaped noiseless luminous object to the SW about 1,000 ft altitude moving E, joined by a pinpoint white light that went from SE to NW climbing with a possible drumming sound and when near the first object the latter blinked out. When the pinpoint light disappeared to the NW the diamond-shaped object reappeared as dim gray to the SW maneuvering towards them to the S about 45° elevation then SE with a U-turn or loop, appearing on edge with a tail or trail, changing color to orange then brilliant bluewhite, disappearing in the SE. Object's angular size much larger than the moon. (NICAP)

August 9, 1963; Mt. Vernon, Illinois (BBU)
10:10 pm. Former Mayor Harry Bishop observed a large, bright red light which appeared to be only about 300 or 400 feet high, was oval shaped, and was "about the size of a washtub." It followed a car along Centralia road. When the car stopped, the driver jumped out and looked upward. The UFO stopped and hovered, then moved away at right angles to its original course at a high rate of speed. It seemed to be making a light whirring sound. Bishop estimated that the fireball was in sight for from ten to 15 minutes.

Aug. 11, 1963; Warrenville, Illinois (BBU 8506)
10 p.m. R. M. Boersma saw a light move around the sky. (Berliner)

Aug. 13-14, 1963; St. Calen, Switzerland (BBU 8514)
8:04 p.m. A. F. Schelling saw a fireball become a dark object after 4 mins, then a bigger glow, 1 min later, finally exploding. Note: same witness had another, un-described, sighting on Aug. 14. (Berliner)

Aug. 13, 1963; Nr. Ellsworth, Maine
A family and their housekeeper observed an elliptical object, apparently on the ground adjoining Molasses Pond, for more than an hour. Body lights were visible along its length, and rays of light shone upward from each end of the object occasionally. [Witnesses interviewed by Walter N. Webb, NICAP Adviser.]

Aug. 13, 1963; Honolulu, Hawaii
While vacationing in Hawaii, a chemist observed a UFO and reported it to NICAP. Dr. Richard Turse, Princeton, N.J., about 11:30 p.m., saw a round reddish object pass overhead from southwest to northeast. The UFO "traveled across the sky at great speed making two sharp turns at the same speed."

Aug. 18, 1963; Ft. Kent, Maine
A silvery disc-shaped UFO was seen by two young boys, whose parents agreed they must have seen something unusual. The disc passed from north to south, emitting a hum intermittently.

Sept. 14. 1963; Susanville, Calif. (BBU 8548)
3:15 p.m. E. A. Grant, veteran of 37 years training forest fire lookouts for the U.S. Forest Service, saw a round object intercept a long object then either attach itself to the latter or disappear. (Air Force Project Blue Book 1963 Summary, Berliner)

Sept. 15, 1963; Vandalia, Ohio (BBU 8549)
6 p.m. Mrs. F. E. Roush saw 2 very bright gold objects, one shaped like a "banana" the other like an "ear of corn," one staying stationary, the other moving from W to N. (Berliner)

Sept. 20, 1963; Huntsville, Arkansas
A rancher reported watching an egg-shaped UFO moving eastward about 10 degrees above the southern horizon. Through binoculars, a dark spot was visible near the top of the object. As it

proceeded west, the UFO dimmed, turning orange, and faded from view after 10-15 minutes. [Witness reported sighting to NICAP.]

Sept. 20, 1963; Wonthaggi, Victoria, AU
TV difficulty, viewer called outside to see UFO. Object hovered, darted at high speed. TV I/F noted in area of three towns.

Sept. 26, 1963; Sunnyvale, Calif.
Police officer, many others, observed a gray disc with central bright spot, moving on a westerly course at high speed. [UFOE, VII]

Oct. 2, 1963; Mediterranean, Off the coast of Sardinius
At approximately 2:00 a.m. local time, Radar operator Harry Jordan, on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CV-42), was on watch when he saw a radar contact 600 miles down range at 80,000 feet altitude. The object moved to 300 miles at 35,000 feet and then to 10 miles range at 10,000 to 15,000 feet. The object was tracked at speeds up to 4,000 mph. and flew in a Z-pattern making right angle turns. The officer of the deck was informed and woke up the Captain, who ordered the scramble of two F-4 Phantom II jets. The object was moving closer to the ship and suddenly disappeared from the radar scope. The object reappeared and was getting closer to the Roosevelt. The object came to within several hundred feet of the ship as at least 15 persons with binoculars watched the object hover for a moment. This was at approximately at 2:32 a.m. The object then disappeared. (Dan Wilson)

Oct. 4, 1963; East Hartland, Conn.
State Representative L. B. Martin, about 1:00 p.m., saw a silvery triangular object with a row of black dots across the leading edge. The UFO passed overhead, emitting a flame-like tail, at an estimated speed of 2000 mph. [Report obtained by NICAP-CONN Affiliate.]

Oct. 4, 1963; Bedford, Ohio (BBU 8581)
3:32 p.m. R. E. Carpenter, 15, saw am intense oblong light with tapered ends, surrounded by an aqua haze, flash and flicker while stationary. (Berliner)

Oct. 6, 1963; Philadelphia, Penna. (BBU)
Freidman. (Mary Castner/CUFOS)

Oct. 7, 1963; Lanham, Maryland. (BBU)
Francis. (Mary Castner/CUFOS)

Oct. 21, 1963; Trancas, Argentina
Disc, E-M, occupants, numerous traces.

Oct. 23, 1963; Meridian, Idaho (BBU 8603)
8:35 p.m. Several unnamed students, including Gordon, and an adult saw an object shaped like a circle from below and a football from the side, hover low over the observers, making a deep, pulsating, loud, extremely irritating sound, changed course to SW, disappeared behind houses and trees. (Mary Castner/CUFOS; Berliner)

Oct. 24, 1963; Cupar Fife, Scotland (BBU 8604)
No time given. A. McLean, 12, and G. McLean, 8, saw a light move for an unspecified length of time. No further details in files. Note: BB Chief Maj. Quintanilla told the youngsters, in a letter, this was "one of the most complete" of the unexplained cases for the year. (Berliner)

Oct. 31, 1963; Daylston, Victoria, Australia

4:15 a.m. In pre-dawn darkness, 28 year old Jim Davidson, who was driving a bread van, noticed a glow in the sky to his left, which increased in size as it approached him. When it reached him, it then followed his vehicle, at a distance estimated to be 100 yards ahead, and 80 feet up. It was 8-12 feet long and glowed orange, except for two rear tail sections which glowed red. 'It was more like a cloud.' He followed it for two miles. It then moved to his right, and continued to pace the van. Then it went further to his right; accelerated over a hill, and started to descend. He lost sight of it as a moving orange glow, over the sea. The duration of the sighting was not stated. (Source: Keith Basterfield; (1) Australian Flying Saucer Review. May 1964. p.3. citing the Wonthaggi Express newspaper of 7 Nov 1963. )

Nov. 3, 1963; Corona, N.Y.
A Pan American Airways mechanic, about 1:30 a.m., noticed a star-like object maneuvering across the northern sky. The light moved rapidly, slowed and seemed to "shudder," then changed course by about 45 degrees. Finally it made a 90-degree turn, accelerated, turned again and disappeared from view. [Report obtained by New York NICAP Subcommittee.]

Nov. 7, 1963; San Francisco, Calif.
Fireball observed, shock wave felt, over Bay area. Unidentified signal picked up by local radio station.

Nov. 12, 1963; Argentina
An official Argentine Navy UFO report. Combined visual and E-M incident involved the Navy transport A.R.A. "Punta Medanos." A large airship (never identified) was sighted from the stern of the vessel. The huge UFO was round-shaped, and it was moving at great speed. It displayed no lights and made no sound. As the unknown object appeared, the needles of the ship's magnetic compasses "suddenly and simultaneously" swung off course, pointing toward the UFO. At the time, the Navy report states, the UFO was 2,000 meters (well over a mile) away from the ship.

Nov. 12, 1963; Port Huron, Michigan
Deputy Sheriffs chased a low-flying UFO which first appeared as a white flashing light. At times the object seemed to have a "big divided window" on it. When the UFO hovered, the deputies approached and flashed their squad car light. Then a flashing red light became visible on the UFO. The object finally moved away to the northwest making a motor-like sound. Other residents reported a flashing light and "high-pitched" or "whining" noises at the same time.

Nov. 14, 1963; Carson City Nevada
A huge bluish-green disc was seen hovering in the northwest sky about 4:45 a.m. Mrs. Blanche Pritchett said she was listening to her radio when a bright light shining through her drapes caused her to look outdoors. As she watched the hovering object, her radio went off. A brilliant shaft of light from the UFO illuminated a hilltop. Suddenly the UFO blacked out and disappeared, after which the radio resumed playing. Other residents reported odd glows in the sky that morning. [VIII]

Nov. 20, 1963; Neche, N.D.
Two high school girls reported that a bright orange, oval-shaped object circled their car at night while they were en route home. They were on highway 55 east of town when they first saw the UFO. It appeared to be surrounded by a light haze. The glowing object sped across in front of the car and circled around the side before disappearing to the southeast.

Dec. 2, 1963; Grand Rapids, Michigan
A motorist stopped at a traffic light about 9:30 a.m., noticed a strange object "glittering in the sun." Then the object tipped on edge (revealing a disc shape) and quickly sped away to the southeast. The shape was "like a pancake."

Dec. 5, 1963; Nr. Carrasco, Uruguay

An oval UFO, metallic-looking like aluminum, was observed hovering in the clear morning sky by hundreds at a resort. One description said the object "balanced gently in the air."

Dec. 6-7, 1963; APO 253, France (BBU)
At 1710Z, RAPOC, of the 322 Air Division (Combat cargo) reported an object heading north-west at 400 feet, ground speed 40-50mph. Close to the touchdown on runway 23, the object appeared to fall from the sky. At 1030hrs Dec 7, a radar reflector was recovered from a tree at the location. Its source was unknown. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.)

Dec. 10, 1963; White Plains, NY. (BBU)
(Mary Castner/CUFOS)

Dec. 11, 1963; McMinnville, Oregon (BBU 8647)
7 a.m. W. W. Dolan, professor of mathematics and astronomy, and dean of the faculty of Linfield College, saw a bright, star-like light hover, slow, dim and flash. (Berliner)

Dec. 16, 1963; Pacific, 800 miles N of Midway Island (BBU 8654)
5:05 p.m. crew of military aircraft saw a white light blink 2-3 times per second moving very fast across the sky. (Berliner)

Dec. 21, 1963; Pacific Ocean
12:21 a.m. At an area approximately 780 miles NW of Honolulu, one object was sighted on radar on MATS aircraft 21837 flying at 20,000 feet. The object appeared to be making passes at an estimated speed of 380 knots on the MATS aircraft. Radar pickup only. The object seemed to be using radar. (Dan Wilson)

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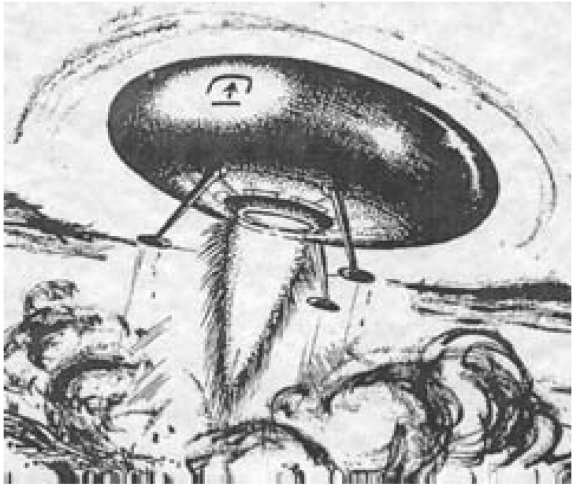

**Socorro, New Mexico landing, April 24, 1964**

Map of sightings for 1964, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database

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Following the UFO wave of 1957, a drought of sightings ran from 1958 to about 1964. Larry Hatch catalogued about 100 events per year in that period with his "U" Database, the lowest count being 1963 with only 61 sightings. The 1954 European wave included some physical trace cases, and there was a scattering of reports after that. However, cases of this type increased markedly after 1963. 1964 was the year the landing reports became more prominent, beginning with the blockbuster event on April 24 at Socorro, New Mexico. (Note: Brad Sparks: My impression is that 1958-63 were not a "drought" at all, that it is only the civilian outsider's viewpoint not knowing what the AF was collecting. The BB files indicate a continuing stream of high quality UFO cases some of astounding merit). As far as 1964 was concerned, we all note a surprising lack of sightings reported in the first three months..

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Blue Book sighting lists for 1964 by month

Jan. 26, 1964; Moultrie, GA
7:30 p.m. Dull red sphere rose up from behind trees, crossed highway at low altitude, turned, appeared to follow car, then fell back and seemed to head toward ground. Driver was physics student at Georgia Institute of Technology. (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 25, 1964; Liberty, NY
8:30 p.m. Two pulsating white lights with reddish tinge paced an aircraft, twice turning and approaching it on apparent collision course. The pilot twice took evasive action. A third light joined the first two and they moved away after 5-10 minutes. (NICAP report form.)

March 8, 1964, Oberwesel, Germany
UFO allegedly photographed by Harry Hauxler, who was on a train passing through Oberwesel, Germany, when he said he saw a disc rise into the air. The photograph shows a dark swirling mass below the disc. A very rare shape on this unknown object. (Ridge, Olmos)

April 3, 1964; 1 mile W of Monticello, Wisc. (BBU 8729)
9 p.m. R. Wold, graduate student in anthropology, and wife, Rossing and another, saw 4 huge red lights in a rectangular formation, with a white light above, near the ground, tilt and fly away. (Vallée Magonia 594; FUFOR Index)

April 10, 1964; Merced, California (BB)
At 11:40 a.m. PST, NORAD advised that there were 6 to 12 unidentified flying objects at 30 miles east of Merced, California. Radar picked up 12 objects at altitudes 60,000 feet, 90,000 feet and higher elevations. A message sent to Air Staff said objects were following a 60 mile race-track pattern. F-106's were scrambled at Castle AFB. Pilots locked on to some of the objects but could not keep the lock. NORAD said they were sending two more aircraft with pilots in pressure suits.

April 11, 1964; Homer, New York (BBU 8739)
6:30 p.m. physiotherapist W. B. Ochsner and wife saw 2 cloud- like objects darken, one shot away and returned. (Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Exp, case DD-2)

April 17, 1964; Fallon AFS, Nevada (BBU)
At 7:22 a.m. local time, A2C Edward Lowe, radar operator , 858th RADRON, Fallon AFS, picked up on ground radar two blips in stacked formation with rapid changes in altitude at 122 degrees at 60,000 feet at 145 mile range. The motion was up and down. The length of the observation was 1 hour and 21 minutes when the blips disappeared to the SE. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

April 20, 1964; McMurdo Sound, Naval Air Station, Antartic
Early morning. During Operation Deep Freeze 6 members of a US coast Guard aircraft sighted a V formation of nine objects glowing white and flying at an estimated 35,000 feet altitude. They were flying from McMurdo Naval Base with supllies and were travelling in a C-130 turbo-prop transport airplane . The right side observer first sighted the objects approaching at about 400 knots from above and to their right side. When they came abreast of the airplane they showed to its speed. After a "short time" they flew above above the airplane and took up position above and to their left side. The pilot attempted to radio the ground but the radio was dead and their radar also stopped working. When the pilot tried to switch to auxiliary power it too was not functioning. At one point the airplane’s engines stopped (the oil began to congeal in the very cold air). Instead of loosing altitude it maintained "a steady altitude and course." The airplane alledgly continued flying in complete silence ! Then it entered a "strange haze" (likened to a white-out) with air filled with static electricity. There was electrical arcing from one’s body to metal inside the fuselage. The haze vanished after about 20 minutes. The power suddenly returned and the crew was able to restart the engines in sequence. The airplane had covered a distance of 265 nautical miles during the 45-50 minute period while travelling at from an indicated airspeed of from 160-190 knots. (From Dr Richard F. Haines, Project Delta : a study of multiple UFO, LDA Press, 1994, APRO bulletin Vol. 23 No. 3)

April 24, 1964; 1 mile SSW of Socorro, New Mexico (BBU 8766)
5:45 5:50? p.m. Socorro Police Dept. patrol officer Lonnie Zamora, while chasing a speeder heading S, heard a roaring sound and saw a bluish-orange funnel of flame in the sky to the SW slowly descending possibly 1/2 to 1 mile away, bottom of flame hidden behind a hill. He tried to pursue the flame, turning off to the right on a rough gravel road to the SW, lost sight of flame while trying to get car up steep rough hill. At the top after 10-15 secs of continuing along gravel road he suddenly noticed a shiny whitish-aluminum color landed object about 12-15 ft tall about 800 ft away to the SW down in a gully, at first looking like upturned car but actually appearing oval long-axis vertical on two legs, and for about these 2 secs also saw 2 small-adult-like figures in white coveralls near object, one turning toward him seemingly startled and jumping. He lost sight of object as he drove about 1,000 ft further WSW, radioed headquarters he was investigating possible car accident, then stopped at the top of the ridge about 103 ft from landing site down in the gully to the SE. He got out, heard 2-3 loud thumping noises like a door shut hard, walked 3 steps to the front of the car to possibly 90 ft distance when he heard a very load roar increasing in volume and saw a smokeless blue-orange flame coming from beneath the oval object, now seeming long-axis horizontal at this angle (about 120° from previous sighting), with a red insignia or lettering in the middle about 2 x 2 1/2 ft, and slowly rising. He thought it was going to explode and ran away, putting car between him and the object, about 25 ft and 6 secs of running from the car he glanced back and saw object had risen about 20-25 ft to level of his car, ran another 25 ft and "ducked down" below edge of ridge. Roaring noise stopped, he looked up and saw object heading to the SW (towards W end of Socorro Municipal Airport 1 mile away) at level height just clearing 8 ft dynamite shack by about 3 ft moving "very fast," no flame or smoke or noise. He ran back to patrol car, radioed headquarters, saw object climbing slowly and "get small" in the distance just clearing Box Canyon or Six mile Canyon Mtn. (about 6 miles to WSW). Immediate police and military investigation found physical traces, burning brush and indentations in the ground, and several other more distant witnesses. (UFOE, Section V; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 223-9, etc.)

April 24, 1964; Newark Valley, NY.
Farmer found shiny elliptical object in field, confronted by two small humanoids who spoke with him (UFOE Section XII).

April 26, 1964; La Madera, New Mexico (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Apr, 26, 1964; Las Vegas, Nevada
At 1826Z, from 36:11N latitude, 115:12W longitude, an Engineer from Westinghouse, saw, in clear sky, 12-15 silver objects, in a formation. They were initially seen at 20-30 degrees' elevation, flying in a southerly direction for 30 seconds, in a random pattern. They then reversed their course to the north and were seen, in all, for 2 minutes. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.)

April 28, 1964; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BB)
Noon. 10 year-old Sharon Stull and Robin Stull (8) saw an egg-shaped object hovering near the Lowell Elementary School for about 10 minutes. Robin refused to look at the object and ran off. The object bounced up and down about three times in the sky and then left. Later Sharon was treated for "infra-red" burns on her face by a physician and according to Police Lt. C. K. Jolly the physician said he believes Sharon saw something and it burned her. (BB docs/Dan Wilson)

April 28, 1964; Minot AFB, N. Dakota (BBU)
8:50 p.m. One object observed visually by a civilian pilot about 50 miles south of Minot AFB. Ground radar picked up the object. The object appeared as a light 3000 feet below the aircraft flying at 7000 feet and seemed to be following the aircraft. Minot AFB GCA reported a scope indication of an object at 160 degrees bearing 15 miles moving outbound at approx. 25 miles from the station, orbiting in a five mile circle.The object then proceeded inbound to the station to approx 15 miles and

disappearing from the scope. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list).

April 30, 1964; Stallion Test Site, NM
B-57, white object landed, photo recon.

April 30, 1964; Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Montana (BBU)
9:30 [10:30?] p.m. Flittner, Harold Rust family children, and Linda Davis, saw egg-shaped object size of an automobile land about 150 [125?] ft away. Left 4 indentations in the ground, 8 x 10 inch rectangles, 4-8 inches deep, about 13 ft apart, and a burned area. (UFOE, Section VII; Tony Rullan; Lorenzen 1966, pp. 223-4; FUFOR Index)

May 5, 1964; Comstock, MN.
Object landed in field, physical traces (UFOE Section VII).

May 9, 1964; Asheville, North Carolina (BBU 8787)
Civilian witnesses. (NARA)

May 9, 1964; Chicago, Illinois (BBU 8788)
10:20 p.m. J. R. Betz, U.S. District Court reporter, saw 3 light green crescent-shaped objects, about half the apparent size of the moon, flew very fast in tight formation from E to W, oscillating in size and color for 3 secs. (Berliner)

May 10, 1964; La Rioja, Argentina
Domed disc rose from woods, electromagnetic (E-M) effects on van, 10-meter (30-foot) burnt circle found next day (UFOE Section XII).

May 15, 1964; Stallion Test Site, NM
11:30 p.m. local. Two scrambles, radar/visual, UFOs sent proper IFF signals.

May 17, 1964; Near Lawrence, Ohio
Close encounter II, no details. (UFOI-2,7)

May 17, 1964; Tipton, Indiana
10:15 p.m. Citizens and police officers called to the scene, witnessed a UFO. The reddish object appeared round while hovering, then darted across the sky and appeared flattened while in motion. (UFOI-II,7)

May 18, 1964; Mt. Vernon, Virginia (BBU 8811)
5:15 p.m. Civil engineer F. Meyers saw a small, glowing white oval split twice after moving from the right of the moon (to the E, half moon phase, 115° azimuth, 48° elevation) around to the left. (Berliner)

May 19, 1964; Hubbard, OR.
Animal reaction case. Rectangular object with legs left flattened wheat and three indentations on the edge of a circle (UFOE Section VII).

May 22, 1964
The Inspector General Brief, "Reporting Unidentified Flying Objects",
Operations and Training updated from previous edition.

May 21, 1964; Altus AFB, Oklahoma (BB)

At 4:30 a.m. CST, at Missile Site 7, a large bright light was observed overhead below 10,000 feet directly over missile silo. The light was bright enough to to light silo cap. The apparent size of the object was described as large as a basketball held at arm's length. The object was first noticed hovering over the south fence of site seven for 8-10 minutes.(Dan Wilson)

May 24, 1964; White Sands/Holloman AFB, New Mexico
The Air Force confirmed that a radar unit at Holloman twice tracked UFOs in the area of White Sands, which lies west of Holloman. The spokesman, however, alluded to a natural phenomenon such as a dust storm, as the probable cause; however, it is considered unlikely that the fine particles present in a dust storm could have induced a radar return that resembled a solid object. (Jan Aldrich, BB files, The UFO Reporter, Summer, 1964)

May 24 [26?], 1964; Millinocket, Maine (BBU)
9 p.m. Man and a friend driving on Millinocket Lake Road saw a fiery, structure less 2 ft spherical object to the side, stopped, left the car to get a better look. They became afraid, walked back to the car, the sphere followed them. Car would not start while sphere was within 5-10 ft. (Vallée Magonia 607)

May 26, 1964; Cambridge, Mass. (BBU 8836)
7:43 p.m. EDST. Paul Wankowicz, RAF pilot and ex-Smithsonian satellite tracker, saw a thin, white ellipsoid (3.5x length/width ratio), estimated 15-20 ft in length if at 1,000 ft, fly straight and level, travel from nearly overhead at 80° elevation in the NE to about 20-30° elevation in the ENE, where it disappeared behind the roof of the Sears Roebuck store as viewed from his car in the parking lot to the S, looking out the window.  Estimated angular speed equivalent of 200 mph at 1,000 ft (17°/sec) or 1,000 to 3,000 arcmins/sec (17°-50°/sec) in agreement.  Briefly lost sight of UFO as it passed behind 40% cumulus cloud cover.  No noise or trail.  Estimated tops of cumulus clouds at least 3,500 ft, thus speed at least 700 mph and length 50-70 ft. (McDonald, Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; NICAP website; Berliner) 3-4 secs, 1 witn, 1/3rd to 1/2 moon.

May 26, 1964; Pleasantview, Penna. (BBU 8839)
11 p.m. Rev. H. C. Shaw saw a yellow-orange light, shaped like the bottom of a ball, in a field and chased down the road for 2 miles. (Berliner)

Summer, 1964; Point Isabel, Ohio
Late evening. A couple saw a creature over 6' tall with gold, glowing eyes and wide shoulders. Body hair not obvious; had pointed chin and large ears. Just vanished from short distance. (Stringfield; Skylook-93,9)

June 6, 1964; 600 miles NW of Asuncion Island
S.S. Norma C. Penn. <>The 3rd Officer of the ship had a UFO sighting. This was reported to the Consul General in Pretoria and was followed up with the USAF UFO questionnaire (FTD Form 164). The object appeared as a light with the same brightness as the brightest star. It moved from a bearing of 112.5° to 90° at constant elevation. The object appeared to flash. The flight path of the object contained three distinct maneuvers, which included the object crossing its own path. Its motion was also described as erratic. The object disappeared in the east at 60° elevation. The sighting lasted 8 minutes. Blue Book conclusion: Star Vega (Rullan, 5.11, page 43)

June 13, 1964; Toledo, Ohio (BBU 8870)
9:15 p.m. B. L. English, announcer for radio station WTOD, saw 3 glowing white spheres, glowing red on their sides, moving slow, hover then moving in circles very fast, making a low, rumbling sound. (Berliner)

June 14, 1964; Dale, Indiana (BB)
9:00 p.m. Charles Englebrecht (18) reported that a small basketball-sized object had landed in his

back yard with E-M effects. Possible UFO "probe" or "ball lightning". (Investigated by William Powers and Fran Ridge of Indiana Unit No. 1 team, NICAP; Fold 3).

Late June, 1964; Rome, Indiana
Indianapolis Star, June 28 - "Mysterious Markings in Field Baffle Perry County Farm Family". A five foot circular burned circle, with three intensely burned circles arranged in a triangular shape as though made by table legs were discovered in the alfalfa field.

June 29, 1964; Lavonia, GA.
Brilliantly lit top-shaped object made head-on passes at car, paced ahead of it, hovering and darting motions (UFOE Section XII).

July 1964
NICAP report, The UFO Evidence, released to Congress and news media.

July 10, 1964; Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Jackson, Mississippi, Belleville, Illinois (BBU)
At 2:25 a.m. local time (0825Z), a pilot flying from Perryville, Missouri, to Cape Girardeau, Mo., reported a UFO to Cape Giraradeau ground observer in tower. The tower operator observed the object with binocluars and contacted Memphis who in turn contacted CHADS at Belleville, Illinois. Radar contact by the 798th Radar Squadron was made at bearing 152 degrees at 85 miles. The altitude varied from 33,200 feet to 8,900 feet. There were apparently no aircraft in that area. The visual observation from aircraft and ground of the objects described them as shaped like a cone or long rectangle and the color was intense white, orange or red. All visual observations at 270 degrees 20-40 degrees elevation. There were three objects seen but never more than two at one time. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

July 16, 1964; Conklin, NY.
Humanoid with dark suit and helmet, climbed on top of craft. Physical traces found at site (UFOE Section XII).

July 16, 1964; 15 miles S of Houghton Lake, Mich. (BBU 8924)
11:15 p.m. Northern Air Service pilot K. Jannereth saw 4 white lights in a stepped-up echelon formation, joined by 2 more, closing in on the airplane, then rapidly slow and fly along with it. (UFOE, Section III, Berliner)

July 20, 1964; Clinton, Iowa-Littleton, Illinois [?] (BBU 8942)
4:45 a.m. J. J. Winkle saw a 60 ft diameter round topped, flat-bottomed object with a long acetylene colored flame shooting downward, flying straight and level, make a half loop, then rise up. [Military and civilian witness(es)?? Two different cases?] (Berliner)

July 24, 1964; Langley AFB, Virginia (BBU)
At 4:26 a.m. local time, multiple brilliant round objects were seen by tower operators using 7X50 binoculars and were observed on radar by the GCA operator. The sighting was described as four objects one and one half minutes in trail followed by two objects one and one half minutes apart, and three to four minutes separating the two formations. The objects appeared as large as a silver dollar held at arm's length and resembled burning magnesium. No sound was heard. The objects were observed to the south of the field at 75 degree angular elevation. This elevation is also given as 15 degrees and to the southeast of the field. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson))

July 27, 1964; Norwich-Sherburne, New York (BBU 8969)
7:30 [9?] p.m. Duabert, engineering supervisor [engineer?] stopped his car when he saw an aluminum sphere with a fluorescent luminous ring, stationary 50 ft above ground, which emitted 3 beams of very bright light before flying off at high speed. (UFOE Section V, Vallée Magonia 618)

July 27, 1964; Denver, Colo. (BBU 8973)
8:20 p.m. A. Borsa saw a white ball of fire, the size of a car, climb slowly, then speed up. (Berliner)

July 28, 1964; Lake Chelan, Wash. (BBU)
10:30 p.m. Former Navy pilot and another man, at work in a field saw an intense light, cone-shaped, emitted from the ground and a similar light in the sky, alternating which was on and off. A round, aluminum-looking object, about 30 ft in diameter, with one red and one white light, then appeared and descended to ground with a strong whistling sound similar to a small jet, piercing and high-pitched voices similar to those of children playing were heard. Before this object took off a low-flying jet circled its position. The densely wooded area was explored by helicopter and on foot 3-4 days later by Sheriff Nickell and a USAF officer, but nothing was found. (Vallée Magonia 619)

Aug. 10, 1964; Wake Island (BBU 9031)
5:16 a.m. Aircraft commander Capt. B. C. Jones and navigator 1st Lt. H. J. Cavender, in parked USAF C-124 transport plane, saw a reddish, blinking light approach the runway, stop and make several reverses. (UFOE Section I, Berliner)

Aug. 15, 1964; New York City, New York (BBU 9048)
1:20 a.m. S. F. D'Alessandro saw a 10 ft x 5 ft bullet-shaped object with wavy lines on the rounded front part and 6 pipes along the straight rear portion, making a "whishhh" sound. Witness' dog growled. (Berliner)

Aug. 15, 1964; Yosemite National Park, Calif. (BBU 9049)
8:15 a.m. E. J. Haug, of the San Francisco Orchestra and Conservatory, and C. R. Bubb, high school math teacher, saw 3 bright silver, round objects, in a stack formation, fly very fast, changing positions within the formation, with a sound of rushing air. (Berliner)

Aug. 18, 1964; Atlantic, 200 miles E of Dover, Delaware. (BBU 9053)
12:35 [5:29? 12:29? EST] a.m. USAF Major D. W. Thompson and First Pilot 1st Lt. J. F. Jonke flying a C-124 transport (no. 31007) with the 31st Air Transport Sq, 1607th Air Transport Wing, out of Dover AFB at 9,000 ft and 200 mph true airspeed, saw a large round, blurred or diffuseedged, reddish-white luminous object on a collision course with the C-124 from ahead and about 500 ft below, collision averted when pilot took evasive action by turning from a 260° heading to 340° and object made a right turn and disappeared. (Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Exp ch. 5, case NL-10; NARCAP)

Sept. 4, 1964; Near Cisco Grove, Calif. (BBU)
10 p.m. Donald Schrum on a hunting trip became separated from his 2 friends, climbed a tree for the night, saw 3 flying silvery lighted objects [one dome-shaped?] about 1/4 mile away emitting "cooing" noises which dropped 2 objects to the ground with a loud crashing noise on impact. 2 human-like and one robotic being were drawn to his signal fires, Schrum tried to scare them away and shot the robot with arrows, the robot emitted noxious fumes that nauseated him and made him black out [a second robot appeared with similar effects]. Finally the vehicles departed with a noxious vapor emission that made him black out. One of his companions also saw one of the UFO's. (UFOE Section XII; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 210-2; Vallée Magonia 624; NICAP website; etc.)

Sept. 5, 1964; Glassboro, New Jersey
A massive fiasco. 1). there was no sighting of a UFO in this case; 2). there was a trace which was interesting. This interest was due to the work of admirable high school kids who worked on it like a science project [these were not the original kid reporters] and of local adult professionals. The USAF, NICAP, and Berthold Schwarz all screwed up in varying ways --- the kids' work is astonishingly good however and that plus the work of some tree experts save the case as an anomalous trace [without a UFO]; 3). no credible evidence for Adamskian-style Nordic UFOnauts

exists anyplace in this. (Michael Swords wrote it up extensively on his Big Study blog [April 30, 2013.] If anyone is really interested they should go to The Big Study and read it there.)

Sept. 10, 1964; Cedar Grove, New Jersey (BBU 9104)
7:09 p.m. Chemist P. H. DePaolo saw 4 white lights, 3-4 [degrees?] apart, to the N, going W. (Berliner)

Sept. 15, 1964; Big Sur, Cal.
UFO reportedly filmed disabling Atlas warhead.

October 11, 1964; Brockton, MA.
Engineer, others, observed dome-shaped object following jet fighters. UFO shot straight up and out of sight (UFOE Section IV).

Oct. 25? 1964; Caribbean (BBU)
US Navy radar tracking. (Tony Rullan)

Oct. 30, 1964; Somerset, UK
Midnight +. Four businessmen on a night fishing trip reported an object described as a brilliant red light that lit the fields and the banks of a stream. A herd of about 50 cows made noise and ran when the object approached slowly at low altitude and hovered overhead. The men hid behind a car to keep from being trampled or swept into the river. After a few minutes, the object accelerated and disappeared, and the cows quieted down. The presence or absence of sound from the object is not addressed. No EM effects or physiological effects were reported. Fifty cows reacted to low object.

Nov. 14, 1964; Menomonee Falls, Wisc. (BBU 9170)
9:40 p.m. Dr. G. R. Wagner, MD, and two girls, saw 3 dim, reddish lights fly through 160° arc. (Berliner)

Nov. 16 (17-18?), 1964; Caribbean (BBU)
US Navy radar tracking of unidentified object emitting encrypted IFF Mode 1 transponder signals. (Tony Rullan)

Nov. 19, 1964; Pacific, about 1,400 miles E of Tokyo (BBU 9183)
Military personnel saw a bright white flashing light traveling from horizon to horizon. (Berliner)

Nov. 19, 1964; U.S.S. Gyatt, 220 miles NW of Puerto Rico (BBU)
9:00 p.m. local time. The USS Gyatt was stationed in the Atlantic when its radar detected a bogey approaching the island from the Northeast at speeds exceeding Mach 1. The USS Gyatt relayed a message to Roosevelt Roads Navy Base in Puerto Rico, which then contacted an F-8C aircraft of Utility Squadron Eight. This aircraft was already flying at an altitude of 30,000 ft over Puerto Rico. The aircraft reported a stranger closing in very fast. The pilot of the F-8C described the object as delta shaped and about the size of a fighter. Its color was black or gray and had no lights. It had no contrail but had a light source emitting from the tail during periods of acceleration. The pilot pursued the bogey but could not intercept. The target accelerated out of sight in a wide starboard turn climbing through 50,000 feet at about 18°-20° angle of climb in excess of Mach 1. (Rullan, Wilson)

Nov. 24, 1964; Caribbean (BBU)
US Navy radar tracking of unidentified object emitting encrypted IFF Mode 1 transponder signals. (Tony Rullan)

November 25, 1964; New Berlin, NY.
Two objects landed on hilltop, large group of humanoid beings engaged in apparent repair operation

for four hours (UFOE Section XII).

Dec. 4, 1964; Baker, Oregon (BBU)
At 4:50 a.m. local time, a glowing round object that had the apparent size ranging from a baseball to a basketball at arm's length and was seen by at least 4 observers, Harold H. Eves TSGT Radar Operations Crew Chief , a city policeman, Donald H. Stinett 821st Radar Squadron, and Vernon W. Meador 821st Radar Squadron AC&W Operator. Observations were made with binoculars and a surveyors scope, and there were also radar returns observed on an AN/FPS-35 Search Radar. Length of observation was approximately 2 hours. Some observers saw from 3 to 4 objects. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

Dec. 19, 1964; Patuxent River NAS, Maryland (BBU)
3:30 a.m. USN control tower operator Bernard Sujka and 2 other CTO's tracked 2 large target 10 miles apart heading directly toward the radar station at about 7,000 mph, swerving off at 15 miles range, then approaching again to 10 miles, then one target returned to 8 miles range and made a high speed 160° turn. (NICAP)

Dec. 21, 1964; Harrisonburg, Viginia (BBU)
5 p.m. Mr. Burns and others in the area saw a huge cone-shaped object cross the road, hover at ground level in a field, car engine failed, object landed, then took off vertically. Radioactive area found at landing site (UFOE Section I; Vallée Magonia 628)

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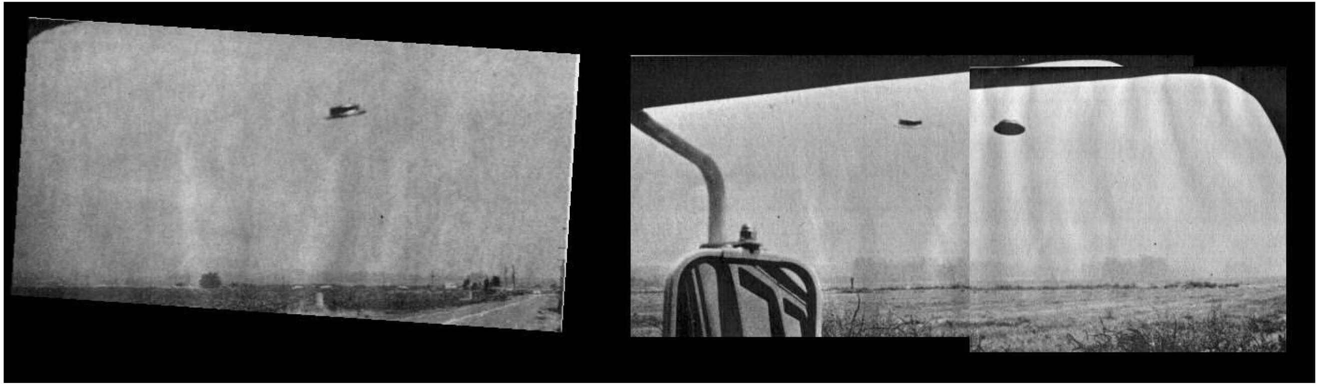

**The Rex Heflin photographs in panorama**
Aug. 3, 1965; Santa Ana, Calif.
Map of sightings for 1965, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database

**Created: July 12, 2006, updated 20 March 2017**
This year encompasses more recognized incidents in one group than any other year I am aware of, other than 1952. To name a few: The May 6 Philippine Sea radar case, the July 3 E-M case at Antarctica, the Aug. 3 Santa Ana/Rex Heflin photo incident, the Aug. 2 (or 3rd) Tulsa, OK/Alan Smith photo, the Aug. 19 Cherry Creek, NY, trace case, the Sept. 2/3 Exeter, NH close encounter, and the famous Edwards AFB encounter of Oct. 7. All this followed by the Northeast Power Grid Failure of November 9th. Our thanks for these chronologies must go to our documentation team: Richard Hall (the original chronology from UFOE II), Rebecca Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns), and Jean Waskiewicz (online NICAP DBase). This chrono also documents the 1965 flap near Virginia.

NCP-22, The UFO Sighting Wave of 1965 (Fran Ridge)

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Blue Book sighting lists for 1965 by month

The unredacted versions of the January Blue Book docs showing many of the cases are linked here:

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Winter, 1965; Maltin Airport (Toronto), Ontario, Canada
Two persons who had just landed planes were in a parking lot cleaning snow off their windshields. A

bright light just appeared between them about ten feet from the witnesses. It hovered there for a few seconds and then "drove off into the wind." The object was a fiery white round ball about one foot in diameter. It never quaked or jiggled not made any noise. (Mike Swords)

Early in January, 1965; ??? Vermont
Dusk. State Pathologist Dr. Richard Woodruff and a Vermont State trooper saw three orange objects cross the sky in succession. They were also seen by four persons living in Randolph.4

Jan. 1, 1965; Norfolk, Virginia (BB)
3:13 a.m. EST. A Norfolk Police patrolman observed in the western sky one round large light leading 7-8 smaller bright lights in trail in single file formation on a straight and level flight path from south to north. The large light had the apparent size of a dime held at arm's length. A split second before the final disappearance another large object seemed to shoot out ahead of the original large object. The observer was prompted to report his sighting after the local news announced the Patuxent River Naval Air Station radar tracking of two UFOs on 29 December.

Jan. 5, 1965; Lynchburg, Virginia (BB)
On this date, (exact time not given) witnesses observed a round circle of light high in the sky moving southward. The object would pause then continue on course. This was reported to the Weather Bureau at the Lynchburg Airport by telephone. The area was scanned for 30 minutes by a AN/FPS-6 height finder radar. The length of the visual observation was 5 minutes. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Jan. 5, 1965; Wallops Island, VA (BB)
5:56 p.m. EST. A NASA engineer, M. Dempsey Bruton, head of the Wallops Island (Virginia) tracking station, observed a round bright yellow light rising from the horizon at 200 degrees azimuth. The apparent size of the object was that of a nickel held at arm's length. As the object reached an overhead position it disappeared. The length of observation was approximately 8-9 seconds. The witness claims that his wife and brother-in-law made the same observation. (Section IV; Section VIII).

Jan. 8, 1965; Georgetown, South Carolina (BB)
9:00 p.m. EST. A civilian observed two lighted objects approaching from SE over the ocean between Georgetown and Charleston. The objects were at an estimated altitude of 2-3 miles. The objects made an "U" turn and then went back out to sea. The objects' speed was estimated as faster than jets. There was no sound. Objects apparently caused TV interference. (Dan Wilson, Project Blue Book files)

Jan. 10, 1965; South Boston, Virginia (BB)
7:15 p.m. EST. The observer Strickland heard a hissing noise and looked up to see a large object with a long trail of sparks moving across the sky from north to south. After a few minutes the witness heard several planes overhead. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Jan.10, 1965; Silver Springs, Maryland (BB)
Night. Three members of family observed a bright white light (1/2 size of the size of an automobile?), flying straight from NW to SE. The object was believed to be 200 feet from the ground and in level flight at 45 degrees elevation. The sky was overcast and visibility was 4 miles, according to the RECORD CARD. The length of observation was 5-10 seconds.The time given for the sighting on the RECORD CARD is 1555Z which converts to 10:55 a.m. EST. The time given on the JOINT MESSAGE FORM says 1555Z, at night. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Jan. 11, 1965; Washington, DC
4:20 p.m. At least 12 persons, including six Army Signal Corps communications system specialists observed 12-15 white ovals maneuvering erratically across the sky, with jets seen in pursuit apparently from Andrews AFB. Among the witnesses were Messrs. Paul M. Dickey, Jr. and Edward Shad. The Defense Department denied the incident. The witnesses have publicly maintained their

story. (Section II).

Jan. 12, 1965: Blaine AFB, Wash. (BBU)
1:00 a.m. Member of a federal agency, who was driving toward the base, saw a low-flying object, 30 ft in diameter, which avoided collision at the last moment. He got out of the car and saw it hovering for 1 min, then fly off at high speed. Object tracked on radar. Same night, a round, glowing object with a dome on top landed on a nearby farm, melting snow in a 30 ft diameter circle. (UFOE II, Section V; Vallée Magonia 630; NICAP March 1965; BB files??)

Jan. 12, 1965; Wallops Island, Virginia
6:30 p.m., a bright yellow object was seen for two minutes by Mr. and Mrs. Milliner, NASA public relations employees, on Wallops Island, Virginia.

Jan. 12, 1965; Lynden, WA
Border Patrol officer saw bright disc illuminating ground, swoop down, hover near car, accelerate up into clouds with rushing air sound (section V).

Jan. 14, 1965; Thaxton, Virginia (BB)
4:30 p.m. EST. McManaway while watching a B-52 high in the sky saw a cigar-shaped object larger than the B-52. The object was heading east at an estimated 2,000 mph. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Jan. 14, 1965; Wilmot, NH
Cat. 3. Luminous object hovering, humming sound, electricity resumed when object sped away.

Jan. 14, 1965; Staunton, Virginia
4:45 p.m. An object was seen over Staunton by Carl Billings and Jody Smith.

Jan. 14, 1965; Dooms, Virginia
6:00 p.m. A stationary light was seen over Dooms by seven students and a bus driver.

Jan. 14, 1965; ???, Virginia
12:00 p.m. Mr. James Myers, saw a circular object rise from the ground.

Jan. 15, 1965: Between Wilmot and Enfield, N.H. (BB)
At 10 p.m. a former Manchester newsman, Mr. Charles Knee, Jr., was driving on Route 4-A when the radio suddenly stopped, the lights on the car went out and the engine quit. He lost control of the car and pulled to the side of the road and then heard a loud humming sound like a high frequency electrical whine. He then opened the car door and stepped out. He looked up and saw a very bright light below the cloud cover at around 2,000 to 5,000 feet altitude which looked about the size of a flashlight held at arm's length pointed toward his face. It seemed to hover for a moment and then it took off to the south traveling very fast. As the light left and the whine died away the car's lights and radio came on and the motor started. The whole thing lasted about 15 or 20 seconds. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Jan.18, 1965; Buchanan, Virginia (BB)
6:00 p.m. EST. Three children observed a round object with 3 rings like donuts stacked one on the other moving directly overhead. The object seemed to be high when first sighted to the north. The object paused momentarily and appeared to descend slightly, then ascend and continued on course to the south at a fast rate of speed. It was observed for 2 to 5 minutes. A check with the Washington Air Defense Sector revealed that there were no aircraft under their operational control at the time of the sighting. The area was scanned by a AN/FPS-6 height finder radar 45 minutes after the sighting. (Dan Wilson)

Jan. 19, 1965; Brand's Flats, Virginia

5:40 p.m. An industrial worker observed two circular flying objects hovering at low altitude over an archery range. The smaller object (diameter 20 feet) landed 15 to 18 yards from the witness. Three beings about three feet tall emerged, uttered unintelligible noises, and returned to the object, which then took off.(Section XII).

Jan. 20, 1965; Long Beach, Mississippi (BB)
9:40 a.m. CST. A silver like object was seen moving west, traveling slow and high and passed directly above Burke St. observer. The object was transparent as if made of glass or plastic. It seemed to have two people aboard, one in front and the other seemed to be sitting facing the back of' the capsule holding something large like a camera. The length of observation was not reported. (Dan Wilson)

Jan. 21, 1965; Richmond, Virginia (BB)
7:10 p.m. EST. A bright light, the size compared with a half dollar held at arm's length was observed hovering over the tower of radio station WTVR. After hovering for a few seconds the object appeared to move rapidly to the north and disappear over the horizon. The light was seen for approximately 45 seconds. (Dan Wilson, BB docs)

Jan. 22 (4th ?), 1965; Baltimore, Maryland (BB)
5:25 p.m. EST. A 10 year-old boy and 4 adults observed an egg-shaped object that went way up in the sky. The object suddenly dove down and disappeared far beyond the observers. [Two different dates are given for this sighting. Form 164 gave January 4th while the letter gave January 22nd] (Dan Wilson, Blue Book files).

Jan. 23, 1965; Lightfoot, N of Williamsburg, Virginia (BBU 9242)
8:40 a.m. Cars stalled near intersection of US Hwy 60 and State Route 614, witness T. F. Mains saw light-bulb or mushroom-shaped object 75-80 ft tall, 10-25 ft wide, metallic gray, red-orange and blue glows, hovering over nearby field about 4 ft off the ground, making a vacuum cleaner-type noise, suddenly accelerate horizontally to the W against the wind and disappear. 25 seconds, two autos disabled (UFOE II, Section VIII; Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 177-8; Vallée Magonia 633)

Jan. 24-28, 1965; Alaska (BBU)
Unknown location in Alaska. (McDonald List)

Jan. 24, 1965; Eielson, Alaska
10:00-11:00 p.m. local – green/white light in sky. (Dean)

Jan 24, 1965; Unalakleet, Alaska
White light with flashing yellow and green. Hovering in north at 30-50 miles distance. (Dean)

Jan. 24, 1965; Richmond, Virginia
A radio newsman and his wife saw an orange ball of light streak across the sky and "blink out" over Richmond.5

Jan. 24, 1965; Salem, Virginia
Five college students reported that an oval object kept pace with their car on a darkened highway near Salem. The object, at an altitude of about 400 feet, was observed to have three yellow lights and one green.

Jan. 24, 1965; Verona, Virginia
A couple reported seeing a bright yellow light that hovered overhead for about five minutes before heading for Staunton.

Jan 25, 1965; Alaska. NE Cape

1357-1407Z. Orange light in sky at 330 deg azimuth, 20 miles away.

Jan 25, 1965; Cape Lisburne, Alaska
1300Z. Orange light in sky WNW, elevation 22-26 degrees, tracking north.

Jan 25, 1965; Anchorage, Alaska
Slow moving blue/red/green light in the NE, moving south.

Jan 25, 1965; Alaska
Alaskan Airlines Flight 1049. Captain Gyle, co-pilot and flight engineer, flying between McGraff and Anchorage, 26/0500Z saw, in front of the plane, an object on a south to north course, for 35-60 seconds. Not a satellite.

Jan 25, 1965; Cape Romanzoff, Alaska
Red/green flashing light at 190-degree azimuth, 45-degree elevation.

Jan 25, 1965, Marion, Virginia
A policeman and several other witnesses observed an object which took off from a wooded area on a hill. Traces were allegedly found.

Jan. 25, 1965, Fredericksburg, Virginia
The same night, approximately twenty minutes after observation No. 20, nine persons saw a top-shaped object emitting sparks which moved up the Rappahannock Valley at a low altitude.

Jan. 25th, 3 mi N. of Bedford, Virginia (BB)
10:55 a.m. A person saw an aluminum-colored object of large dimensions fly slowly westward. Five minutes later, two persons at Moneta (10 miles southwest of Bedford) saw a bright cigar flying south to north.

Jan. 25, Washington, D.C.
12:45 p.m. five Stoddert School students in Glover Park, near Washington D.C. saw an object resembling 'an airplane without wings'. First described as silver in color, it became luminous and changed from orange to red, then green.

Jan. 26, 1965; Brands Flat, Virginia
Nightfall. Seven young people were driving (see observation No. 14) when they allegedly spotted a strange looking individual of small height. They pursued him, and two others that appeared, to a wooded area where all sight of beings was lost. Police investigators explored the area but could find no trace of the supposed 'creatures'. Later one of the witnesses and a photographer resumed the search and said they found an aluminum-colored object, when the photographer received a mysterious blow on the head. The two men fled the scene after an attempt to photograph the object. This photo was reportedly "confiscated" by Government agents who are also said to have "silenced" the witness.

Jan. 26, 1965; Marion, Virginia
Evening. The Marion police received numerous telephone calls concerning a stationary object described by Rev. Preston H. Robinson as circular and showing several lights. It flew away at high speed.

Jan. 27-28, 1965; Altavista, Virginia (BB)
1:35 a.m. EST. As reported in accordance with AFR 200-2, one witness observed a bright light the size of a golf ball to baseball held at arm's length.  The object was observed maneuvering in an erratic pattern in and around three aircraft (2 aircraft the first night and 1 aircraft the second night) up and down over and above. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Jan. 27, 1965; Plum Tree Island (Hampton), Virginia (BB)
6:00 p.m. EST. A NASA research engineer, A. G. Crimmins (located at Hampton) observed an object that was approximately 75 feet across and 10 to 15 feet in height. The object had 3 to 7 lights colored red and orange. The object appeared to rotate. The object first appeared at an azimuth of 20 degrees and a maximum of 75 feet of elevation. The object moved approximately 1/4 mile west of the original position on a zigzag course and then appeared to land on the shore. It remained fixed for approximately five minutes. The object then took off to the north and then turned right to depart to the east at a high rate of speed. The object was viewed through 20-power binoculars. There were apparently other reports of similar sightings in the same area at approximately the same time. (UFOE II, Section IV).

Jan. 28, 1965; Fort Yukon, Alaska (BBU)
3:30 a.m. local time. An object was tracked on radar at the same time and direction as visual sightings of tear drop shaped objects. Object tracked on FPS-6 and FPS-20A radars. (Dan Wilson)

Jan. 28, 1965; Alaska
From 1230Z to 1605Z, Alaskan NORAD region, 709 ACW Squadron [66:40N; 145:10W] reported observing two objects in the sky. Lt. James A Buckingham observed one object at 350 degrees azimuth, 40 degrees elevation, while the other was at 320 degrees azimuth, 40 degrees elevation. They appeared silverish, changing to reddish orange. Through binoculars they were flashing reddish orange. The sky was clear with 15 miles visibility. These visual objects appeared to be slowly descending. Last seen on the horizon.

Jan. 28, 1965; Alaska
Between 1236 and 1316Z radar sets FPS-6 and FPS-20 (operator Ssgt John E Finney) picked up one object which Lt Buckingham said was on the same bearing and at the same elevation as one of the visual objects. The radar object was lost at 350 degrees' azimuth, distance 84 miles, height 26,500 feet, speed 20-24 knots, when the blip faded. Radar scope photos were taken. The investigating officer believed the radar object was a balloon, although there were no known balloons in the area.

Jan. 30, 1965; Newport News, Virginia (BB)
8:35 p.m. EST. Five high school students observed a triangular shaped object, size compared to silver dollar held at arm's length. The object was first observed at an angle of 45 degrees and an azimuth of 330 degrees at an estimated 3/4-mile away. The object made a descent to the south and then turned northwest. The object had a white light at the apex of the triangle with an orange light on the left base and a white light on the right base. The length of the observation was 20 minutes (Dan Wilson)

Feb. 1, 1965; Tallahassee, Florida (BB)
7:30 p.m. CST. A a grayish purple or bluish object, round on bottom with a saucer domed top the size of a grapefruit held at arm's length, accompanied by faint humming sound with a speed of an estimated 100-200 mph, was seen by 32 to 40 people. The object gave off a phosphorescence. Twelve to fifteen people called the local radio station to report the object. According to the Dept. of the Air Force Incoming Message, the manner of observation was ground visual and air visual tracking west to east and was observed for 4 minutes. The time given in the AFR 200-2 report was 02/0030Z or 7:30 p.m. It was reported that the object was seen by an Eastern Airlines flight over Daytona Beach on the Atlantic Coast and by an airport tower operator at Jacksonville. Later news bulletins were sent out on radio and television that Air Force investigators were in the area and desired to interview all individuals who could furnish information about the UFO. On February 10, Air Force investigators interviewed one witness who described the object as a classic "flying saucer." His testimony appeared to be sincere and reliable. One person estimated the size of the object as 50 feet in diameter. By the time the information was entered on the RECORD CARD the DATE-TIME was given as 02/0130Z and the length of the observation was given as a few seconds. The Project Blue Book evaluation for this sighting is Astro [Meteor]. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Feb. 2, 1965; Richmond, Virginia; Washington, DC; Baltimore, Maryland Area
At 4:10 p.m. EST, a round or cone-shaped silver object was observed by a weather observer through a theodolite at Richmond, Virginia. The object was moving on an easterly course. The object was picked up on radar. The object was observed south and east of Patuxent River at 5:40 p.m., and over Wallops Island at 5:05 p.m. There were airborne sightings near Baltimore and Washington by two ANG F-86H's at 38,000 feet and two Navy F8C's at 50,000 feet. The object was observed over a period of 2-3 hours or more. (Dan Wilson)

Feb. 11, 1965; Pacific Ocean (Bt. Alaska & Japan)
Flying Tiger aircrew observed three red oval objects, tracked on airborne and ground radar. Paced aircraft for 30 minutes, departed upward at high speed (UFOE II, Section I).

March 2, 1965; E of Weeki Wachee, near Brooksville, Florida (BBU)
1:55 p.m. John F. Reeves, 65, retired, while walking in the woods saw an bluishgreen and reddish-purple object 20-30 ft in diameter, 6 ft thick, saucer-shaped with an outer rim and a stairway, with 2 2-ft windows on top, landed on the ground on 4 4-ft legs about 2,000 ft away. He approached to 100 ft. After watching it for 10 mins [?], he saw a robot-like being about 200-300 ft away, about 5 ft tall, wearing a gray-silver uniform, glass dome headgear, wide-spaced eyes, pointed chin, walking to 15 ft from Reeves, stared at him for 1-1/2 mins, pointing a box [?] or 6-7-inch black object at Reeves that emitted a flash 3 times, then walked back to the landed vehicle and climbed in. Object had Venetian-blind-like blades on the rim that opened and closed, rim started rotating counterclockwise, landing gear retracted, then it took off with a whooshing-rumbling sound and disappeared vertically in < 10 secs, dropping 2 sheets of paper with indecipherable writing, and leaving indentations and footprints in the ground. Investigated by MacDill AFB. (Vallée Magonia 638; etc.) [Note: Richard Hall supervised the investigation for NICAP and concluded that it was a hoax] (Brad Sparks)

March 3, 1965; Point au Fer Reef, Louisiana (BB)
10:21 p.m. CST Personnel at the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Point au Fer Reef observed a ball of light hovering over water about 1000 feet above the surface. It then hovered in one spot east of the station then moved back again. When the object departed it headed in a southwest direction at a great rate of speed. It was stated that the object was not a helicopter. The length of the observation was six minutes. (Dan Wilson, Blue Book files)

March 4, 1965; Corvallis, Oregon (BBU 9301)
9:23 [6:30?] p.m. W. V. Harrison and his employee while driving in a car saw 3 yellow-orange spheres or lights rise rapidly from the ground, several seconds apart. Next day an oily spot was found at the site. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 639)

March 4, 1965; New York, New York (BB)
12:45 a.m. EST. A large elliptical object about the size of a blimp with a fluorescent bluish white color was observed over the Hudson River. The object was at an estimated altitude of 1000 feet and approximately four city blocks away and was stationary. The object had no apparent features, sound or exhaust. The object departed very rapidly towards the WNW. The length of the observation was 5 or 6 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

March 8, 1965; Mount Airy, Maryland (BBU 9305)
7:40 p.m. J. H. Martin, instrument maker for National Bureau of Standards, and 2 others, saw 6 lights fly overhead slowly [and/or a cigar-shaped object with 2 fixed red lights, fly above them, just missed hitting the house, disappearing to the NE]. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 640)

March 15, 1965; Everglades, FL
Bt. 1-2 AM. Hovering cone-shaped object, animal reaction. Witness struck on forehead by light beam, unconscious, eye damage. Damaged foliage found at site (UFOE II, Section I).

March 21, 1965; near Osaka, Japan
7:00 p.m. local time. A UFO paced one Japanese airliner, disappeared, then chased another airliner. This report is listed in the Vol. II UFOE as March 18, over Himeji, but the UFO Investigator publication says March 21. Yoshiaki Inada, the piloting a Toa Airlines plane with 40 passengers spotted the UFO near Osaka. It was an elliptical luminous object which followed the plane for about threee minutes, then took up a position 300' off the left wing and paced the plane for 55 miles. During this time, Inaba told newsmen, it “violently” affected his automatic direction finder and his radio. He tried to contact Osaka Communications tower, but was unsuccessful. The object disappeared when the aircraft reached Matsuyama in Shikoku. (NICAP UFO Investigator, Vol. 3, No.1; Volume II of the UFO Evidence, Hall)

April 4, 1965; Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Mississippi (BBU 9345)
4:05 a.m. USAF A/2c Corum, weather observer, with confirmation by college student R. Pittman not clear from available data. Saw a 40 ft black, oval object with 4 lights along the bottom, fly in and out of the clouds. (UFOE II, Section I, Berliner)

April 10-14, 1965; Misawa AFB, Japan (BBU)
Night. Unidentified radar targets were observed. The targets direction of travel varied. The targets appeared the size of 2 century type aircraft and targets were observed on PAR and ASR at the same points. The targets were seen on eight occasions on April 14, four times on both search and precision radar. In one instance four targets were visible simultaneously. The radars involved were CPN-18 (S-band) and FPN-16 (X-band) GCA radars. Maintenance checked the radar, it appeared normal. The Chief, Target Branch, 1st Lt. David W Vaughan stated; "In the past 12 years I have observed all types of weather, wind, temperature inversion, false returns, birds, and numerous other objects on radar, but never a target this size, moving with the speed and directions of these." (McDonald list)

April 18, 1965; Bernalillo, New Mexico
Photos. UFO contactee Paul Villa, claimed to be in contact with space men and space women since 1953 and he produced from 1963 on several series of photographs of alleged flying saucers to prove his claims. The pictures were studied by US Air Force Project Bluebook, by Ground Saucer Watch and others and revealed to they were faked using small models hanging on strings.

April 23, 1965; Rivesville, West Virginia (BBU)
8 a.m. Woman saw a 25 ft object land near her house while she was working in the kitchen. Shaped like a disk, with portholes, a cylinder about 3 ft high, a sliding door from which a small being, about 3 ft tall emerged and jumped to the ground. Its face was not clearly visible but it had pointed ears, a sort of tail, was linked to the main object by a cable, wore white clothing, picked up something from the ground, then re-entered the cylinder, which slid up into the larger white disk. Outside rim of landed object started spinning in a counterclockwise motion with a soft whistling sound, it then rose straight up out of sight. (Vallée Magonia 644)

April 27, 1965; McClellan AFB, California (BB)
7:37 p.m. PST. Capt. Garth W. Skouson, Pilot, and SSGT James H. Perkins, Flight Engineer, while flying a EC-121D aircraft at 15,000 feet on a course of 132 degrees at 170 knots at approximately 240 miles WSW of Los Angeles (33 degrees 2 min. N 122 degrees 30 min. W) observed a blue-white round object the same size as a star move across the horizon in a straight line too swiftly for any known aircraft. The object was first seen at 30 degrees above the horizon and 30 degrees left of nose. The object was last seen at 15 degrees above the horizon 60 degrees left of nose. It suddenly disappeared after brightening slightly. The length of observation was 4 minutes. (Blue Book files)

May 6, 1965; Philippine Sea (BBU)
9:10 a.m. [GMT? = 6:10? p.m. Local Time?] Crew of USN ship heading W at 265° at 15 knots sighted aircraft at bearing 000° [N?] approaching. At 9:14 the SPS-6C air search radar detected 4 targets at ranges up to 22 miles for the next 6 mins at extremely high speed 3,000 knots (3,500 mph)

and various maneuvers, viewed through binoculars appeared as 3 lighted objects one of 1st stellar magnitude the others 2nd magnitude. Objects hovered directly over the ship for 3 mins as confirmed visually and on radar by the Commanding Officer, bridge crew and others on deck. No IFF response, one object to starboard appeared larger on radar. Objects departed to the SE at extremely high speed. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-5)

May 7, 1965; Oxford, Mich. (BBU 9389)
7:30 p.m. M. E. Marshall saw a light, like a satellite, split into 2 parts, one of which was copperish color, then 2 more joined up. One object may have been tumbling. (Berliner)

May 20, 1965; Leroy Township, Ohio
7 PM. Six members of the McDonald family saw a silvery-white disc with a row of ports that were about one-foot in diameter. The disc, estimated to be the size of a car, skimmed over the rooftop of their house. At the time of the object's passage, neighbors noted unusual TV and radio interference. A dog and a tethered horse, both accustomed to aircraft as they lived under the flight path of two airports, showed fear as the disc, making a low buzzing or purring sound, flew over. The dog ran. The horse, with ears back and eyes wild, ran about on the tether. (The U.F.O. Investigator [NICAP], Vol. III, No. 3, June-July 1965, page 5).

May 22, 1965; Albuquerque, New Mexico (BB)
6:55 a.m. MST. Ronnie Charlson, his wife, father-in-law, and mother-in-law, observed six egg-shaped objects in a V-shaped formation traveling at high speed from east to west and moving overhead. The objects broke formation and came to almost a halt and changed directions to the northeast. The objects appeared to glow dimly from within and had the apparent size of a small eraser held at arm's length. There was no sound heard. The length of the observation was approximately 30 seconds. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

May, 24, 1965 Eton Ridge, nr Mackay, Queensland, Australia
At 0005hrs local time, three men, Burgess, Tilse and Judin, were playing cards at a remote hotel, when their attention was drawn to what appeared to be an unusual object on, or near the ground. It appeared to be a disc shaped object, with banks of lights underneath it, to their south-east. Tilse estimated its diameter as 30 feet; Judin as 20 feet, and Burgess as 6 feet. By the light of the Moon, its colour was described by Tilse, as 'charcoal.' At times, it seemed to approach them, then recede. Finally, it rapidly rose to a height estimated as 300 feet, then accelerated away to their east to north-east. On departure, two of the men, namely Burgess and Judin said they heard a 'buzzing' sound. During the period that it was on or near the ground, surrounding trees were illuminated. Total duration was given as 40 minutes. Two days later, a circular depression is said to have been found nearby, practically underneath a telephone line, though there was no damage to the telephone line nor poles. Tilse's report states that 'tops of trees appear to be burned.' At the time the sky was reported as clear, and the temperature about 80 degrees Fahrenheit.(Keith Basterfield; Sources: (1) Personal report by Tilse to UFOPIA's magazine, 'Panorama.' Vol. 4. No.3 1965. pp17-18. (2) Australian Flying Saucer Review. (UFOIC) No.9. Nov 1966. p. 12. (3) NICAP UFO Investigator. Jun/Jul 1965. p. 1. (4) APRO Bulletin. Jan 1966. p. 3.)

May 28, 1965; Townsville, North Queensland, Australia
At about 0325 hrs local time, aircraft VH-INH was flying from Brisbane, Queensland, to Port Moresby, New Guinea, when the aircraft captain contacted Townsville control to report that the DC-6B plane was being 'buzzed' by an unknown flying object. It was described as spherical in shape, with a flat top and bottom. 'Exhaust gases' were said to be coming from it. Over a ten minute period, the object 'paced' the aircraft, during which time the captain is said to have taken photographs of it. Finally the object 'raced' ahead of the plane, and disappeared. Although the NICAP account states that the photographs were confiscated by the 'authorities' no civilian researcher has ever been able to locate, or interview the pilot or crew, and the alleged photographs have never surfaced. The case is only known through a Townsville police detective, who stated that a Townsville Department of Civil

Aviation officer told him of the event. (Keith Basterfield; Source: NICAP The UFO Investigator. Jun/Jul 1965. p4. based on a communication from the Townsville police detective.)

June 5, 1965; Lynn/Nahant, Mass.
UFOs over GE facility. No data.

Antartica Sightings

In June-July, 1965, three nations maintained research stations at different locations on the island, and personnel from all of them were involved in the observations. Those bases were: the English Base "B"' at Caleta Balleneros, the Chilean base ("Pedro Aguirre Cerda") at Caleta Pendulum, and the Argentinian post at First of May Bay. Seven sightings are provided below.

June 7, 1965; Antartica
On Monday, at 19:50 hours, the meteorological officer Jorge Stanich was performing a routine observation at the Argentinian base. The sky was completely covered by stratus. The observer noticed a stationary, bright, yellow light at an altitude of 25 degrees above the horizon, and he estimated its distance to be 2000 meters (6560 ft). The witness is rather certain that the duration of the sighting was 5 seconds.

June 8, 1965; Antartica
On Tuesday, at 2:20 hrs, the same observer had a new sighting under identical circumstances. A stationary light was again observed for 4 seconds toward, the NW, with an altitude of 40 degrees above the horizon. The light was similar in color to the one detected the previous day and was also below the stratus cloud deck of 8/8 coverage. The witness claimed to have heard a grave sound of hardly any intensity two minutes after the observation. The distance from the witness to the vertical of the object is determined to be 1000 m (3280 ft). According to the observer the angular size of. the object was like 1 cm at arm's length. Consequently, the actual diameter at 1300 meters was 20 meters (65.6 ft). In a second attempt to estimate the object's size, the witness indicated that the head of a match (0.25cm) covered 1/3 of the object.This estimate yields an actual diameter of 15 meters (49 ft) at a distance of 1300 meters. From this is was concluded that the actual diameter of the UFO was between 15 and 20 meters (49-66 ft).

June 8-9, 1965; Turkey (BBU)
At 11:45 p.m. local time, a radar site near Ankara observed returns with some unusual characteristics. The tracks were of extremely high speed and some of the personnel at the radar site had seen the object as it passed over Ankara. There were eight separate tracks at intervals of approximately 1 hour. The tracks appeared to originate near 90 degrees and heading on a course of 230 degrees towards the radar station. The returns were tracked at speeds up to 3000 mph. The type of radar used was an FPS-88. (McDonald)

June 18, 1965; Antartica
The third incident took place on Friday, and was observed starting at 16:20 hrs by nine witnesses from the Chilean Air Force base. For a total of 25 minutes, a bright and apparently solid object zigzaged from the east quadrant to the south quadrant, and maintained an altitude above the horizon between 35 and 20 degrees. Looking like a very large star, it was white with some orange hues while turning. The sky was starry with very few clouds.

June 29, 1965; Frankfurt, West Germany (BBU)
1242/1243 Z. U.S. FAA Flight Inspection Pilot flying an aircraft at 190 knots in final landing approach (aircraft on radar, object was not) saw a white, round object in clouds on a course intercepting the aircraft, size estimated larger than 4-engine transport aircraft also in view, speed that of a jet. At about 5 miles distance, UFO turned in front of the aircraft and disappeared by fading. No features were noted on the object; left no trail. Object flew through a haze and cloud layer at 5,000 ft

which partially “camouflaged” object. (Basterfield; Sparks; BB files; McDonald list) 1 witness

July 1, 1965; Valensole, France (BB)
5:00 a.m. (?) Elliptical object with legs observed on ground, two small humanoids pointed pencil-like device at witness, paralyzing him. Strong physical trace evidence at site (UFOE II, Section, XII).

July 2, 1065; Antartica
At 19:15 hrs on Friday, five garrison members of the English Base "B" had a new sighting while doing routine meteorological observations. The witnesses observed a light in the north quadrant, zigzagging, hovering and accelerating at times, and maintaining altitudes between 20 and 45 degrees above the horizon. The light was green and red, at times yellow, and was observed for perhaps 15-20 minutes. The night was starry, with 1/8 sky cover of strato-cumulus and practically no moon. The edges of the light resembled those of a bright star.

July 3, 1965; Antarctica (BBU)
UFO interfered with instruments measuring magnetic fields. (UFOE II, Sections IV, VIII; McDonald list)

July 4, 1965; Massillon, Ohio (BB)
8:40 a.m. EST. A woman named (Fogel?) observed a silver-white circular object in flight from NW to SE at an estimated 1/2 mile or less away. The object which was sharply outlined against a vivid blue sky at a low altitude looked like two plain hubcaps placed back to back. The speed of the object was estimated at 200-300 mph. It disappeared by changing course and flying straight up. The length of the observation was given as approximately one minute. (Dan Wilson, Blue Book files)

July 6, 1965; McKeesport, Pennsylvania (BB)
4:00 a.m. (approx) EDT. Mrs. Hill and later her husband observed white unidentified objects in the sky. One object flew from the south towards the north and stopped at approximately an altitude of 45 degrees. Then another object came from the south and caught up with the first object and appeared to become one. Here they hovered for a minute. At this time one light flew back to the south on essentially the same path it had come while the other took off to the north. A pair of 6 X 15 binoculars were used to view the objects. The teletype INCOMING MESSAGE AF IN : 5360, states: PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REVEALED NO OBVIOUS CONCLUSIONS OBJECT REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED. The length of the entire observation was approximately 10 minutes. (Dan Wilson, Blue Book files)

July 6, 1965; Fossil, Oregon (BB)
At 9:00 a.m. PST. Mr. Wehrle and a boy age 8 observed three silver cigar shaped objects side by side moving to the SW at a slow speed. The objects were estimated to be 60 feet long and 12 feet in depth. The objects were in sight for approximately two minutes when they disappeared suddenly. On the Record Card under 10. CONCLUSION, it says UNIDENTIFIED, which has been crossed out. The preparing officer wrote, "It is my belief, Mr Wehrle and the boy did observe a UFO". (Dan Wilson, Blue Book files)

July 6, 1965; Arlington, Texas (BBU)
10:30 p.m. CST. Two civilians saw a light in the sky to the north that started moving up and down and to the side in very swift movements. An object was painted on Fort Worth radar in the same general area and an F4C aircraft flew to the area but nothing was observed. The length of observation was 10-15 minutes.(McDonald list)

July 6, 1965; Kiel, Wisc. (BBU 9474)
9:30 p.m. Mrs. E. R. Hayner saw a flashing light, like a satellite. No further data in the files. (Berliner)

July 8, 1965; Sunnyvale, CA.
Police lieutenant and officer saw hovering white object that undulated, darted here and there, zigzagged, and sped away (UFOE II, Section, V).

July 9, 1965; Santa Maria, Azores
A white cylindrical object was seen flying at 33,000 ft.over Santa Maria Island. An airport spokesman said all electromagnetic clocks at the Santa Maria Airport were stopped when the object passed overhead. Attempts to identify object were unsuccessful. (Source: Chris Wyatt; Canberra Times (ACT 1926 - 1995) Tuesday, July 13, 1965, Anderson Herald (Anderson, Indiana) Sunday, July 11, 1965 - Page 6)

July 13, 1965; Findley, Bellefontaine, Ohio & into Pennsylvania (BBU)
7:05 p.m. According to the Steubenville Herald-Star of Tuesday, July 13, 1965, an unidentified flying object was spotted Monday, July 12, by thousands of persons over much of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland. Sometime around 7:05 p.m. local time, an object was reported hovering over Findlay, Ohio. This object was picked up on RADAR for a period of 24 minutes. The Bellefontaine, Ohio, Air Station had two objects on radar. Another or the same object was picked up on radar at Oakdale, Pennsylvania, and observed visually near Eastmont, Pa. This object was held on radar for about one hour. Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, sent up a jet plane to get a closer look at the object but could not reach the object reportedly hovering at 60,000 to 80,000 feet. (McDonald list)

July 19, 1965; Vaucluse, N.S.W., Australia
5:30 p.m. Domed disc with legs on beach, dogs barked loudly. Object took off with sound of rushing air, yellow-orange glow from underside (UFOE II, Section, IV).

July 20, 1965; Chesterville, Ontario, Canada
Domed object paced car, climbed out of sight (UFOE II, Section, XII).

July 22, 1965; Forbes AFB, Kansas (BBU)
8:00 a.m. CST. Maj. William W. Cory and Maj. Joseph M. McQuaid observed a silver, elongated object that was flat looking as if looking at the side of a dime. The object was approximately 7 degrees above the horizon at approximately 90 degrees azimuth and apparently stationary. No weather balloons or aircraft were reported in the area. The object was in sight for approximately 5 minutes until it became obscured by cloud. (McDonald list)

July 25, 1965; Castalia, Ohio (BBU 9550)
9:15 p.m. Amateur astronomer M. D. Harris, 16, saw a bright blue star cross 90° of sky. (Berliner)

July 25, 1965; Truax Field, Wisconsin
At 9:30 p.m. local time, a target was picked on an Army Air Defense Missile (ARADCOM Site C-72 site) radar. The object was on a SW heading at 100,000 foot altitude and a speed of over 1000 knots. The length of observation was 10 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

July 27, 1965; Carnarvan, W. Australia
7:40 p.m. Bull Terrier reacted when an object hovered above car it was riding in.

July 28, 1965; Carswell AFB, Texas
At 9:40 p.m. local time, a USAF Reserve Major, with a Command Pilot rating and a top secret clearance, with his wife observed a manta ray shaped object fly almost directly overhead at below 1000 feet altitude. The object moved at a constant speed on the same course of 360 degrees. The object was approximately 40 feet long and had two brilliant white lights pulsating off and on once every second. At no time was there any sound. The object flew directly through the Carswell control zone at low altitude.The Major upon returning to his quarters called the control tower. The sighting was verified by three other persons on duty. The report was submitted because RAPCON could not

identify aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. The report goes on to state: "This sighting was a positive observation, under ideal circumstances, of a definite object of an unconventional nature--possibly of foreign origin, which could be a threat to national security." All the witnesses' names have been blacked out on the report. This is not usually done with military witnesses. (Dan Wilson)

July 30, 1965; East Coast, United States
At 9:00 a.m. local time, one or two objects were observed on ground radar. The motion of the target appears to rule out direct observation, as natural objects would not be able to change directions radically at the observed speeds. (Dan Wilson)

July 31-Sept 3, 1965: Southwestern U.S.
Sighting wave mostly in Southwestern U.S. and northward through the central tier of states, later in eastern U.S. (See separate chronology, UFOE II, Section, VIII.)

July 31, 1965; Wynnewood, Oklahoma (BBU)
At 1:05 a.m. local time, Wynnewood police officer Lewis Sikes reported an unidentified flying object NE of Wynnewood. A little later simultaneous radar fixes were obtained at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City and Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas. Both Tinker AFB and Carswell AFB tracked the object to a point 15 miles SW of Tinker AFB when it disappeared. A few minutes later, it was tracked to a location 29 miles south of Tinker when it was lost again. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

Minuteman II Operational in August 1965

> The LGM-30F Minuteman II featured many improvements. It had a completely new Aerojet General SR19-AJ-1 second stage motor, which increased range by about 1600 km (1000 miles). Its guidance unit used solid-state circuitry, and could store up to eight sets of target coordinates. The first LGM-30F launch occurred in September 1964, and the first missiles became operational in August 1965.
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> During the first days of August, 1965, major portions of the American Midwest and west were the scene of numerous sightings of mysterious flying craft. The night of August 2-3, saw a large number of sightings by a large number of witnesses and Santa Ana, California, was the setting the next morning for Rex Heflin's famous Polaroid images of a dome-topped UFO zooming across the highway.

Aug. 1, 1965; Ent AFB, Colorado (BBU)
Beginning at 11:45 p.m. MST, 3 to 4 oval-shaped objects with bright silver glows were observed by five military personnel and one civilian. The objects appeared to be 8 to 10 miles apart, then moved rapidly closer until 4 to 5 miles apart. The objects were observed for periods of 20 minutes, 30 minutes and 5 minutes. The Air Force wrote these off as being stars. (McDonald list)

Aug. 1, 1965; Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
At 9:08 p.m., four objects, bluish-white with a red haze in color, the size of a pea held at arm's length, were observed visually from the Control Tower. The objects were first seen at 45 degrees elevation and at 190 degrees azimuth. All the objects appeared to be at approximately 22,000 feet. One object was moving south and one object was moving north at speeds of approximately 150 to 200 mph. Two of the objects did not appear to be moving. Information on these objects was furnished to the 746th AC&W Squadron, at the Oklahoma City AFS. They advised radar contact with one object at 10,000 feet in the vicinity of Norman, Oklahoma, located approximately 20 miles south of Tinker AFB. The length of observation was 1 1/2 hours. (Dan Wilson)

Aug. 1, 1965; W. of Topeka, Kansas
Night. During the night a TWA Aircraft (707) in flight picked up 12-15 targets on Air-Intercept Radar flying toward their aircraft in formation at high speed on 50 mile scope. They changed to 20 mile

scope and observed the objects approaching in formation. The pilot, co-pilot, and engineer all witnessed this cleary on the scope. Aircraft passed the objects but did not see them visually. All parties concerned are very reputable. They asked that no names be used and that no publicity be given this sighting. Case includes 2 films. (Dan Wilson)

Aug. 1 and 2, 1965; Whiteman AFB, Missouri (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Aug. 2, 1965; Justin, Texas (BBU)
Two Tarrant County deputy sheriffs saw an object as bright as burning magnesium, land as they patrolled near Wagle Mountain Lake. Extensive investigation by police found no traces. (Vallée Magonia 667)

Aug. 2, 1965; Oklahoma City, Okla. (BBU)
Two children saw a brilliant, round object without wings, close to the ground, in the 600 block on Northwest 63. (Vallée Magonia 668)

Aug. 2, 1965; Wichita, KS
Beginning at 2:30 a.m. unidentified blips showed up on the Weather Bureau's radar screen at the Municipal Airport and continued intermittently until after 6 a.m. Most of the sightings were in the vicinity of Wellington, Kansas. The altitude of the blips ranged from about 5,000 feet to 20,000 feet. At least four Wellington citizens told of seeing colored glows in the southern Kansas sky during the early morning hours. (Dan Wilson. Source: The Hutchinson News, Kansas, August 2, 1965, Pg. 1)

Aug. 2, 1965; Sherman, TX
3:00 a.m. Broadcasting stations, police, and other agencies had been flooded with reports for hours. Shortly after midnight a local TV news photographer, Robert Campbell, heard on his radio two police highway patrols discuss reports of an UFO tracked on radar and streaking towards the Texas border. The photographer took his 4x5 Speed Graphic camera and drove into town, where he met the Chief of Police. Together the two men searched for the object, and soon sighted it hanging stationary thirteen miles east of Sherman, on Highway 82. The object's shape was an object with "Mercury capsule" shape at one end, possibly rounded at other end. Several distinct bands around diameter of cylinder, with disc shaped "bosses" on surface. Bands of luminosity. An extrusion of luminosity from one band, and an ejection of an unknown material accompanied the object. He took four exposures, two minutes each at three-minute intervals. The negatives have been carefully examined by Air Force scientific advisers and by astronomical experts. No acceptable explanation has been found for the object recorded on the negatives. (Mark Cashman)

August 3, 1965

> Denver Post editorial: "Maybe it's time for more people to get serious about the UFO question. ... If we still choose to be skeptical, we nevertheless are not nearly so ready as we once were to dismiss all reports of variously shaped but elusive flying objects as products of midsummer night dreams."

Aug. 2 (3rd?), 1965; Tulsa, OK
1:30 a.m. 14 year-old boy (Alan Smith) took photo. May or may not be a hoax. Date of photo in question (Aug 2 or 3rd).

Aug. 3, 1965; Cocoa, Florida (BBU)
11:40 p.m. EST. At least 2 Cocoa Police officers and several other persons observed four round objects the size of a pea held at arm's length in a diamond formation that appeared to be stationary in the sky. The objects were colored orange, white or green during the period of observation. One other object was observed to the west of the diamond formation. One object was seen to leave the diamond formation and move away at a very fast rate of speed and after approximately 30 seconds it moved

back into the formation. Two other policemen in front of the police headquarters observed a yellow light with a ring around it at approximately 11:30 p.m. The object bobbed back and forth and appeared to be the size of a 50 cent piece held at arm's length. The object was observed for several minutes. (McDonald list)

Aug. 3, 1965; Santa Ana, Calif.
12:37 p.m. Highway investigator Rex Heflin, three Polaroid photos of domed-disc UFO (UFOE II, Section, VII)

Aug. 3, 1965; Lake Hefner, Okla. (BBU)
Young man saw an object rise from the lake area. (Vallée Magonia 669)

Aug. 4, 1965; Dallas, Texas (BBU)
1:30 a.m. Man in a car saw a red and blue light, thought it came from a police car, then was passed by a huge, orange object flying at ground level. (Vallée Magonia 672)

> August 4, 1965
> Fort Worth Star Telegram (TX) editorial: "They can stop kidding us now about there being no such thing as 'flying saucers. . . .' Too many people of obviously sound mind saw and reported them independently. . . .... Their descriptions of what they saw were too similar to one another, and too unlike any familiar object"

Aug. 4, 1965. Calumet AFS, Mich. (BBU)
USAF radar tracking of 10 targets in V-formation traveling from the SW at about 9,000 mph over Lake Superior at 5,200 to 17,000 ft (1-3 miles). Other targets other Duluth chased by USAF jets. (UFOE II, Section VII; Todd Lemire; UFOCAT)

August 4, 1965; Abilene, KS
E-M effects on truck, domed disc swooped overhead, hovered just above road, blocked highway (UFOE II, Section, VI).

Aug. 4, 1965; Dallas, Texas (BBU 9675)
9:30 p.m. J. A. Carter, 19, saw a light fly fast, straight and level. No further data in files. (Berliner)

Aug. 4, 1965; Tinley Park, Illinois (BBU 9680)
11:35 p.m. 2 unnamed 14 year-olds saw a light move around the sky. No further data in files. (Berliner)

Aug. 5, 1965; Chicago, IL to Louisville, KY
At 11:04 p.m. local time, two objects were picked up on ground radar at two radar sites at approximately 100,000 feet in altitude. The objects appeared and disappeared on scope with no apparent heading. There were no known air traffic in the area. The length of observation was 45 minutes. The manner of observation was search and height radar. The location of the observers was at Snow Mountain radar site 25 miles SW of Louisville, Ky., and Arlington Heights radar site 50 miles NW of Chicago, Il. According to one document, given the locations of where the objects were first sighted and where they lost shows that the objects moved 620 NM in 45 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

> Aug. 6, 1965
> Cascade (ID) News editorial: "An objective observer is about forced to the conclusion that there are objects of some sort appearing in the skies that cannot be explained by any conventional circumstances. There is absolutely no reason to deny the UFOs' existence because we don't understand them."

Aug. 8, 1965; Beaver, Pennsylvania

11:30 p.m. Allegedly a luminous UFO was photographed by James Lucci. According to estimations by witnesses, the diameter of the UFO was around 13 meters. Lucci, 17, was photographing the full moon with his brother, John, 23. According to them a shining object appeared from behind a hill. James managed to take two shots before the flying object left. His friends encouraged him to send the photos to the *Beaver County Times*, where they were analyzed and declared authentic. On the image above, the moon can be seen at left. The analyses by UFO researchers wasn't so generous.

Aug. 10, 1965; Nashville, Indiana
Two discs below clouds observed from aircraft. (Vol. II, UFOI, Hall)

Aug. 10, 1965; Seattle, WA.
Boeing aerospace engineer saw two silvery, disc-shaped objects that hovered for several minutes, departed upward at high speed one after the other (UFOE II, Section, IV).

Aug. 10, 1965; Pacific Northwest
9:40 P.M. Fireball meteor traveling easterly across northeast sky.

Aug. 10, 1965; Suffolf County, New York
At around 8:50 p.m. local time, a large circular object with over 100 lights was observed at very low altitude in the vicinity of Riverhead, N.Y. by an airman. The object hovered for 5-10 minutes and then flew away towards Montauk. Around 9:15 p.m., at the Suffolk County AFB, a call came in of someone reporting a UFO in the vicinity of Southhampton. A request was made to divert a KC-97 aircraft (AG 506) to make a run on the UFO and try and identify it. This was done with the help of GCA Vectors. The pilot saw the object but was unable to identify it. (Dan Wilson)

Aug. 11, 1965; Beaver, PA
Dog "went crazy" at hovering disc.

Aug. 11-12, 1965; Whiteman AFB, Missouri
Multiple objects were seen visually from the ground by observers at building S-35 Base Operations and the control tower. In addition the objects were observed on the base AN/CPS 9 weather radar. Objects moved from north northeast to the south very fast and disappeared to the south. These objects were observed over a period of 4 - 5 hours. They appeared to be at angles estimated to be at 30 degrees to 60 degrees above the horizon. One witness observed a dull red object , oval in shape, at 5 to 10 degrees above the horizon.Some of the observers were 2nd Lt Lee F. Hudson and Staff Sgt Alton W. Badman, both of the of the 8th Weather Squadron. Other observers were control tower personnel. All the observers are considered to be reliable. One witness on duty in the control tower observed an object round in shape and appeared to be the size of a huge star. Object had a spotlight pointing directly toward the ground and another spotlight pointing to the southeast. The object was moving northeast at approx. 10 knots. This object was tracked on radar on both height and search presently measuring 5000 ft. altitude. (Dan Wilson)

Aug.12, 1965; Springfield, Ohio (BB)
At 11:15 a.m. EST, Major Jack D. Bond, sitting in a passenger seat of a T-29 aircraft observed an unidentified flying object. The aircraft was on a heading of 300 degrees and was descending from 4000 feet to 3000 feet at the time of the sighting. The object was ascending and descending and was slightly higher than the T-29. The object appeared to be 5 to 7 miles away and moving in a general direction of 90 degrees. The object's speed was highly erratic during the 3 ascents and 3 descents that the object made. On its third descent the object appeared to level off and accelerate away at a speed of 600 knots or more. Project Blue Book evaluated this sighting as a Mirage. (Dan Wilson)

August 13, 1965
Portsmouth (NH) Herald editorial: "Perhaps we really do have visitors
from somewhere beyond our present ken."

Aug. 13, 1965; Baden, Penna. (BBU)
9:30 p.m. [zone ?] 37 year-old civilian had just put his car in the garage when he saw an disk-shaped object about 300 ft in diameter, fly in front of the moon (which rose in the E about 9:30 p.m. EDT at 107° azimuth) on a N heading at about 50 mph about 2,300 ft away, surrounded with orange lights that weakened as a blue source came on, very intense for about 3 secs. Then all lights disappeared and a sort of "shock wave" effect shaking tree leaves ensued. Witness entered his house and called the USAF, 20 mins later his vision became hazy, eyes painful, gradually losing vision in both eyes, and his entire body was "sunburned." Medical exam compared symptoms to UV exposure. Vision came back gradually over several days. (Vallée Magonia 677)

Aug. 16, 1965

> Christian Science Monitor editorial: "[UFOs] sighted early this month over Texas may give scientists something to think about for a long time. . . . They give the clearest evidence of all that something strange actually was in the sky. ... It makes the clearest case yet for a thorough look at the saucer mystery."

Aug. 18, 1965; Noblesville, IN
Top-shaped object with dome, body lights, hovered over car. E-M case.

Aug. 18, 1965; Cherry Creek, New York
Bull tried to escape as football-shaped object hovered.

Aug. 19, 1965; Cherry Creek / Lockport, New York (BBU 9806)
Between 8:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. local time, a momentary target was picked up by an AN/FPS-6 Long Range Height Finder Radar of the 763rd Radar Squadron at Lockport AFS New York. The target was sighted near the upper limit of the radar. This system had a maximum range of 200 nautical miles and a height-finding capacity of 75,000 feet within an angle limit of minus 2 to plus 32 degrees. (See incident below)

Aug. 19, 1965; Cherry Creek, New York (9806)
8:20-9 p.m. (EDT). Mrs. William Butcher, son Harold, 17, and children [3 students?], heard radio interference and beeping sound in a barn, went outside to see 50 ft wide saucer like two plates lip-to-lip [elliptical?], 20 ft thick, shiny silver or chrome color with red glowing streamers [reddish vapor underneath?] and leaving a red-yellow trail, which landed nearby then rapidly ascended into the clouds turning the clouds bright green a few seconds later; burned gasoline odor; farm animals reacted and later reduced milk production. Object returned twice at 8:45 and 9 p.m. finally disappearing to SSW [or SW?]. Radio drowned out by static, a tractor engine stopped. Next day, a purplish liquid, 2 ft x 2 ft marks and patches of singed grass were found at the site by USAF Capt. James Dorsey and 4 technicians from Niagara Falls AFB. Apparent radar evidence discovered. (UFOE II, Section I; Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 170-2; Vallée Magonia 675, 684; Dan Wilson)

Aug. 19, 1965; Lockport, New York
Between 8:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. local time, a momentary target was picked up by an AN/FPS-6 Long Range Height Finder Radar of the 763rd Radar Squadron at Lockport AFS New York. The target was sighted near the upper limit of the radar. This system had a maximum range of 200 nautical miles and a height-finding capacity of 75,000 feet within an angle limit of minus 2 to plus 32 degrees. (Dan Wilson)

Aug. 20, 1965; Plattsburgh, New York (BBU)
At approximately 5:26 p.m. local time, a round, flat, disc-shaped object of 15-20 feet in diameter was observed in the sky. The object was circling back and forth in 1/2 mile radius circles with high speed turns. The object was bright metallic colored and was approximately 2-3 miles away from the observer who watched the object with artillery binoculars. The object showed a high rate of

acceleration and disappeared to the east after approximately 3 minutes. A sighting was made on the GCA Radar at Plattsburgh AFB at about 5:30 p.m. A phenomena of isolated, high intensity jamming was noted. (Dan Wilson,
McDonald list)

Aug. 20, 1965; Pease AFB, New Hampshire
At about11:30 p.m. EDT, the Watch Supervisor RAPCON tracked a UFO on a CPN-18 Radar from a position approximately seven miles NW of Pease AFB, to a position approximately two miles NW of Pease. The speed of the object was slow, sporadic at times. The Control Tower had visual contact with the object. The object was observed for about 30 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

August 21, 1965

> Science editor, Christian Science Monitor: "Flying saucers are all but literally knocking on the laboratory door. . . . Something definitely is going on that cannot yet be explained."

Aug. 26, 1965; Amarillo, Texas (BB)
Beginning at 11:05 p.m. CST, a woman and members of her family observed 5 semi-circle formations of saucer shaped objects with rims around the bottom. The objects were of a dull aluminium color. The first formation had 8-10 objects and the successive formations had 6-7 objects. The objects appeared (to be about) the size of a dime held at arm's length. The first formation traveled NW to SE. The other formations traveled N to S. Objects in front of the formations remained on course while objects at the rear and sides darted in and out of formation. Formations were observed at 505, 530, 540, 600, and 610 GMT 27 August 1965. Each formation was in sight for 5-7 seconds. The observers' location was approximately 3 miles west of Amarillo AFB. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

Aug. 28, 1965; Glasgow AFB, Montana (BBU)
9:15 p.m. MST. A round, bright silver object, slightly larger than a pea held at arm's length, was first observed by Capt Hubert R. Martin, a pilot of the 13th FIS. The object was first seen south of the base at an elevation of approximately 10 degrees. The object moved to the north over the base at a high rate of speed. It then appeared to stop and seemed to be moving in a circular direction. Then the object seemed to move up and out of sight in altitude. Other observers were: A1C William T. Stachwoicz, Tower Operator, A2C Edward L. Schmidt, Combat Alert Center Operator, and A2C Jesse J. Allen, Combat Alert Center Operator. There were no weather balloons in the area according to the 9th Weather Squadron. The object was observed for approximately 1 hour and 27 minutes. (McDonald list)

Aug. 30, 1965; Urbana, Ohio (BBU 9864)
10:30 p.m. M. A. Lilly, N. Smith and T. Nastoff, saw a white ball, 5-8 ft in diameter and trailed by a 2-3 ft light, hit the road 100 ft in front of the witnesses' car, then bounce and fly away. (Blue Book, Berliner)

Aug. 31, 1965; Tonopah & Winnemucca, Nevada (BBU)
At 9:30 p.m. local time, a green and red colored, oblong object was seen in the sky that made stops and starts and made right hand climbs described as movements not compatible with aircraft targets. This visual sightings was observed by more that 15 ground observers located at Fallon NAS, Nevada. At Tonopah, Nevada, radar tracked the object at 15,000 feet at a distance of 150 miles at 340 degrees. Ground radar from Winnemucca AFS, Nevada, placed the object at 15,000 ft. An observation was also made by a pilot of an F-102 aircraft. Total length of observation was 3 hours and 15 minutes. (Dan Wilson) (McDonald list)

Sept. 3, 1965; Exeter, New Hampshire (BBU 9890)
1:30 A.M. While hitchhiking home in the early hours, teenager Norman Muscarello was terrorized by a large object with four or five bright red lights that approached from nearby woods and hovered over a field near the road. Horses spooked. He went to the Exeter police station, pale and shaken, and

reported the incident. Officer Eugene Bertrand drove him back to the field to investigate. About an hour earlier Bertrand had come across a woman parked on Route 101. "She was real upset," he said, "and told me that a red glowing object had chased her" When he was called to investigate Muscarello's report, the earlier incident caused him to pay attention. At first Bertrand and Muscarello saw nothing, but when Bertrand flashed a light around the field, a huge dark object with red flashing lights rose up over the trees, moving back and forth, tilted, and came toward them.

Sept. 3, 1965; Damon, Texas (BBU 9915)
11 p.m. Brazoria County Chief Sheriff's Deputies Billy McCoy and Robert Goode saw a triangular object, 150-200 ft long, 40-50 ft thick at middle and dark grey, with a long, bright, pulsing, purple [violet?] light on the right side and a long blue light on the left side, approach to 150 ft off highway and 100 ft in the air. Purple light illuminated ground beneath object and interior of police car, and object cast a shadow in moonlight. Driver Goode felt heat on his left arm and an alligator bite on his left index finger, suddenly relieved of pain and later healed rapidly but unnaturally. They drove away in fear but returned later that night to find object still there. (UFOE II, Section I; Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 694)

Sept.14, 1965; Langenhoe, Essex, UK
Domed disc descended, humming sound, blue light. Motorbike engine failed, witness paralyzed, shock, static electricity (UFOE II, Section, IV).

Sept. 16, 1965; Pretoria, South Africa
Just after midnight. Constables in police van encountered domed disc on highway, object lifted off emitting flame; tar and gravel road severely damaged (UFOE II, Section, V).

Sept. 22, 1965; Clover, Minn. (BBU)
1:50 p.m. CST. The observer saw a steel gray sphere approximately four in diameter that came out of the sky and landed about 75 yards away. The object then rose silently and steeply and disappeared into the clouds. The length of the observation was approximately 12 minutes. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson)

Sept. 22, 1965; Landis, North Carolina (BB)
8:05 p.m. EST. Roger Bost and his sister sighted two very bright orange objects. They were flat on top and bottom and darker around the middle like two pie pans rim to rim, and sharply outlined. The objects were flying on a straight path to the north. The objects were seen for approximately 45 seconds. (Dan Wilson, Blue Book files).

Sept. 25, 1965; Chisholm, Minn. (BBU 9970)
9:55 a.m. Bett Diamon saw 5 orange lights in a row fly fast and make an abrupt turn. (Berliner)

Sept. 25, 1965; Rodeo, New Mexico (BBU 9971)
10 p.m. Dr. George Walton, physical chemist, and wife, saw 2 round white objects fly side-by-side, at 30-50 ft altitude, pacing the witnesses' car. (Berliner)

Sept. 26, 1965; Licking County, Ohio (BBU)
At around 10:45 p.m. a Deputy Sheriff observed a white circular object in the SW sky. The object travelled in an arc from SW to NW. The Control Tower at Lockbourne AFB was notified about the object. The Tower called the aircraft commander of a C-47 and ask him to investigate the object. The pilot was unable to identify the object as an aircraft. No navigation lights could be seen on the object. The Tower observed the object with 7X50 binoculars. The object was travelling at a high rate of speed. The Detroit Air Defense Sector at Custer AFS, Michigan, observed an object on radar. (McDonald list; Dan Wilson)

Sept. 27, 1965; Columbus, OH.

At 5:15 P.M., scientist saw metallic-appearing, cigar-shaped object that changed course (UFOE II, Section, IV).

LeBailly Memo - September 28, 1965

> Memo from Maj. Gen. E. B. LeBailly, USAF director of information, to USAF Scientific Advisory Board requesting a scientific panel to review the methods and findings of Project Blue Book. LeBailly noted: "Many of the reports that cannot be explained have come from intelligent and technically well-qualified individuals whose integrity cannot be doubted."

Sept. 29, 1965; Swanlake, New York (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Oct, 1965 to Jun, 27, 1966; Andersen AFB, Guam
FAA controllers on Guam, using FPS-20 surveillance radar, noted 27 instances of radar beacon returns with no known or identifiable source. The last, on 27 Jun 1966 at 1445hrsZ involved an unsuccessful air intercept. The average time on scope was 10 minutes; and three quarters of the returns happened at night. All displayed as beacon IFF mode three. The speed of the returns ranged between 40 and 500 knots. Five altitude readings indicated a height of 1,000 to 20,000 feet. Another unsuccessful air intercept occurred on 23 Jun 1966. On this occasion, no visual sighting was made, despite aircraft being at the exact location. The PBB conclusion was "False targets".(Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list.)

Oct. 1965; Lake Norman, NC
Light plane encounters three UFOs over McGuire Nuclear Power Station.

Oct. 2, 1965; Salem, Massachusetts (BB)
8:20 a.m. EDT. James Centorino was riding his bicycle and observed a cigar-shaped object that was apparently hovering approximately 15 feet above the three smoke stacks of the N.E. Power Station. The object had a white light on both ends and a slight hump towards the rear and was approximately 20-30 feet long. He was facing ESE while viewing the object. James rode to within 500 feet of the power plant to investigate. At this time the object rose up approximately 100 feet and moved off to the SSW as the lights went out on the object. That evening the Coast Guard and Salem police had received telephone calls reporting a strange object hovering over the power plant. (Reference: Raymond E. Fowler, UFOs: INTERPLANETARY VISITORS, page 91-93)

Oct. 5, 1965; Andersen AFB, Guam
1:37 am. FAA controllers on Guam, using FPS-20 surveillance radar, noted 27 instances of radar beacon returns with no known or identifiable source. The last, on 27 Jun 1966 at 1445hrsZ involved an unsuccessful air intercept. The average time on scope was 10 minutes; and three quarters of the returns happened at night. All displayed as beacon IFF mode three. The speed of the returns ranged between 40 and 500 knots. Five altitude readings indicated a height of 1,000 to 20,000 feet. Another unsuccessful air intercept occurred on 23 Jun 1966. On this occasion, no visual sighting was made, despite aircraft being at the exact location. The PBB conclusion was "False targets".(Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list.)

Oct. 4, 1965; West Middletown to Poast Town, Ohio (BBU 10066)
6:45 pm. Mrs. Helen Tucker and 3 teenage girls driving in a car turned S onto Brown's Run Road and saw a bright, flashing red and white object, at one point with sparks shooting off. As they drove W to Poast Town, the object stopped flashing and appeared steady red and white (and possibly bluish) and began moving fast (to the SW?) toward the airport, then it landed past Carmody Blvd. on the river bank but before reaching the airport, where it looked like a Christmas tree (lights?), a winged fuselage object with a possible cockpit dome, then lifted off like a helicopter and looked like (red?) "hot metal." (Case data missing.) (Berliner; Middletown Journal, Oct. 5, 1965)

Oct. 7, 1965; Edwards AFB, Calif. (BBU)
Ground radar tracked 12 objects and USAF F-106 pilot sighted object(s). (UFOE II, Section II; Weinstein; McDonald list)

Oct. 14, 1965; Sawyer AFB, Mich. (BBU)
7:50 p.m. EST The pilot, Capt. Dewaine P. Jensen, and co-pilot of a KC-135 tanker observed a sharply outlined colored light in the western sky on top of an overcast. At first the light was white and then it turned red and brilliant red when it accelerated away. The object had the ability to accelerate rapidly but at first it appeared stationary. Thinking that the light might be a Cessna 172 aircraft reported to be lost in the area, the KC-135 was give permission to descend to 13,000 feet and investigate. The KC-135 seemed to be closing on the light. At that time the light appeared to climb and accelerate away. The effort to identify the object was discontinued as the light continued to accelerate and climb away on a SW course. The KC-135 crew stated that the performance of the sighted object far surpassed that of any aircraft known to the crew. The sighting lasted for approximately 5-10 minutes. (McDonald list)

Oct. 21, 1965; St. George, Minnesota (BB)
6:10 p.m. Five witnesses were in the Strauch family car, returning to their homes in Gibbon, Minnesota from a bow-hunting trip. Arthur Strauch was the first to spot a strange object which seemed to be 2000 feet above the ground and a quarter of a mile distant, in the direction of the northwest. After watching for about ten minutes from the car, the group drove down the road about a half-mile and stopped. Mr. Strauch observed it both with the naked eye and through 7x35 binoculars, therefore his description was the most detailed. At first they heard no sound, but then as the object flew over them, Grewe described the sound as a "whistling whine." Strauch, from out of the car, snapped a photograph just as the object began to move. The object then moved into the wind for what appeared to be several hundred feet and then stopped for a few seconds, at which time its lights changed from a bright white to a dull orange, alternating several times. It then moved toward the southeast at a high rate of speed and disappeared out of sight.

Oct. 23, 1965; 4 miles from Long Prairie, Minn. (BBU)
7:15 p.m. Radio announcer James F. Townsend driving W on State Hwy 27 found road blocked by landed silver rocket-shaped object about 30-40 ft tall, 10 ft wide, after his car engine, lights and radio died, and he coasted to a stop about 20 ft away. He got out and saw three small brownish-black "creatures" with "tripod arms and matchstick legs," no eyes or facial features, emerge from behind the object, stand underneath in an intense lighted circle, and stare at each other for 3 mins then they returned to the object. A few secs later it lifted off and vanished by turning off its lighting about 1/4 mile up. At that moment the car restarted spontaneously and headlights came on. No traces found on the ground. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 206-8; Vallée Magonia 71)

November 9, 1965

> Massive power blackout in northeastern United States at about 5:25 P.M. (EST). Some reports of UFOs coincided, with resulting speculation about a possible relationship (section VII).

Nov. 6, 1965; Andersen AFB, Guam
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Nov. 12, 1965; Undisclosed city in Argentina
UFO caused compass on ship to swing off course.

Dec. 8, 1965; Tangent, Oregon (BB)
Evening. The observer noticed a very unusual red glare on the horizon north of Levanon. Later the observer went outside and all of a sudden a big luminous white donut shaped object was seen very close and headed in her direction. At the same time a big shining luminous loop appeared high in the sky in the opposite direction. Small luminous loops appeared around the area. The big white donut seemed to proceed back to the east somewhat. Slowly it raised higher and eastward. A dense fog moved in later. The night before a round reddish blue object the apparent size of a grapefruit held at arm's length was seen moving slowly high overhead at Rockaway, Oregon. (Blue Book, Dan Wilson)

Dec. 20, 1965; Herman, MN
Domed disc, E-M effects on engine and headlights, truck spun off road into ditch. Object ascended with whistling sound, sparks from underside (UFOE II, Section, VII).

Dec. 21, 1965; Putnam, Connecticut (BB)
7:33 p.m. Northeast Airlines pilot LeBewohl sighted a round unknown object which was described as pink, then orange, then white in color and the apparent size of a quarter held at about arm's length. The object passed directly in front of the plane and after 7 minutes the object picked up speed and disappeared. The pilot was flying a DC-6 aircraft at 10,000 feet on a heading of 260 degrees. The total length of the observation was 11 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

Dec. 24, 1965; Andersen AFB, Guam
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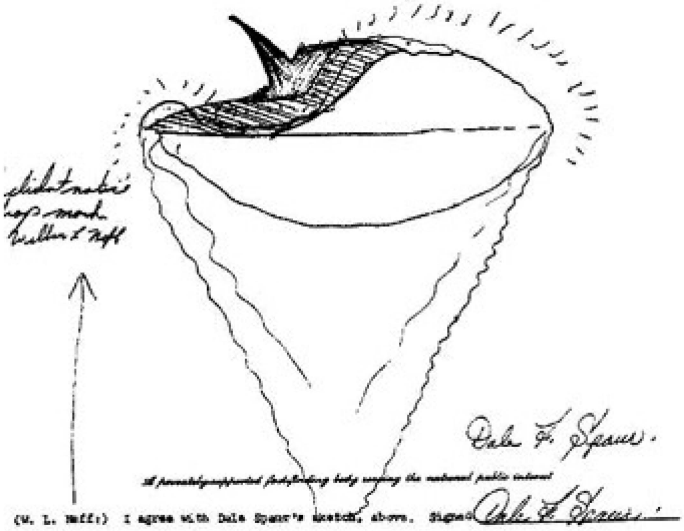
Dale F. Spaur.
A privately supported fact-finding body serving the national public interest
(W. L. Neff:) I agree with Dale Spaur's sketch, above. Signed

**The Portage County, Ohio / Spauer & Neff Encounter of April 17, 1966**

Map of sightings for 1965, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database (Pending)
Map of Sightings for 1965-1969, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" database

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This is a 34-page chronology (increased from 11-pages) of UFO incidents and events for 1966, the beginning of the "Mother of All UFO Waves", which lasted throughout 1966 and 1967. Our thanks for these chronologies must go to our documentation team: Richard Hall (the original chronology from UFOE II), William Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), and Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns). Last, but not least, our thanks to Jean Waskiewicz who created the online NICAP DBase (NSID) that helped make it possible to link from the cases to the reports themselves.

Three notable events stand out among the others are two sightings; the Dexter and Hillsdale (MI) sightings of March 20-21 (Frank Manor, etc.) and the Portage County (OH) incident of April 17 (Deputies Spauer and Neff), and the event being the writing of the "Trick would be" memo by Robert Low on Aug. 9th. It is extremely interesting that both 1966 and 1967 include many sightings near missile sites, and in 1966 the US reached a peak of 31,700 of stockpiled nuclear warheads. For more on the 1966-1967 sighting wave, serious researchers should get their copy of this report: "Alien Invasion or Human Fantasy? The 1966-67 UFO Wave" (Richard Hall). For information on missile deployment, see To Defend & Deter. (1)

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To Defend and Deter
Blue Book sighting lists for 1966 by month

Jan. 1966; Popular Science Article

> "Why I Believe in Flying Saucers", by MacKinlay Kantor, Pulitzer Prize winning author of "Andersonville". The noted writer, co-author with Gen. Curtis E. Lemay of "Mission with LeMay. My Story", tells of the strange personal sighting that convinced him that UFOs are real. (Copy provided by Ole Jonny Brænne)

1966, Date unknown; 1966; E. of Elista, Kalmuk, Russia
9:50 p.m. Russian coal and gas scientists watched a high-flying silent disc-shaped object spiral through the sky east of Elista, Kalmuk. (Source: Larry Hatch, *U* Database, case #7772, citing Lumieres dans la Nuit, issue #204)

Jan. 3, 1966; Los Altos, CA
Night. Army colonel expert on rockets and missiles sighted a group of bright light sources speeding overhead at an estimated 1,000-1,200 m.p.h., maneuvering back and forth. Soon afterwards he observed several searchlights sweeping the area as if trying to spot the flying objects. (NICAP report; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 6, Jan.-Feb. 1966, p. 2.)

Jan. 7, 1966; Winslow, England
4:10 a.m. LT. Hearing a high-pitched whine, a police constable turned to investigate and saw a domed disc (rounded on top, flat on bottom) hovering low above a field. A greenish glow was visible around the top. After 5 seconds the UFO flew away rapidly. An independent witness later corroborated the sighting. (Flying Saucer Review, 12(2), March-April 1966, p. 3.)

Jan. 7, 1966; 3 miles SW of Georgetown (5 miles NE of Wilmer), AL. (BBU)
3:17 p.m. Civilian had to stop his car when he found object landed on the road blocking his way. Round silver color object 10-12 [25?] ft diameter with 8-10-inch ring or hoop at equator, 5 ft hatch on bottom, [and a cone with a flashing green light?] hovered about 5 ft above ground at 20 ft away, gradually climbed to NE, engine [whirring?] noise increasing, then rapid acceleration to disappearance in a few seconds. Watch stopped [engine had died and now could be restarted?]. [Sulfur or rotten-egg smell noted?] (Hynek UFO Rpt p. 42; Vallée Magonia 721)

Jan. 9, 1966; Chascomus, Argentina
Cat. 3. Object with blue light beam observed flying away. Flying Saucer Review Histories, Supplement 17.

Jan. 11, 1966; Pacific Ocean, n. of Marcus Island
10:00 PM. (22:00 local ship time), three witnesses (the Third Mate, the Helmsman, and the Bow Lookout) of the S. S. Morgantown Victory saw a cigar shaped object approach their ship. The object approached the starboard beam of the ship from the horizon and then turned almost 180° to avoid going over the ship. It approached the ship within 1 mile at an elevation of [click on link for details] (Barry Greenwood).

Jan.11, 1966; Wanaque, New Jersey
6:20 p.m. EST. Police and citizens reported first a brilliant light source, then later a bright egg-shaped object that hovered at low altitude, flew in circular patterns over a reservoir, occasionally making abrupt changes in altitude (vertical maneuvers). Sightings continued for more than an hour. (NICAP notes; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 6, Jan.-Feb. 1966, p. 3; New York Journal-American, Jan. 12,

1966).

Jan.11, 1966; Myerstown, PA
7:40 p.m. EST. About 140 miles west-southwest of Wanaque, N.J., in the vicinity of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a nurse and others together in a car saw a luminous disc, like one saucer inverted on top of another, at relatively close range as it hovered above the car. After about 5 minutes, the object suddenly accelerated and sped away. (Hynek, 1972, pp. 89-90, 238.)

Jan. 12, 1966; Sagan Requests Materials

> Dr. Carl Sagan requests information from Blue Book on sightings. The Tridade Island case is referred to and the Kelley/Hopkinsville case was requested also.

Jan. 16, 1966; El Paso, TX
10:00 p.m. CST. An American Airlines flight from San Francisco to Houston, Texas, was paced by a bright object just after take-off from El Paso en route to Houston via San Antonio. Two psychologists on board, in a report to NICAP, expressed themselves as dumbfounded by what they saw. A bright light was observed trailing the airliner, moving up and down erratically, speeding ahead, and then reversing course. At one point the pilot, without explanation, turned on the landing lights for a few seconds, banked sharply, and then returned to course. After the plane landed in San Antonio, the witnesses saw the object "shoot up and execute a wide hyperbolic swing into the sky..." (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 11, Jan.-Feb. 1967, pp. 1, 3.)

Jan.18, 1966; New Britain, CT
6:00 p.m. A round object rotating slowly in a clockwise direction was observed by a senior metallurgist for about 7 to 10 minutes as it passed overhead at his workplace. It had a string of red lights that blinked on and off. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 6, Jan.-Feb 1966, p. 3.)

Jan. 19, 1966; Tully, Queensland, Australia
At about 9:00 AM. local time. Banana grower, George Pedley, aged 28, was driving a tractor about one half mile from a farm house owned by Albert Pennisi. Pedley's attention was drawn by a 'hissing' sound, clearly heard over the noise from the tractor's engine. He looked about for the source of the noise, and saw an unusual object some 25 yards away. He described it as  about 30 feet in the air, rising vertically. Its shape was that of 'two saucers face to face.' It was light grey in color, being dull, non-reflective. Its size was estimated as 25 feet long by eight to nine feet deep. No structured features were visible. The loud 'hissing' noise seemed to diminish as the object rose. It rose to a height of 60 feet, then departed, climbing at about an angle of forty-five degrees, extremely fast, to the SW. For the duration of his observation, which was only 5-6 seconds, it appeared to be always rotating. After the object's departure, Pedley found a clearly defined, near circular depression in swamp grass, in a water filled lagoon, at the point where the object had first been. This marking was about 32 feet long by 25 feet wide. The grass on the surface of the water, was flattened in a clockwise direction. (Sources: (1) RAAF file series J63, control symbol 5/40/Air Part 1. pp 167-178; 184-185. (2) RAAF file series A703, control symbol 580/1/1 part 5. pp 56-62; 164-169; 175-176; 182-183. (3) 'The Tully Report, saucer nests 1966 and 1969.' UFO Research Queensland, pp 1-31.

Jan, 20, 1966; Katanning, Western Australia, Australia
About 3:30 AM. Motorist Lee Marshall, aged 21, reported seeing a row of bright lights on the brow of a distant hill as he drove towards Katanning, on the Kojonup road. As he drove over the crest of a hill, he was blinded by a bright, yellow colored light. He stopped his car, and turned off the lights to see a large, saucer-shaped object hovering over a hill, an estimated half a mile away. It emitted bright red, yellow and green lights. Its height was said to vary from 50 to 200 feet above the hill, and he heard a noise like 'swarming bees.' He watched it,'unable to move for nearly an hour and a half' after which the lights brightened and the object sped away towards Katanning. Upon arriving home, he woke his parents and brother, who all watched the object for about 15 minutes as it circled the town, before it

departed to the SE. (Source: FSR Vol. 12. No. 3. 1966. p.32. citing an undated issue of the Newcastle Morning Herald newspaper (New South Wales, Australia), datelined Perth, 24 January 1966. )

Jan. 29, 1966; Rexburg, ID (BBU)
12:10 a.m. Two civilians returning from a sporting event saw what they first thought was the moon. After driving for about 1/2 mile, they saw it was a flat, well-defined object blocking the road, the size of a truck, casting an intense yellow-orange light on the ground. They turned around and drove back to Rexburg. (Vallee, 1969, p. 322.)

February 1966

> Dr Brian O'Brien heads a panel of the AF Scientific Advisory Board that completes a review of Project Blue Book and recommends that the AF contract with several universities to conduct UFO studies. (Sparks)

Feb. 2, 1966; Salisbury, NC (BBU 10193)
11:15 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wise saw a silver, diamond-shaped object with several balls constantly in very fast motion around it, and much light. Object hovered over the trees for 3-4 minutes, while a dog barked, and then zipped out of sight. (Berliner)

Feb. 6, 1966; Nederland, TX (BBU 10196)
5:45 [6:05?] a.m. Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Gulley saw tadpole-shaped object about 14 ft long 2 ft wide with 8 yellow and red neon-like lights at 250-500 ft altitude, casting a pulsating red glow on the lawn. House and street lights went out, high frequency sound bothered the witnesses' ears. Object blinked out when aircraft passed overhead then came on again afterward. Object departed to W [or from W to SW] about 1-1/2 miles to vicinity of airport, where an aircraft's landing lights lit up UFO, then disappeared about 20°-25° elevation in a slow climb. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 186-8; Hynek UFO Exp ch. 8, case CEI-3)

Feb. 6, 1966; Madrid, Spain
8:00 p.m. LT. Several civilians and soldiers reportedly saw a glowing orange disc with three legs landing and taking off again. Rectangular imprints of the legs (15 cm x 30 cm) and scorch marks were allegedly found at the site. Electromagnetic (EM) effects were suppose to have occurred in the area at the time of the sighting. [hoax] (Ballester-Olmos, 1976, p. 9; Flying Saucer Review, 12:3, 1966:28-31, Flying Saucer Review, 15:5, 1969:3-4.)

Feb. 11, 1966; Showhegan, ME (BBU)
11:55 p.m. EST. A glowing orange object with domed top, hovered, maneuvered over the area, seen by police and citizens. The object was tracked on Air Force and FAA radar "making tight turns at a low altitude." (NICAP report; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 6, Jan. -Feb. 1966, pp. 1-2.) [This case is not listed in the PBB Master Index - Dan Wilson].

Feb. 13, 1966: Guarico, Venezuela
UAO photographed from airplane on an aerial photographic flight as part of a geolyphic study for a mining enterprize. Mr. Inake Oses was flying over the southern part of the state of Guarico. Around 10 a.m. the plane was surveying a region 80 kilometers south of the city of Calabozo, flying at 8,000 feet, when suddenly Mr. Oses' attention was attracted by a brilliant yellow incandescent object flying erratically at high speed below the plane. The object would stop suddenly in midair for a few minutes, then rush off again in a different direction. Oses instructed the pilot to try to follow the object while he began taking pictures. The chase continued until both the plane and the object were over a mining site near the "Paso del Caballo dam." Here the object stopped again and allegedly was photographed as appears in the picture reproduced above. It then accelerated to fantastic speed and flew off towards the south where it disappeared. (Fran Ridge: Considered to be a hoax)

Feb.14, 1966; Witbank, South Africa
7:40 p.m. LT. A farm woman heard a very loud sound and saw a cigar-shaped object descend and

hover, the sound level increasing. The UFO had a very bright light at the front, small portholes along the side, and a bluish glow at the trailing end. The object suddenly shot upwards and disappeared. (Flying Saucer Review, 12(4), July-August 1966, pp. 32-33.)

Feb. 16, 1966; Brunswick NAS, ME (BBU)
8:30 p.m. A luminous object flashing red, blue, and green lights, landed in the woods. A second object was later seen to join the first one. (Vallée Magonia 726)

Feb. 25, 1966; Quipapa, Brazil
10:15 p.m. LT. Two young female factory workers while walking home saw lights in the road, then saw that it was a large disc with two bright lights (body lights) and three small beings about the size of 9-year-old children standing alongside, along with one being over 6 feet tall. The object rose, then landed in a new location. The girls ran home with the object following. It circled the area near their house, then flew away. No sound was heard. One of the girls suffered unspecified "effects" for a period of time. Grass was found depressed (imprints) at the landing spot. (Phillips, 1975. p. 40; from Flying Saucer Review, March 1971 .)

Feb. 26, 1966; 5 miles E of Farmington, 5 miles W of Hanna City, IL (BBU)
Civilian witness was driving when a flying oval object, the size of a car, came within 10 ft of him, then circled twice and left toward the N. It emitted a bright red glow, supported a sort of dome with a green light on top, caused radio interference, and made a strange "signal like noise." (Vallée Magonia 727)

March 3, 1966; Oswego, NY (BBU)
7:20 p.m. Several civilians saw an object fly slowly to the S, hover, come within 50 ft, then fly off to the SW. (Vallée Magonia 728)

March 8, 1966; Chesterton, IN
2:30 p.m. EST. An ex-Marine airplane mechanic and another witness saw an inverted silvery disc with four projections on top, surrounded by bright haze, that hovered above a cloud bank for 4-5 minutes. The object then tilted and sped away. (NICAP report.)

March 11, 1966; Indio, CA
2:30 a.m. PST. Three glowing yellowish objects with legs were seen resting on the ground in the California Desert. The brilliant luminosity concealed the exact shape of the objects. "Antennas" (projections) extended and retracted rapidly from the objects, their tips glowed green. One of the objects paced a car for 3 hours between Indio, California, and Salome, Arizona. (NICAP notes; NICAP report.)

March 11, 1966; Ringwood, NJ
Time not reported. A Catholic Mother Superior reported seeing a very bright UFO hovering over the Ringwood iron mines. A distant smaller light flashed as if signaling, and the larger object flew away to the west leaving a red glow in its wake. (NICAP notes.)

March 13, 1966; Portsmouth, NH
Time not available. A reporter and his family saw an egg-shaped object about 150 feet over power lines. TV and house lights dimmed (EM effects), and a vibration was felt. (New Hampshire NICAP Subcommittee report.)

March 13, 1966; LaCross, WI
9:30 p.m. CST. Police and citizens saw two bluish-green lighted objects and heard a beeping noise as if signals were being exchanged between the two. Dogs reacted to the objects (animal reactions.) (NICAP notes.)

March 14, 1966; Dexter and Hillsdale, MI
3:30-5:30 a.m. CST. For about 2 hours, police officers, including Washtenaw County sheriffs deputies,

reported highly maneuverable disc-shaped UFOs with flashing red and green lights. Selfridge AFB reported tracking UFOs on radar over Lake Erie. (Hall, 2001 , pp. 184-86; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 7, Mar.-Apr. 1966, p. 5).

March 14, 1966; Southport, CT
9:00-9:30 p.m. EST. A motorist saw an unidentified aerial object with a dome on top, and a row of red and white flashing lights, that paced his car. The object then changed color to white and sped away (color change-motion correlation). Later (11:30 p.m.), an unidentified aerial object with domed top, flat bottom, and red and white flashing lights, descended abruptly in front of the witness's car, and hovered inches off the road. The driver slammed on the brakes, and the object took off. The object was so large that it overlapped the road. (NICAP report, investigation by John Fuller).

March 15, 1966; Youngstown, OH
Time not reported. A police officer and other witnesses saw a metallic-appearing circular object with blue lights in apparent portholes along its side. The UFO stopped overhead, trailing two exhaust flames, then shot away to the northwest. (NICAP notes.)

March 16, 1966; Eliot, ME
6:30-6:45 p.m. EST. A family saw a bright red ball of light with halo effect at close range for 10-15 minutes. The UFO emitted a high-pitched "beep" every 1 -2 seconds synchronized with a blinking red light. Dogs barked and howled (animal reactions), and ran toward the object, which gradually | disappeared behind trees to the southeast. (New Hampshire NICAP Subcommittee s report.)

March 16, 1966; Burnham, ME
7:45 p.m. Two large, moon-sized orange discs flying slowly, then accelerating, body lights blinking on and off. (NICAP notes.)

March 17, 1966; Ann Arbor and Milan, MI (BBU)
4:00-7:30 a.m. CST. Police officers saw top-shaped UFOs with green and white body lights. The objects alternately hovered and maneuvered at variable speeds, their luminosity dimming and brightening (pulsating). Two objects operated in unison, circling, looping, and flying in formation. (McDonald memo to U.S. Air Force, July 22, 1966; U.F.O. 3 Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 7, Mar.-Apr. 1966, p. 6; Hall, 2001, pp. 184-86.)

March 17, 1966; Grand Rapids, MI
Sunset, EST. Three young girls saw a large oval with glowing red light, evenly spaced portholes around the rim from which lights flashed alternately. The UFO moved slowly, then accelerated and sped away. (NICAP notes.)

March 19, 1966; Big Rapids, MI
5:20 a.m. CST. Several witnesses saw an elliptical object with a row of rectangular windows, and with a surrounding blue-white haze. Lights on the bottom (body lights) flicked on and off one at a time. A light beam shone into the house. (Keyhoe & Lore, 1969a, p. 46)

March 19, 1966; LaPorte, IN
Dawn, EST. Police and others saw a round luminous yellow-white object with projections on top. The UFO paced a car, swerving from side to side, its light reflected from the hood of the car. (NICAP notes.)

March 19, 1966; Bethesda, MD
9:05 p.m. EST. Col. Howard Wright, retired Air Force pilot, and family saw a bright white light approach from the south, stop and hover, accelerate, zigzag, then continue north, joined by a second light. (NICAP notes.)

March 20, 1966: Anderson AFB, Guam
10:20 am. Oct. 1965 to June 27, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam. FAA controllers on Guam, using FPS-20 surveillance radar, noted 27 instances of radar beacon returns with no known or identifiable source. The last, on 27 Jun 1966 at 1445hrsZ involved an unsuccessful air intercept. The average time on scope was 10 minutes; and three quarters of the returns happened at night. All displayed as beacon IFF mode three. The speed of the returns ranged between 40 and 500 knots. Five altitude readings indicated a height of 1,000 to 20,000 feet. Another unsuccessful air intercept occurred on 23 Jun 1966. On this occasion, no visual sighting was made, despite aircraft being at the exact location. The PBB conclusion was "False targets".(Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list.)

March 19/20, 1966; Freeport, TX
1:25 a.m. CST. Witnesses saw a bright flash of blue light, then a hovering oval UFO was sighted by crew members of the Coast Guard Cutter "Legare." EM effects were experienced on local electric power systems, house lights blinked off and on rapidly. The UFO was orange and had windows or ports with a hazy appearance in the interior. After a while the object slowly rose about 1,000 feet, emitted a blue glow, then disappeared. Shortly afterwards, two bright lights shot up from the ground and disappeared within seconds. An extensive power failure occurred in Freeport about 2 hours earlier (11:10 p.m.) (NICAP report)

March 20, 1966; Miami, FL (BBU 10247)
12:15 a.m. USAFR Maj. K. C. Smith, with NASA Kennedy Space Center, saw a pulsating light, varying from white to intense blue, make a jerky ascent then rapidly accelerate away to the N. (Berliner)

March 20, 1966; Mims, FL
Time not reported. An Air Force reserve member and NASA employee saw a bright light pulsating from white to blue that made an erratic ascent, accelerated and sped away. (Air Force unexplained case, Project Blue Book files, National Archives.)

March 20, 1966; Dexter, MI (BBU)
8-8:30 p.m. Frank Mannor and his son, Ronald [plus 40-60 others including 12 policemen ?] saw hovering over a swamp about 1,500 ft away a brown luminous car sized object, with a "scaly" or "waffled" surface, cone-shaped on top, flat on bottom, or football shaped, and 2 bluish-green lights on right and left edges that turned bright red and helped illuminate object in between. Lights blinked out and object reappeared instantly across the swamp 1,500 ft away. The whole object lit up with a yellowish glow at one point and also rose up 500 ft then descended again. After 2-3 minutes of viewing, when 2 flashlights appeared in the distance the object seemed to respond by flying away at high speed directly over the witnesses with a whistling sound like a rifle bullet ricocheting. Object remained in the swamp area for 1/2 hr. [Various other sightings in the area by police shortly afterward.] ( (Hall, 2001, pp. 185-86; Detroit News, Mar. 21, 1966, front page; New York Times, Mar. 22, 1966, Vallée Magonia 731; Todd Lemire; etc.)

March 20/21, 1966; Exeter, NH
10:00 p.m.- 2:40 a.m. EST. Police and citizens saw an egg-shaped object with flashing body lights across the center (red-white-blue-green-red) that hovered over power lines, bobbed around and rocked in a pendulum motion. Through binoculars, a dome-like area was visible on top. The object finally ascended to the east, moved out over the ocean and disappeared. (Fuller, 1966; Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee report.)

March 21, 1966; Hillsdale, MI (BBU)
10:32, 11 p.m.- 4:30 a.m. 17 Hillsdale College students including Barbara Kohn [Cole?] and Cynthia Poffenberger saw a football-shaped object with red-green-white pulsating lights descend from the NE pass close to their dorm then disappear to the S as if crashing to the ground, then return at 11 p.m. William Van Horn, Civil Defense Director and rated commercial pilot, and police arrived and

conducted a ground search 1/2 to 2 miles away to the E but found nothing until Van Horn reached the college dorm where he, using binoculars, and [87?] students saw a maneuvering lighted 20-25 ft object on or near the ground about 1,500-1,700 ft away to the E, with a dirty-white light on the left and dim orange on the right, which brightened after 10 minutes to white and red and began to rise at a rate of 25-30 ft/min to a height of 100-150 ft (about 3-6 minutes), stopped momentarily then descended and repeated the motion several times. At one point on a descent a "convex" surface (between?) the lights could be seen. Radiation was later detected at the landing area about 600 micro roentgens/hr, roughly 30-60x background level, and possible boron contamination. (Vallée Magonia 732; Todd Lemire; etc.)

March 22, 1966; Houston, TX (BBU 10262)
1:30 a.m. S. J. Musachia saw white flashing lights light up witness' apartment; the air was full of smoke. Sound of "yen" [hen??] heard up close. (Berliner)

March 22, 1967; Normal, IL
7:15 p.m. CST. At least 10 witnesses watched a large oval object with four blinking body lights fly overhead, hover over some trees, then move away. (NICAP notes.)

March 22/23, 1966; Key West, FL
Night, EST. FL. Several discs with flashing lights around their edges (body lights) were reported from an outdoor theater. The objects hovered for 4-5 seconds, then shot away northward out of sight in about 1 second. (NICAP notes.)

March 23, 1966; Fort Pierce, FL (BBU)
Two young men walking through woods saw a bright object like a balloon covered with fluorescent paint that became so intensely bright they could not look directly at it. As they walked closer, it exploded, leaving no trace. (Vallée Magonia 733)

March 23, 1966; Temple, OK (BBU 10270)
5:05 a.m. Sheppard AFB instructor Eddie Laxson was driving W on US Hwy 70 he found the road blocked by a wingless aircraft, perch fish-shaped, landed in the road, about 75 ft long, nearly 8 ft high, 12 ft wide, with a Plexiglas bubble on top, bright lights forward and aft. Laxson stopped his car about 300 ft away and walked toward the object to 50 ft away, noticing a labeling on its side like "TLA138" or "TLA738" [or "TL 4768"]. He saw a "man" wearing a baseball cap or mechanic's hat climbing steps or ladder on the object and soon after it lifted off with a hissing or drilling sound and headed off SE at about 700 mph. No landing traces. Laxson found another witness C. W. Anderson a mile down the road. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 208-210; Vallée Magonia 734)

March 23, 1966; Bangor, ME
11:50 p.m. EST. A yellowish elliptical object with a textured surface (compare to March 20, Dexter, Michigan) and blue and white body lights was encountered hovering just off the ground near the road. The object had rotating lights resembling windows, and emitted a soft electrical humming sound. When the object moved toward him, the motorist's car lights dimmed and his radio stopped playing (EM effects). The frightened witness took a pistol from his car, and when he fired it, the object glowed brightly and took off at high speed, making a "zinging" sound like the recoil of a spring. (BB doc MISC-PBB2-575; NICAP report; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 7, Mar-Apr. 1966, p. 3; New York News, Mar. 25, 1966).

March 23, 1966; Trinidad, CO
5:00 p.m. MST. At least a dozen witnesses saw two light-reflective disc-shaped objects with domes flying in-line, traveling with a bobbing motion over the terrain. (McDonald, 1968a, Case 14, pp. 51-52; NICAP notes).

March 23, 1966; Joppa, IL
Night, CST. An oblong object surrounded by smaller bright lights was observed by a dozen people. (NICAP notes.)

March 23, 1966; Crown Point, NY
8:40 p.m. EST. An elongated object with rays of light (light beams) from its underside was observed hovering above a neighbor's house. The witness called out another neighbor to see the object, which finally shot upwards out of sight. (NICAP report.)

March 24, 1966; Ypsilanti-Hillsdale, MI
Time not reported. A train crew watched a UFO pace their train, pull ahead, hover, and climb (maneuver). The Civil Defense director was notified, and also saw the object. Together with other witnesses he watched a "docking" operation as a second UFO linked with the first. (NICAP notes.)

March 24, 1966; Holland, MI
Time not reported. A car was buzzed by a glowing circular object with red and white body lights at an estimated 150-200 feet altitude. (NICAP notes.)

March 24, 1966; Sheboygan, WI (BBU)
10:15 p.m. CST. Two women motorists encountered a bowl-shaped object with two intense white lights plus a green and a red light (body lights) landed on or hovering just above the road. (Vallee, 1969, p. 324.)

March 24, 1966; Cook, MN
6:50 p.m. CST. A trapper and guide saw an oval object with glass dome on the front approach angling downward, flashing lights visible around its center, and emitting a loud generator-like humming sound. The object was rotating clockwise around a horizontal axis. It appeared to land in the distance. Next day a large melted oval area about 35 feet by 100 feet and apparent landing gear or skid marks (physical traces) were found in the snow at the landing site. (NICAP report.)

March 24, 1966; New Orleans, LA
7:10 p.m. CST. A retired Air Force colonel and a General Electric computer programmer watched a glowing oval object speed across the sky. Two smaller lights also hovered, and maneuvered around. (NICAP notes.)

March 24, 1966; China Grove, NC
8:30 p.m. EST. A round silver object with multi-colored body lights was seen about 200 feet above a house. Witnesses were attracted to it by a "weird" humming sound. Several other North Carolina sightings were reported on the same date. (NICAP notes.)

March 25, 1966; Upper Sandusky, OK
1:00 a.m. EST. A top-shaped object with bright body lights visible on its outer edge was seen hovering about 25 feet over woods, point downward, by a farm couple for about an hour. (Associated Press story, few details.)

March 25, 1966; Porter, Indiana & Truax Field, Wisconsin
At 4:15 a.m., CST, a silver to yellow colored spherical object was observed near Porter Indiana, by telescope and by radar. The object was extremely maneuverable. The length of observation was 40 to 45 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

March 26, 1966; Ann Arbor, MI
Time not reported. Engineers and technicians watched a glowing red disc maneuver, descend to about 10 feet, and fly parallel with the road for several moments. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 7, Mar.-Apr. 1966, p. 4.)

March 26, 1966; Texahoma, OK (BBU 10291)
12:00 midnight. Mrs. P. N. Beer and Mrs. E. Smith driving back from Amarillo saw a flashing light [or object with waffle like surface glowing intense red light] coming from the N buzz their car from the

front, engine and headlights died, then the object hovered 1/4 mile away. After 10 minutes they could restart their car and left. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 738)

March 27, 1966; Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Time not reported. About 100 people watched a revolving disc-shaped object that hovered for an hour, flashing red, blue, green, and white lights (body lights). The object then slowly ascended and disappeared. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 12, No. 6, 1966, p. 32; from Vancouver Sun).

March 27, 1966; Muscogee County, GA
5:30 a.m. Both Federal Aviation Administration and military control tower operators reported a radar-visual sighting of a maneuvering, oblong, green-white object. (NICAP notes; Columbus Ledger, Ohio, Mar. 28, 1966.) A Georgia investigator reports that on this date at 5:30 am in Muscogee County, a radar-visual sighting was made of an object that appeared to change shape from cigar to wedge to triangle; apparently the same sighting. (Hitt, 1999)

March 27, 1966; Lorain, OH
7:10 p.m. EST. A family saw what appeared to , be a double-decked craft with brightly lit windows on the upper surface. The object hovered, dimmed, shot eastward, returned, got brighter again, then sped away to the west. (NICAP notes.)

March 28, Niles, MI
Early a.m. EST. A truck driver reported that an unidentified aerial object with red, green, and white body lights had paced his truck. When he blinked his headlights, the UFO blinked in apparent response (light reaction), veered away and disappeared. (NICAP notes.)

March 28, 1966; Fayetteville, TN (BBU)
8 p.m. Man driving 60 mph suddenly saw a large lighted object 3 ft above the road on a hilltop, which flew off, as the car engine and headlights died. Headlight bulbs later had to be replaced. Object was oval, 25 ft long, dark gray, with about 30 lights along its periphery. (Vallée Magonia 739)

March.28, 1966; Wilmington, DE
11:30 p.m. EST. Two witnesses in separate locations independently reported watching a hovering object that was flashing brilliant lights. The object, which made a humming sound, gyrated around erratically. (NICAP notes.)

March 29, 1966; Columbus, GA
2:30 a.m. EST. A red oval object was observed moving with an oscillating motion, swinging like a pendulum. The obiect suddenly brightened and made a rapid departure (luminosity/speed correlation). (Hitt, 1999.)

March 29, 1966; Hampton area, NH
Boxlike object landed in woods. Dog does not react.

March 29, 1966; Eliot, ME
7:50 p.m. EST. While driving, a nurse's aide saw a large, bright red elliptical object with dome, five or six portholes emitting bright white light. The object was surrounded by a halo, and hovering near electric power transmission lines. Its body was dull silver and "like crumpled aluminum foil." Dogs were barking (animal reactions) and a pinging sound attracted other witnesses to the UFO. The object descended before finally moving out of sight. (Fowler, 1974, pp. 116, 335, 337; NICAP notes.)

March 29, 1966; Hampton, NH
8:00 p.m. EST. About 15 miles south of Eliot, Maine, a motorist saw two oval objects with revolving red body lights. One descended to treetop level and paced the witness's car, then accelerated up and out of sight. (Fowler, 1974, pp. 117, 336.)

March 29, 1966; Haverhill-Merrimac, MA
9:15 p.m. EST. About 15-20 miles southwest of Hampton, New Hampshire, several professional people including a deputy sheriff and a teacher saw a pulsating luminous white object moving back and forth. Its color changing from white to red to green to blue, and back to white. The object, circled, hovered, and then sped away leaving a short bluish tail, disappearing in an estimated 3 seconds. (Fowler, 1974, p. 336.)

March 29, 1966; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
9:15 p.m. EST. A teenage boy saw two luminous oval objects about 8 feet in diameter descend and land, making a buzzing sound. The objects had a row of multicolored lights around the rims (body lights) "flickering like a computer." He approached for a closer look, and touched the nearest object, which felt hard and smooth like metal. No heat or cold was felt. The boy then touched an antenna-like projection at the end of one of the objects and received a shock. Frightened, he ran home. His parents confirmed a 3-inch burn mark on his hand and questioned him thoroughly before reporting the incident to authorities. His first-degree burn was treated at a hospital and healed normally. (Keyhoe & Lore, 1969b, pp. 4-5; Bondarchuk, pp. 45-46, from the Hamilton Spectator, Apr. 2, 1966.)

March 29, 1966; London, Ontario, Canada
11:15 p.m. EST. A bright saucer-shaped (disc) object with central dome and two protuberances (projections) on one side was seen hovering above Westminster Hospital for about 5 minutes. The object then flipped on edge, blue flame was emitted from the protuberances, and it rose into the clouds leaving a comet-like trail. An independent witness confirmed the sighting. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 12, No. 4, July-August 1966, P. 31.)

March 30, 1966; Ottawa, OH (BBU 10329)
(NARA)

March 30, 1966; Rehoboth, MA
8:00 p.m. EST. Three separate groups of witnesses had a series of sightings over a period of nearly two hours, including an object with amber body lights that passed over a car and hovered just off the road; an oval object with bright red and orange body lights that hovered over the road ahead of a car, taking off at high speed just as another car approached: and an object with flashing red body lights emitting a whistling or humming sound. (BB files, Fowler, 1974, pp. 125-27.)

March 30, 1966; 10 miles N of Lexisburg, IN (BBU)
8:35 p.m. Civilian woman and her 4 children saw an oval object crossing the road as they were driving S, with a pulsating sound increasing in frequency as the object came nearer, but it seemed to come through the car radio rather than the object. They drove away in fear, but were followed for 8 miles by the object, with color suddenly changing from reddishorange to bluish-white before accelerating out of sight. (Vallée Magonia 741)

March 30, 1966; East Hampton, Montauk, Long Island, NY
9:00 p.m. EST. A tree surgeon and his family saw a bright white object maneuvering around power lines and a radio tower, making a "swooshing" sound. Static was heard on the radio (EM effect) at the time. A "light beam was emitted downward from the object onto a utility pole. Domestic animals in the area were excited and agitated (animal reactions) while the UFO hovered, circled, and moved quickly from point to point. At 11:30 p.m. a Ford truck experienced total electrical failure as a cigar-shaped or elliptical object was seen low over sand dunes. The object circled the area and flew overhead. (Keyhoe & Lore, 1969a, p. 8; New York NICAP Subcommittee report; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 7, Mar.-Apr. 1966).

March 30, 1966; Pecos, TX
Time not reported. An oblong object estimated to be 85-100 feet long, with lights at top and bottom

(body lights), landed near a highway, then took off about 5 minutes later. (NICAP notes; United Press International story.)

March 31, 1966; JANAP 146(E)

> Joint Army Navy Air Publication 146(E), changed from 146(D) of Feb. 1, 1959. Added that photographs should be sent to the Director of Naval Intelligence. Also added special reporting instruction for unidentifiable objects. (See JANAP 146 History and Evolution).

March 31, 1966; Vicksburg, MI
2:00 a.m. CST. A motorist encountered a brightly lighted disc-like object, grayish with various body lights, hovering just off the road surface, blocking the roadway. The car was violently buffeted as the object darted around from point to point, emitting a hum like a swarm of bees. The object finally rose and sped away at a steep angle. (NICAP investigation report; Keyhoe & Lore, 1969a, p. 23; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 7, Mar.-Apr. 1966, p. 3)

Minuteman II ICBM Deployed to Five SAC Bases

> In 1966 the Minuteman II ICBM was deployed to SAC bases: Malmstrom Air Force Base, Ellsworth Air Force Base, Minot Air Force Base, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, and Whiteman Air Force Base. Malmstrom Air Force Base was also selected as the location for an additional Minuteman squadron, and LFs and LCFs were consequently constructed at this base. The first Minuteman II was deployed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota, in August 1965. In early 1966 UFOs were being reported at these same SAC bases.

April ?, 1966; Malmstrom AFB, MT
UFOs, alarms, 10 missiles inoperative. (Robert Hastings asked Ray Fowler about this case a few years ago. Fowler had published a reference to it in one of his books, but currently has no records on it and doesn't recall any details)

April 1, 1966; 5 miles S of Tangier, OK (BBU)
10:40 p.m. Civilian man, 34, while driving reached a hilltop and saw a green object wider than the road flying N at very high speed, emitting a shrieking noise and a "heat wave." Car engine died. (Vallée Magonia 746)

April 1, 1966; Dearborn, MI
12:30 a.m. EST. An elliptical object with domes on top and bottom, and blinking red and green body lights, maneuvered near a car. Static (EM effect) was experienced on the car radio. (NICAP report.)

April 1, 1966; Conception Del Uruguay, Argentina
Night. A luminous green object surrounded by haze approached a truck, which experienced EM effects as the object neared. The truck slowed and overturned. (Rodeghier, 1981, p. 29)

April 2, 1966; Balwyn, Australia
A well-known Melbourne businessman [Brown?] (who refuses to be identified but is known to APRO’s representative there, Attorney Peter Norris), reportedly snapped a photo of a bell-shaped object which was suspended on edge over a Balwyn suburb (see plate 7). Using a polaroid camera, he presented a clear color photograph of the polished metallic object, which was reflecting the pink roof of a building below. The photo is a hoax. (APRO, Paul Dean)

April 3, 1966; Franklin, NJ
Time not reported. A disc-shaped object with three portholes hovered near a radio transmitter tower, seen by the station owner and his wife after hearing a deep rumbling noise. The object appeared to be "twice the size of a jet fighter plane." (Brief United Press International story.)

April 3, 1966; Playa Del Ray, CA
6:50 p.m. PST. Along the coast of the Pacific Ocean near Los Angeles International Airport, a Coast

Guard helicopter pilot and another witness reported seeing four pairs of flashing red lights in changing geometric formations, estimated to be one mile offshore. The pilot reported seeing an oblong object with body lights. (NICAP report forms.)

April 3, 1966; Burlington, Ontario, Canada
10:15 p.m. EST. A domed UFO emitting a yellow glow hovered about 75 feet above Bronte Gorge, followed a car, then sped up and disappeared to the northeast. (NICAP report form.)

April 4, 1966; <1 mile SE of Hague, FL (BBU)
6:05 a.m. Civilian man, 40, saw an elongated object on the ground as he was going to work, 6 ft long, 2 ft high, with 6 4-inch openings, making a "turbine" noise so loud the witness had to put his hands over his ears. When he tried to touch it, the object left at great speed to the W vanishing suddenly after several feet of travel. Rain fell throughout. (Vallée Magonia 748)

April 4, 1966; Burkes Flat, Victoria, Australia
8:00 p.m. LT. As a strange light phenomenon (including an oval with a cone containing multi-colored shafts or tubes of light moving up and down) hovered near ground level off the road, an approaching motorist reported his headlights were bent (gravitational effect) toward the object. The object seemed to close in on itself and then disappeared. (Chalker, 1996, pp. 114-15.)

April 4, 1966; Liberal, KS
Time not reported. A blue-green sphere hovered at low altitude, ascended and departed to the southwest. (NICAP notes.)

April 5, 1966; Lycoming, NY (BBU 10385)
3 a.m. Lillian Louis, 42, went to get a glass of water in her kitchen and saw a spinning vapor-like sphere, 10 ft in diameter, shooting its exhaust onto the ground from 20 ft height near her house, which departed very suddenly, leaving a trail. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 751)

April 5, 1966: Anderson AFB, Guam
1:21 pm. Oct. 1965 to June 27, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam. FAA controllers on Guam, using FPS-20 surveillance radar, noted 27 instances of radar beacon returns with no known or identifiable source. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list.)

April 5, 1966

> House Armed Services Committee conducts the first and only public hearing by U.S. Congress ever held on UFO's. Was a result of the nationwide controversy generated by AF consultant J. Allen Hynek's "swamp gas" explanation for the Hillsdale sightings. AF is severely criticized by the Congressmen, including future President Gerald Ford.
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> The AF is slated to soon test a long-delayed highly classified sensor system which will obviate the need for collection of anecdotal UFO reports by an ever more embarrassing Project Blue Book. The plan for the sensor system and eventual closure of Blue Book was approved years before, on July 28, 1952, but numerous technical and budgetary delays kept giving Blue Book reprieves from termination. Now, the AF command decides that for PR purposes after the tremendous beating it received in the press, from the public and now from Congress over its inept UFO explanations that it needs a scientific fig-leaf to cover its closure of Blue Book. This results in the contract to University of Colorado in October 1966. (Sparks)

April 5, 1966; Heflin, AL
4:00 p.m. CST. An object emitting a humming sound was observed, and reportedly caused "anti-gravitational effects," finally disappearing in clouds. (Letter, NICAP report form, clipping.)

April 5, 1966; Kittery, ME (BBU)
7 p.m. 4 people saw a landed object through binoculars which took off, hovered for a while, and left. (Vallée Magonia 752)

April 6, 1966; Selkirk, NY
Time not reported. A huge grayish-white egg-shaped object with body lights and portholes hovered above trees, rocking back and forth. Finally it accelerated and sped away leaving a trail. (NICAP notes.)

April 5, 1966; Alto, TN (BBU 10384)
11:55 p.m. W. Smith and another stopped to watch an object hovering about 15 ft above a swamp, tried to follow it but it flew away. Object 100 ft long oval with a dark top, appearing cone-shaped when moving, making a high-frequency noise, and flying between a hightension power line and a row of trees. Animal reactions wherever the object flew over. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 753)

April 7, 1966; Beulah, MI
Time not reported. A cigar-shaped object with red and green body lights flew ahead of a car, circled back emitting sound (unspecified), and settled down behind a ridge. (NICAP notes.)

April 7, 1966; Springfield, KY
Time not reported. A large object described as an "overgrown washtub" moved southeast over the airport, dog barked (animal reactions). (NICAP notes.)

April 7, 1966; Grove City, PA
Night. Motorists saw lights rise from the ground, then an unidentified object passed over their car causing E-M effects, noise (unspecified), physical and psychological effects.
Independent observation: Same day at Ligonier, 105 miles to the southeast in Pennsylvania, silver cigar-shaped objects were observed flying into a storm. (NICAP notes)

April 7, 1966; Littleton, CO
Time not reported. A group of people on a picnic saw white, blue, and red lights in a wooded area, and heard a weird buzzing sound. EM effects occurred on their car when a white object followed them as they left the area. (NICAP notes.)

April 7, 1966; Lincoln, NE
7:00-8:00 p.m. CST. A group of doctors, lawyers, and pilots saw a constellation of lights, including a large white "beacon" with 4-5 bright red lights, hovering at low altitude (estimated to be about 400 feet) for about 7 minutes during heavy rain. The object(s) suddenly sped away at "fantastic speed." (NICAP report.)

April 7, 1966; Mansfield, OH
Time not reported. Two sheriffs deputies while on patrol chased a bright round object at high speed, seeing it or a similar object five times. The UFO alternately hovered and sped up, the last time departing vertically upward. (NICAP notes.) [Compare to April 17, 1966, Ravenna, Ohio, sheriffs deputies case.]

April 9, 1966; Westport, MA
Time not reported. An unidentified object approached a car from behind, hovered over it, moved ahead, and ascended vertically out of sight. (NICAP notes.)

April 10, 1966; Lebanon, IN
Night. An engineering draftsman and his wife saw a cone of nine white lights, with a line of 10-12 small blue lights below it. The lights abruptly blinked off. (NICAP notes.)

April 11 [10-11?], 1966; Greensburg, PA. (BBU)
12 midnight. Civilian man, 43, saw a well-defined cigarshaped object 50 ft long with no wings, tail or wheels, with flashing red light, 15 ft above ground, 300 ft away. Object rose, was lost in the fog, then came back at treetop level with a strong whistling sound. (Vallée Magonia 756)

April 12, 1966; Dorchester, MA
7:45 p.m. EST. Witnesses reported a low-flying oval object with dome on top and colored lights around its perimeter, circling over a schoolhouse and bobbing up and down. Coincident power failure (EM effects) in nearby Roxbury. (Fowler 1974, p. 337; Boston Record American, Apr. 13, 1966, quoted in Flying Saucer Review, 12(4), pp. iii-iv.)

April 12, 1966; Brockton, MA
10:00 p.m. EST. An elongated elliptical (or cigar-like) object with a bright red-orange light at each end was seen hovering off Route 24. (Fowler, 1974, p. 337.)

April 13, 1966; Kalamazoo, MI
Time not reported. A police officer and other witnesses saw an elliptical object with flashing white lights, alternating red and green lights. (NICAP report; police department form.)'

April 15, 1966; Catalina Island, CA
Cat. 8. Motion picture images of UFO near mountain peak.

April 15 (appox. date), 1966; F. E. Warren AFB, WY
UFO over missile silo (NUFORC)

April 15 (approx. date), 1966 , Interior, SD
UFO tracked on USAF radar over Minuteman ICBM complex. Two tracking radar systems that were looking for a Low level B-52 at the time got a lock on to a UFO that was later confirmed to be hovering over a missile silo. Object then reportedly accelerated to 5000 mph when they lost track. It came to within one mile of the site and was observed visually as well on radar track X-Y plotter tape and on video tape. (Magnetic anomaly was experience but not described in report.)

April 16, 1966; Sherborn, MA
7:55 p.m. EST. An elongated elliptical object with bright red light on each end and blue lights along its perimeter was seen hovering off Route 16. [Compare to April 12, Brockton, Mass., sighting.] (Fowler, 1974, p. 337.)

April 17, 1966; Millersville, TX (BBU)
Daytime. Man in a car saw an sun-reflecting oval, car-sized object follow him, then cross the road behind at 15 ft height. (Vallée Magonia 758)

April 17, 1966; Portage County, Ohio, bt. Atwater and Randolph, Ohio, to Pittsburgh, PN (BBU)
5-6:10 a.m. (EST). E of Akron Deputy Sheriff Dale F. Spaur and associate Wilbur Neff saw a 30-45 ft metallic object approach over the treetops from the woods, bathing the witnesses and the whole area in light while making a transformer-like hum, then headed E and they gave chase in the patrol car at speeds up to 105 mph for 85 miles. Officer Wayne Huston about 35 miles to the ESE saw the object he described as ice cream cone-shaped, point downwards, approach from the W and pass overhead at about 800-900 ft height with Spaur and Neff in pursuit to the SE and he joined them near Unity, Ohio, with the object about 1/2 to 3/4 mile ahead of them, reaching the Penna. state line at 5:35. They lost sight of object at Brady Run Park regained it in Bridgeport, Penna. At about this time officers Lonnie Johnson and Ray Esterly in Salem, Ohio, saw 3 jet fighters attempting to intercept a bright object at about 10,000-20,000 ft about 25° elevation to the E for about 2 mins. In Conway, Penna., at 6 a.m. they met with officer Frank Panzarella who had been watching the object for 10 mins to the E or SE which he described as 2535 ft half-football-shaped object at about 1,000 ft height (or 1,500-2,000 ft according to the others), when it stopped in the NE towards Harmony, Pennsylvania, then rose. They watched as

the object climbed to about 3,500 ft to the left of and level with the quarter moon in the ESE (which was at about azimuth 116° elevation 14° and 11 % illuminated at 6:00 a.m.) and Venus (at 122° azimuth 22° elevation) and it passed near a 707 airliner taking off from Pittsburgh Airport and disappeared shooting up vertically at about 6:10. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 8; NICAP)

April 17, 1966; Danvers, MA
7:15 p.m. EST. Several groups of witnesses reported an elliptical object with rotating white lights around its perimeter. The object circled slowly, then disappeared into clouds. (Fowler 1974, p. 337.)

April 17, 1966; Peabody, MA
7:30-7:45 p.m. EST. Fifteen minutes later 5 miles south of Danvers, a series of sightings was reported by independent witnesses. An oval object with dome on top, and red, green, blue, and white flashing body lights, was seen flying in circular and zigzag patterns. The object suddenly darted away at high speed and disappeared. One UFO hovered over a school, then moved away rapidly with up and down oscillatory motion. (Fowler 1974, p. 338.)

April 17, 1966; Wakefield, MA
8:30 p.m. EST. About 9 miles southwest of Peabody, witnesses reported an oval object making a humming sound. It bobbed up and down rapidly and emitted white, red, and blue light beams as it descended to low level above Lake Quannapowitt. (Fowler 1974, p. 338.)

April 18, 1966; Peabody, MA
7:15 p.m. EST. Several witnesses reported an oval object with blue glow, reddish-green flashing lights on each end. The object hovered, and sped back and forth several times. (Fowler 1974, p. 338.)

April 18, 1966; Cohasset, MA
9:45 p.m. EST. About 25 miles southeast of I Peabody, witnesses reported an oval object with flashing red lights around its circumference, and two smaller white body lights. The object reacted to searchlights (light reaction) shone on it by zigzagging, accelerating straight up and disappearing. (Fowler 1974, p. 339.)

April 18, 1966; Battle Creek, MI (BBU)
10:10 p.m. 42year-old witness driving a car saw an egg-shaped object, 75 ft long, 15 ft high, gray-colored, following from a distance of 75 ft. Object had a cockpit with windows and 3 rows of lights, emitted red flames, and made the same noise as a heavy truck on wet pavement. (Vallée Magonia 759)

April 18, 1966; Lancaster, OH
11:55 p.m. A motorist almost struck a blindingly bright object which had landed on the highway. It had brilliant white lights and intense red body lights. When he turned back to investigate, the UFO flew off through a corn field, at one point illuminating the terrain. Then the lights blinked off and the object disappeared. Next day his eyes were sore and bloodshot (physiological effects). (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 8, May-June 1966, p. 7.)

April 19, 1966; Sharon, MA
12:15 a.m. EST. Citizens and police called to the scene to investigate saw an oval or egg-shaped object with a glowing rim that looked like lighted windows, and a steady red light on each end. The object hovered, then disappeared when an aircraft approached (aircraft avoidance), reappearing after it left. (Fowler 1974, pp. 128-130, 340; NICAP report.)

April 19, 1966; Peabody, MA
12:00 p.m. EST. On the north-northeast side of the Boston metroplex, witnesses reported an oval object with red, green, and white body lights, oscillating up and down when in motion. The object appeared to land in a field. Later two witnesses approached the field and saw unidentified lights rise and fly away. (Fowler, 1974, p. 339.)

April 19, 1966; Hartford, CT
8:00 p.m. EST. Two oval objects with red and green body lights hovered directly over the Rock Hill Veterans Home and Hospital. (Fowler 1974, p. 339.)

April 19, 1966; Bellingham, MA
10:00 p.m. EST. Two hours later about 80 miles east-northeast of Hartford, an elongated elliptical object with bright red lights on each end flew low, hovered, and made a hissing sound when moving. A separate report was received of a "piercing, humming object" two hours earlier at Stoughton. (Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee report; Fowler 1974, p. 339)

April 19, 1966; Quincy, MA
11:45 p.m. EST. Several persons saw a large disc-shaped object accompanied by two smaller discs that flashed red and white lights, hovered and swung back and forth like a pendulum. (Fowler 1974, p. 339.) [Note: Bellingham, Cohasset, Quincy, Sharon, and Stoughton, Mass., all are within about a 30-mile radius of Boston, in an arc from the southeast to the southwest.]

April 20, 1966; Over PA
Early morning. An airline pilot observed an unidentified bright orange object. (Project 1947 reports, Aldrich fit Greenwood; cited in Weinstein, 1999, p. 34)

April 20, 1966; Charlevoix, MI
Time not reported. A couple reported watching six gray objects make a sharp turn in unison, separate slightly, climb and take off at high speed. (NICAP notes.)

April 22, 1966; Halifax, MA
Time not reported. About 60 miles south of Beverly, three women saw a round object with colored blinking body lights pace above and ahead of heir car. A low humming sound was heard. (NICAP report form.)

April 22, 1966; Springfield, MA
Time not reported. About 110 miles west-southwest of Beverly, a teacher and a boy saw a dome-shaped object with three lights on its underside hover, then accelerate away. (NICAP report form.)

April 22, 1966; Alliance, OH
12:15 a.m. A disc emitting bright white light from a dome on top and with rotating red lights around the rim approached a car within about 40 feet, and hovered. The frightened witnesses fled at high speed, and the UFO apparently followed. The object was finally seen speeding away to the northeast. (Keyhoe & Lore, 1969a, p. 8; report by Walter N. Webb.)

April 22, 1966; Long Island, Douglastown, NY
Time not reported. A Department of Defense engineering technician saw a disc with a row of windows like mercury vapor lamps. (NICAP report form.)

April 22, 1966; Bagley, MN
3:30 p.m. CST. Several witnesses reported seeing an object flying at low altitude and apparently landing. Four small occupants (described as "dwarfs") apparently made repairs and the craft flew away. (Vallee, 1969, pp. 329-30).

April 22, 1966; Beverly, MA
9:00 p.m. EST. Police and citizens saw three oval or elliptical objects flashing blue, green, red, and white lights circling low over the local high school. A humming sound was heard. When one of the witnesses raised her hands as if beckoning, one of the objects left the group and approached three witnesses, hovering above them at tree-top height. (Fowler 1974, pp. 130-36, 340; Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee report; McDonald, 1967, Case 5, reprinted in Vaughan, 1995, pp. 204-205.)

April 22, 1966; Beverly, MA (BBU)
9-9:45 p.m. Witnesses including 2 policemen spread over a distance of saw a platter shaped object the size of a large automobile, with 3 red-green-white lights, no sound, hover over Beverly High School then depart to the SW. At one point witnesses saw the object only 20-30 ft over the head of another witness. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 8, case CEI-5; cf. Condon Rpt Case 6)

April 22, 1966; Wenham, MA
9:30 p.m. EST. Several witnesses at a college saw an orange circular object approach to within 600 feet at about 100 feet altitude. The object made a right angle turn and moved out of sight behind trees. (Fowler 1974, p. 340.) [Note: There are two towns named Wenham, one north and one south of Boston.]

April 23, 1966; Yorktown, IA
2:10 a.m. CDT. A farm family saw a cigar-shaped object with lights at each end illuminating the ground with red light. The object had two blue lights extending above the left end, a red light at the right end, and an amber glow emanating from its underside. A loud roaring sound was heard as it settled onto the ground. Then they heard loud crackling sounds like gunshots, and their cattle bolted. An odor of ozone was in the air. Later they found imprints in the field where the object had landed, apparently caused by the undercarriage. (Keyhoe & Lore, 1969a, p. 22.)

April 23, 1966; Warren, OH
Time not reported. A round white object approached and followed a car. (NICAP notes.)

April 23, 1966; Randolph, MA
8:40 p.m. EDT. Police and others in a rural lake area sighted an "elongated egg-shaped" (elliptical) object with white lights around its perimeter, colored flashing lights on its underside. (Fowler 1974, p. 340.)

April 23/24,1966; Dorchester, MA
10:30 p.m. EST. Members of a family about 13 miles north of Randolph, Mass., saw a disc with dome on top and blinking red lights around the edge, and a brilliant yellow light on top of the dome, bobbing up and down as it moved. The yellow light blinked or flashed alternately with the red lights. The object stopped, hovering over a building. After a while it approached the family's apartment building and maneuvered between it and the adjacent building, emitting a humming sound. It hovered again briefly at the end of the alley, then moved away erratically to the east and disappeared. The same or an identical object was seen again several hours

April 24, 1966; Dorchester, MA
5:00 a.m. EDT. The same family as in the previous entry saw an identical oval or discoid object with dome and yellow light on top and red lights around the edge. flashing in the same pattern as the night before. The object emitted a humming sound and "weird, whirring, mechanical noises" as it bobbed around apparently close to the building. An explosive sound was heard, the windows rattled and furniture shook, and the lights went out. The family German shepherd dog whined and scratched at the door (animal reaction). The start of a power failure, which affected about 2,500 homes in the area, was officially timed at 4:57 a.m. It was later attributed to a breakdown in the insulation of the wiring at a point very near the apartment building. Later that evening investigators detected some abnormal radiation on the window sill where the object had been seen. (Keyhoe & Lore, 1969b, pp. 45-47; Walter N. Webb investigation report; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 8, May-June 1966, pp. 7-8; Fowler 1974, p. 340.)

April 24, 1966; Johnson City, TX
3:30 a.m. CDT. An architect and Naval reserve officer camping out with his daughter heard a fluttering sound, then they saw a disc-like object (estimated 20 feet diameter) with a double row of lights or ports

around the rim hovering 150-200 feet away at treetop height. It appeared to be rotating, and a blue light pulsated around its rim. The UFO gradually accelerated and moved away to the southwest. (NICAP report form; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 8, May-June 1966, p. 8 ).

April 24, 1966; Ashby, MA (BBU)
6:10 p.m. 2 men saw a silent object with a bright blue light on top dive within 100 ft of their car, then suddenly accelerate, and was lost to sight toward Mt. Watatic. (Vallée Magonia 765)

April 25, 1966; Towanda, PA
Night. As their car engine and headlights failed and they felt heat, motorists saw a UFO with four portholes hovering about 350 feet away, flames shooting off of it. (Rodeghier, 1981, p. 29)

April 25, 1966; Ocala, FL
8:52 p.m. EDT. Governor's plane paced by two objects. The crew and passengers of a Convair aircraft carrying Florida Governor Haydon Burns sighted two apparently connected bright yellow or yellow-orange globe-shaped objects that paced the plane for about 40 miles. Witnesses included newsmen and state officials. When Burns ordered his pilot to turn toward the UFO(s), they climbed steeply and disappeared (aircraft avoidance). (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 8, May-June 1966. p. 3.)

April 26, 1966; Follansbee, WV (BBU)
11:30 p.m. Young man saw a silent 30 ft object shaped like two bowls glued together, at 100 ft altitude, ahead of his car. He drove away without looking behind. (Vallée Magonia 766)

April 27, 1966: Anderson AFB, Guam
At 12:57 p.m. & 2:20 pm local time, the seventh of 24 radar sightings over a 9 month period of unidentified targets was observed. Radar beacons with no known or identifiable source have been noted by Guam FAA Controllers, using FPS-20 Surveillance radar since October 1965. FPS-6 Height Finder radar and an APS-59 airborne radar were also involved. Phenomena occurrence times were Oct. 65 (one), Nov. 65 (two), Dec.65 (one), Mar. 66 (one), Apr. 66 (three), and June 66 (nineteen). At least one time a cloud seemed to be associated with the the radar targets. Interception attempts were made on June 23, 1966 by KC-135 and C-97 aircraft. (Dan Wilson)

April 28, 1966; Sawtry, Cambridgeshire, England
5:00 a.m. LT. Two men suddenly awoke in their van, with an acidic taste in their mouths and difficulty breathing (physiological effects), birds were shrieking. They looked out and saw two large spherical objects moving away. (Flying Saucer Review, May/June 1967. cited in Schuessler, 1996, p. 42).

April 29, 1966; Paraguay, Ascuncion
3:55 p.m. LT. The pilot of a Beechcraft Bonanza en route to Posadas, Argentina, saw a gray object like one plate inverted on top of the other (disc) with portholes, and emitting an apparent exhaust. (Weinstein, 1999, p. 34, from Lumieres Dan La Nuit, No. 125)

April 30, 1966; Sacramento, CA (BBU)
3:15 a.m. Anita Miller saw a light move around the sky. No further detail in files. (Berliner)

April 30, 1966; Pasadena, CA
Cat. 11. Three objects near airplane.

> Beginning on May 7, 1966, and throughout the rest of 1966 and into 1967, the Air Force replaced the Minuteman I Bs with Minuteman IIs at Whiteman AFB ICBM Complex.

May ?, 1966; Whiteman AFB, MO
Multi-witness daylight landing (#234) occupants. Whiteman AFB was a Minuteman ICBM Complex with 15 launch control centers and 150 ICBMs.

May 1, 1966; Watertown, MA
10:00 p.m. EDT. Four witnesses saw an oval object with bright rotating red, green, and white lights pass over the Watertown Arsenal. (Fowler 1974, p. 341)

May 4, 1966; Charleston, WV (BBU)
4:30 [3:40?] a.m. FAA air traffic controller tracked an unidentified non transponding target about 5 miles to the 11 o'clock position from Braniff Airline Flight 42 headed E at 33,000 ft, which crew saw high above as a white-blue object giving off brilliant flaming light of alternating white-green-red colors. Radar showed object veering away to 8-10 miles away at 10 o'clock position, then come at the Braniff airliner to 3 miles distance then made a 180° left turn to the NW again within a diameter of 5 miles at 1,000 mph [5 g's] which the Braniff crew confirmed with object descending from 20° elevation above horizon. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, Case RV-2)

May 4, 1966; Cardington, OH
Time not reported. About 10 people watched a saucer-shaped glowing object hover above the trees for 30 minutes. Smaller lights, occasionally flashing, darted to and from it. The object departed when an aircraft approached the area (aircraft avoidance). (NICAP notes.)

May 5, 1966; Facts About Unidentified Flying Objects - Library of Congress

> Found in the Project Blue Book Archives, this 50-page document was written by Robert L. Chartrand, Specialist in Science and Technology, Science Policy Research Division for the Library of Congress Legislative Reference Service. He was assisted by William F. Brown, Analyst in Science and Technology. This report was written in response to a request from a Member of Congress asking for a summation of what is generally known about UFO's as of April 1966. The LoC Legislative Reference Service (now the Congressional Research Service) produces these kinds of reports on any subject of interest to Congress, on request. Other than summarizing the AF's anti-UFO propaganda line as of April 1966 it has little significance.

May 6, 1966; Carnestown, FL
2:05 a.m. EDT. In Collier County, southwest Florida, vicinity of Naples, a shaken motorist made a statement to Naples police about his car being approached from behind by a "large white light" that came within about 100-150 feet of his car, changing color to blue-green. He tried to flee, but the UFO zoomed past him making a "whooshing" noise, and circled around to the left and disappeared. (NICAP notes, police statement in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives.)

May 7, 1966; Goodfellow AFB, TX (BBU 10535)
9:55 p.m. A/3c W. L. Whitehead saw a short, cylindrical object with pointed ends, a yellow light at one end, blue light at the other, fly straight and level. (Berliner)

May 16, 1966; Temple City, CA
12:30 p.m. PDT. A newspaper editor and office manager were called outdoors to see a grayish-green object high in the northern sky changing shape from rectangular, or roughly diamond-shaped, to domed disc. The object, apparently metallic, was reflecting sunlight. Haze-like heat waves surrounded it. For 15 minutes the object moved around lazily, then suddenly sped off to the northeast and disappeared. The editor compared the departure speed to that of a jet aircraft.

May 16, 1966; Temple City, CA
About 1:10 p.m. at a school in the area, the principal noticed the children on the playground staring at something in the sky. He looked and saw a dark disc-shaped object with dome on top moving from high overhead toward the east. Several other witnesses made similar reports between 1:00 and 1:30 pm. (Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee report.)

May 17, 1966; New Orleans, LA
Day. A Boeing engineer was among the witnesses who saw two discs flying off each wingtip of an

airliner. The outer discs lagged briefly during a turn by the airliner. (NICAP report form.)

May 17, 1966; Mentor, OH
Time not reported. An aircraft design engineer saw a bluish-white object pickup 10 smaller objects in groups, brightening each time a pick-up was made, then dimming (luminosity/motion correlation). The parent object then turned to the west and accelerated away. (NICAP notes.)

May 21, 1966; Willow Grove, PA
3:15 p.m. EDT. This one was personally checked by Dr. James E. McDonald, a close-range airborne sighting of a domed-disc, seen under midday conditions by two observers. One of them, William C. Powell, of Radnor, Pa., was a pilot with 18,000 logged flight hours. In a light plane encountered a disc with dome on top at 4,500 feet. The disc was bright red. The object made a sharp, non-banking turn and approached his plane nearly head-on, passing below his starboard wing about 100 yards away, and disappeared behind the plane. (McDonald, 1969, reprinted in Vaughan, 1995, pp. 104-5; Hall 2001, pp. 44-45; Keyhoe and Lore,1969b, p. 6)

May 23, 1966; Gainesville, FL.
University campus police saw a round glowing object with outer ring of red lights, and a white flashing light in the center, hover above the athletic field, then fly away. (NICAP notes from newspaper story.)

May 24, 1966; Temple City, CA
4:15 p.m. PDT. A woman driving in Temple City saw a strange object approach from the southwest, hover and bob around. She stopped and observed the object at relatively close range, at treetop level across a wide highway. "It was the shape of two geranium pots put together with the bands in the center," she said. Although the object was clearly outlined, there was a slight haze surrounding it. The color was bright green. Flashes of sunlight reflected off the surface, giving it a metallic sheen. On the body were what appeared to be a row of louvers and an antenna-like projection. After several minutes the object climbed to the northeast, observed as it moved away by employees of a nearby restaurant who were alerted by the witness. (Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee report.)

June 1, 1966: Anderson AFB, Guam
3:38 pm. Oct. 1965 to June 27, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam. FAA controllers on Guam, using FPS-20 surveillance radar, noted 27 instances of radar beacon returns with no known or identifiable source. The average time on scope was 10 minutes; and three quarters of the returns happened at night. All displayed as beacon IFF mode three. The speed of the returns ranged between 40 and 500 knots. Five altitude readings indicated a height of 1,000 to 20,000 feet. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list.)

June 2, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam
3:30 pm.

June 3, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam
3:08 pm.

June 1, 1966; Lake Ontario, Canada
10:30 p.m. LT. A former RCAF pilot and a friend were cruising on the lake when they saw lights on the water ahead. As they approached within a mile, the lights rose with an audible "swish" and a pulsating humming sound. The two men now could see that it was a disc with dome on top, and it cast an oval reflection on the lake surface. Around the dome was a row of bright yellow lights, and blue-green lights were visible around the lower perimeter (body lights). After hovering briefly, the UFO took off at high speed and quickly disappeared. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 9, Aug.-Sept. 1966, p. 5)

June 2, 1966; Massillon, OH
Day. A moving luminous cigar-shaped object stopped, then discharged three smaller objects which rose, separated, and flew off in different directions. The parent object then went straight up at terrific

speed. (NICAP notes.)

June 6, 1966

> AF Foreign Technology Division (FTD) officials decide to leak the AF-manipulated CIA Robertson Panel Report with Minutes and Comments report (Durant Memo) to visiting Navy scientist Dr James McDonald, who was working under an ONR (Office of Naval Research) contract. The AF evidently wanted to make the CIA look bad when the report was inevitably hushed up by the CIA which complained that AF did not clear this declassification with the CIA. Fearing that McDonald was part of an ulterior Navy plot to make the AF look bad, this big show of AF openness and pretense of trying to overcome excessive CIA secretiveness would serve to make the AF look good instead. As an added bonus this sugar-coating of feigned AF openness in trying to release the Robertson Panel report actually covered a poison pill inside, since the Robertson Panel report was itself an AF-manipulated, virulently debunking anti-UFO document which set forth all of the AF's desired anti-UFO PR positions which had been systematically planted on the CIA and the Panel back in 1952 and 1953. (Sparks)

June 6, 1966; Spooner, Wisc. (BBU 10626)
9:30 p.m. Dorothy Gray saw 2 domed discs with sparkling upper surfaces and square windows in their tops, revolve above a lake, apparently causing strange behavior of the lake water. (Berliner)

June 7, 1966: Anderson AFB, Guam
8:56 am & 11:54 am. Oct. 1965 to June 27, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam. FAA controllers on Guam, using FPS-20 surveillance radar, noted 27 instances of radar beacon returns with no known or identifiable source. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list.)

June 8, 1966; Between Kansas and Toledo, Ohio (BBU 10629)
6:45 a.m. Max Baker, 43, driving W on Sandusky Road, suddenly saw a bright silver, cigar-shaped object, as long as an airliner, silently buzz the witness' car to 100 ft distance then flew low to the NE. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 771)

June 8, 1966

> McDonald blows up at Hynek. After two days (June 6-7) of examining hundreds of Blue Book files and discussions with top AF generals, officers and scientists at FTD, McDonald concluded that the Blue Book effort was incompetent and scientifically next-to-worthless. McDonald visited Hynek, Dr. Jacques Vallee and William Powers at Northwestern University, expecting to join forces to confront the AF over its UFO policies, after McDonald had been falsely told by Prof. Charles B. Moore on April 28, 1966, that Hynek supposedly wanted to confront the AF over UFO's. Instead, Hynek was flabbergasted at McDonald and had no intention or idea of confronting the AF, which increasingly frustrated McDonald until he blew up at Hynek and pounded on the table. Vallee commented in his diary that "an entire era has come to a crashing end. This man [McDonald] has many contacts, many ideas, and is afraid of nothing." Afterward McDonald phones Moore and demands to know what was going on and Moore admitted he "had not been entirely honest" (=lied) about Hynek wanting to confront the AF, as McDonald later recorded. It was all a setup by Moore, evidently designed to get the two leading scientist investigators of UFO's at each other's throats so they would not join forces. Had McDonald and Hynek formed an alliance it would have threatened to turn official UFO policy into dust. (Sparks)

June 8, 1966; Castlegar, British Columbia, Canada
11:00 p.m. LT. Three persons reported that their car was followed by an oval object about 6 feet in diameter moving about 10 feet above the power lines on a parallel path. The object was emitting a bluish glow, and two light beams extended from it, one pointing upward and the other downward. No sound was heard. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 12, No. 6, Nov.-Dec. 1966, p. iii; from the Castlegar News.)

June11, 1966; Westport, MA
3:45 a.m. EDT. A disc shaped like two plates one on top of the other, with a dome on top, white, yellow, blue, and green flashing lights around the circumference (body lights), buzzed over a car and hovered ahead over the road. (Fowler, 1974, p. 341; Boston Traveler, June 13, 1966, quoted in Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 12, No. 5, Sept.-Oct. 1966, p. 30.)

June 11, 1966: Anderson AFB, Guam
9:05 am. Oct. 1965 to June 27, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam. FAA controllers on Guam, using FPS-20 surveillance radar, noted 27 instances of radar beacon returns with no known or identifiable source. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list.)

June 12, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam
2:07 am

June 13, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam
12:57 am & 6:12 pm.

June 13, 1966; Milan, MI (BBU)
Policeman who saw the object over Milan on March 17 saw another object on the ground at a street intersection. He drove toward it with his headlights illuminating the object, which took off like an airplane, flying away to the SE. (Vallée Magonia 773)

1966, Mid-July; Pacific Ocean bt. Hawaii & Seattle, WA
Late afternoon. During submarine USS Tiru SS-416 cruise, five of the crew reported a strange contact at a range of 2 miles bearing 315 degrees relative. The three men looked through their binoculars toward the area reported and were astounded to see a metal craft larger than a football field tumble from the clouds into the ocean. At about the same time a crew member below queried the bridge about a radar contact at the same range and bearing, which gave them a range of 3 nautical miles. Sonar also reported strange echos. See detailed report. (Carl Feindt)

June 15, 1966; Whiteman AFB, MO
Power to missiles lost and regained as UFO passes over Minuteman ICBM complex. (Call to NUFORC)

> Ted Phillips:
> The base commander was flying a B-52 with full crew and all observed a metallic disc in daylight flying very close to them. Two of the crewmen took 35mm photos using up all of their film. He told me of a landing near one of the sites and he dispatched two strike teams and they watched the object with orders to fire on it if anyone got out, there were EM effects - communication between the team and the control tower. I talked (in 1966) to several of the people who guarded the landing site with traces. Several base kids saw the thing come down through the trees behind a housing section on base. After several minutes it ascended leaving behind landing imprints and a lot of tree damage from its descent & ascent. I found and talked with the base photographer who documented the site and traces with a 120 format camera. He told me he turned the negatives and prints over to officers and didn't keep any prints. I located 11 witnesses (including the photographer) who confirmed the event.

June 16, 1966; Mt. Sunapee, NH
Time not reported. A woman saw a large glowing object hovering near telephone lines. An articulated glowing pink to red-colored rod extended to the wires, withdrew, and then the object sped away over the mountains. (New Hampshire NICAP Subcommittee report.) The time probably is included in the NICAP file report.)

June 16, 1966; Elista, Kalmuk; USSR
Scientists report UFO maneuvering near missile test. (Joel Carpenter: No record of a missile launch for

that date. However, see "1966", no exact date entry at top of this chrono from Larry Hatch *U* Database.)

June 17, 1966; Abington, Berkshire, England
8:50 p.m. LT. Two nuclear scientists reported seeing a very bright yellow object above a cloud bank on the western horizon, moving slowly. The object then accelerated northward and disappeared behind a tall bank of clouds. About 10 minutes later the same or a similar object appeared traveling from north to south, stopped and hovered in the northwest sky for about 30 minutes. The object then diminished in apparent size and was hidden by clouds near the horizon. When viewed through 10 x 60 binoculars, the object had a conical shape and was reflecting sunlight. Its length was computed to be about 60 feet. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 12, No. 5, Sept.-Oct. 1966, pp. 27-28.)

June 18, 1966; Burnsville-Mt. Mitchell, NC (BBU 10663)
12:30 a.m. 4 Boy Scout campers, including Sterrett, using binoculars saw a red bellshaped object with 3 flashing red lights hover then land 700 ft away, remaining all night, joined by 6 other objects, then rose at dawn. Broken trees and other traces found. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 776)

June 18, 1966: Anderson AFB, Guam
4:57 pm. Oct. 1965 to June 27, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam. FAA controllers on Guam, using FPS-20 surveillance radar, noted 27 instances of radar beacon returns with no known or identifiable source. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list.)

June 19, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam
2:06 pm, 2:38 pm, 2:39 pm

June 19, 1966; Nha Trang, Vietnam
9:45 p.m. LT. UFO descends on hundreds of witnesses and shuts down vehicles, illuminated terrain. A brilliantly lighted object approached from the north, alternately speeding up and slowing down. The object descended and hovered about 300-500 feet overhead, illuminating the terrain at the Army base. Widespread EM effects occurred on vehicles and machinery for about 4 minutes. Finally, the object shot straight up out of sight, disappearing in seconds. (Fowler, 1981, p. 187; Hall 2001, p. 80.)

June 19, Mt. Mitchell, NC
12:05 a.m. EDT. A group of Boy Scouts while camping out, saw three red pulsating lights in a triangular pattern approaching (body lights), then hovering from about midnight to 5:00 am. At sunrise the object lifted up, appearing red and bell-shaped through binoculars, Six smaller objects were hovering nearby on either side of the larger object, changing formations, and then the group disappeared behind a mountain. When the Scouts started to explore in the direction of the objects, about 60 feet from their camp they discovered trees with broken branches and some crushed undergrowth, plus three holes in the ground forming an equilateral triangle (physical traces). (Report to Center for UFO Studies.)

June 22, 1966: Anderson AFB, Guam
2:24 pm. Oct. 1965 to June 27, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam. FAA controllers on Guam, using FPS-20 surveillance radar, noted 27 instances of radar beacon returns with no known or identifiable source. The average time on scope was 10 minutes; and three quarters of the returns happened at night. All displayed as beacon IFF mode three. The speed of the returns ranged between 40 and 500 knots. Five altitude readings indicated a height of 1,000 to 20,000 feet. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list.)

June 23, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam
7:32 am.

June 23, Placitas, NM
3:42 a.m. MDT. Julian Sandoval, a NASA contract flight engineer, also an experienced pilot and

navigator, and two independent witnesses saw a glowing elongated object with a blunt end. It had a series of four body lights varying from brilliant green to a bluish tinge, and was hovering at an estimated 12,000 feet. When the object moved, its glow brightened and it appeared to be a powered craft (luminosity/motion correlation). The witness watched the object for an hour and a half, after which it climbed vertically, accelerated to a high velocity and disappeared to the northeast in about 12 seconds. In a report to NICAP, Sandoval estimated the departure speed at "Mach 6 or better." (Christian Science Monitor, July 11, 1966; I/. P.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 9, Aug.-Sept. 1966, p. 3.)

June 23, 1966; Hamburg, NY (BBU)
9:30 p.m. Civilian woman, 63, was reading when an intense red light lit the ground near her house. She went outside and saw a 3 ft lighted object 60 ft away, which backed up and flew away "like a bullet." 3 other witnesses in the next house. (Vallée Magonia 777)

June 24, 1966; Richmond, VA
3:30 a.m. EDT. A police officer on patrol saw a hovering elliptical object with body lights, surrounded by mist or vapor. The lights were alternately yellow and green. As he approached to investigate, the UFO began moving away, leading him on a cat-and-mouse chase. Finally the object accelerated and sped away. Separate police witnesses observed a UFO in the same general area about 40 minutes later. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. III, No. 9, Aug.-Sept. 1966, p. 3; Keyhoe & Lore, 1969a, p. 9.)

June 24, 1866; Charlotte, NC
Night. A school teacher, ex-member of Army intelligence saw a flattened ellipse with fuzzy edges, two or three port-like black spots along the body, flying overhead. The object was visible for about 2 minutes in hazy conditions. (NICAP report form.)

June 27, 1966; Pacific, 400 miles E of Wake Island (BBU 10693)
4 a.m. Radio Officer Steffen Sorensen, of the S/ [SS?] Mt. Vernon Victory, saw a "cloud" expand with a light inside, then accelerate away. (Berliner)

June 27, 1966; Cistella, Spain
4:00 a.m. LT. A farm woman and farm hands saw a large disc-shaped object with bright green, red, yellow and blue body lights descend behind some woods about 500 meters away. A few minutes later two cylindrical objects also with body lights appeared, and the disc reappeared, taking up position between the two cylinders, which closed in on the disc, turned, and all three as a unit shot up at terrific speed and disappeared in less than a second. A column of smoke was then seen rising from behind the woods that spread and enveloped one of the men as the woman and the other man took shelter in their car. The three then went to the clearing beyond the woods to investigate and found a freshly broken tree branch and scorched potato plants (physical traces). The man who had been enveloped by the smoke cloud later experienced extraordinary sleepiness. (Investigated by Antonio Ribera. Flying Saucer Review Vol. 12, No. 6, Nov-Dec. 1966, pp. 3-4.)

June 28, 1966; Anderson AFB, Guam
2:45 pm. A significant air intercept was made of unidentified radar targets by an Anderson AFB Air Rescue Squadron C-130 aircraft equipped with a APS-59 radar. Radar contact was made and maintained for 20 minutes and numerous intercepts were attempted. Vectors called by the ground radar controller checked perfectly with the return identified on the airborne radar. A third radar an FPS-6 Height Finder was also in operation and showed a return. The C-130 crew reported that there seemed to be a cloud associated with the target at all times. Whenever the crew tried to spot it visually it was always in a cloud. The target was lost to both the FAA radar and airborne radar at the same time 1:15 a.m. The Project Blue Book documents give exact dates and times of 24 radar sightings over a 9 month period of unidentified targets observed at Anderson AFB. These were radar beacons with no known or identifiable source and were noted by Guam FAA Controllers, using FPS-20 Surveillance radar since October 1965. FPS-6 Height Finder radar and an APS-59 airborne radar were also involved. Phenomena occurrence times were Oct. 65 (one), Nov. 65 (two), Dec.65 (one), Mar. 66 (one), Apr. 66 (three), and June 66 (nineteen). Interception attempts were made on June 23, 1966 by KC-135 and C-

97 aircraft. (Dan Wilson)

July 6, 1966; Fairpoint, South Dakota (BB)
8:45 p.m. MST. Observers including Airman William D. Offord saw a red object just above the horizon to the west. This object disappeared below the horizon. The observers moved to another position where they saw the red object again. Over the next hour and a half five distinct objects the apparent size of a quarter, a nickel and three objects the size of a dime held at arm's length were observed. The first sighting was called into the Golf One Launch Control Facility of the Minuteman missile complex, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. Here Airmen Calenberg, Langerud and Delapp, spotted the objects to the west of Golf One. The quarter size object led by nickel size while dime sizes skittered erratically around the horizon and mountain tops in distance and returned to the quarter size and nickel size objects which stayed on a fairly stable slow moving course ENE. The objects were viewed from two separate locations one to the west of the objects and one to the east. The quarter size object resembled an oblong saucer emitting pulsating flashes and rays of white and green light. The nickel size resembled a steady red light. The dime sizes darted erratically away from the quarter size and returned. Air Force Helicopter 481 was dispatched from Ellsworth AFB with the Base Commander and a photographer onboard. (Dan Wilson, BB files)

July 11, 1966; Union-Kirkwood, PA (BBU 10739)
7:45 p.m. Carl Wood and Charles Hawthorne [and 2 women?] saw a large (100 ft wide, 20 ft high) bright red luminous object with small windows and yellow lights 100 ft away in a field. Object had small openings, emitted a humming or whirring noise, seemingly from the outside, and a grinding noise from inside. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 779)

July 18, 1966; Baytown, TX
9:00 a.m. CDT. Service station personnel saw a white object shaped like two saucers face to face (disc) with a row of square windows in between. The object was hovering above a store about 100 yards distant, then it began moving, rapidly accelerated and sped away. (McDonald, 1968a, pp. 57-58; Houston Post, Oct. 8, 1966.)

July 20, 1966; Jaffrey, NH
10:30 p.m. EDT. An elliptical object with two rows of body lights passed over a religious center. As it progressed, the lights changed color from white to red to orange to yellow to green and back to white. (Fowler 1974, p. 341.)

July 22, 1966; Fremont, IN
11:25 p.m.. While driving his son home from the railway station, a realtor (retired WWII Navy officer) and his son saw an illuminated, 25-foot diameter disc with portholes on its lower convex surface. The object descended low over the car and hovered above it. When two other cars approached, the object extinguished its lights, then shot straight up into the sky leaving a trail of bluish light. (Hynek, 1972, pp. 95-96, 238; Ridge, 1994, pp. 12-13; NICAP notes.)

July 25, 1966; Between Greenville and Vanceboro, NC (BBU 10781)
1-2 a.m. College student James Clark saw a pulsating object change color from orange to red to blue to green and back to orange, which followed his car through the woods at high speed up to 100 mph, then stopped and hovered over the car from 300 ft away about 50 ft high, wobbling on its axis, approached to 100 ft, then shot out of sight vertically in <5 secs. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 782)

July 25, 1966; Fulton County Airport, GA
3:50 a.m. Federal Aviation Administration officials observed multi-colored oval objects that alternately hovered and moved around, confirmed on radar. One sped away. At 4:25 am another oblong object was observed hovering. Similar sightings occurred early the following morning, but this time not seen on radar. (Hitt, 1999.)

July 26, 1966; Atlanta, GA
Time not reported. FAA radar/visual of oval UFOs. Six Federal Aviation Administration personnel observed several vertical oval UFOs, visually and on radar. One object accelerated rapidly. (Atlanta Constitution, July 27, 1966; Orlando Sentinel, July 27, 1966.)

July 31, 1966; Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA (BBU 10798)
7:25-7:30 [8:25?] p.m. Douglas Tibbetts, 16, Betty Klem, 16, Anita Haifley [?], 22, and Gerald Labelle, 29, saw a square or hexagonal [or mushroom shaped?] object with edges lit or reflecting light, [sweeping the area with a light beam?], come tumbling down erratically from right to left, stopped 5 ft-10 ft above the beach 1,000 ft away and settled heavily down. A circle of spotlights at top were visible when it was on the ground [and a strange 6 ft tall being]. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 784)

July 31, 1966; Lake Canandaigua, NY
9:30 p.m. EDT. An engineer with the Federal Communications Commission saw a maneuvering light that descended with a falling leaf motion (oscillating from side to side). Then he discerned it as three lights in V formation. (New York NICAP Subcommittee report.)

Aug. 1, 1966; Prince George's County, MD
12:30 a.m. EDT. Citizens and police in College Park, Lanham, Bowie, Seat Pleasant, and elsewhere around the region saw maneuvering, fast-moving lighted objects. When a police officer approached a hovering object that had pulsating red, green, and white lights, it began a series of maneuvers, descended almost to the ground, then sped away "like a shot." Before it sped away, the object emitted a strange multi-colored light beam that moved rapidly to the ground, also observed by another officer. Andrews AFB denied to a County police dispatcher that they had any unknown objects on radar, but the dispatcher said a control tower operator had acknowledged seeing a fast-moving lighted object, and he later learned that Andrews did have a UFO on its radar but would not admit it officially. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 9, Aug. -Sept. 1966, p. 4.)

Aug. 2, 1966; Vancouver, B.C., Canada
10:30 p.m. LT. A man saw a disc-shaped object behind his house hovering about 400-500 feet off the ground. The object made no sound . It was a darker gray than the overcast sky. After about 45 seconds it accelerated, displaying twinkling lights, and disappeared. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 12, No. 6, Nov. -Dec. 1966, p. iii.)

Aug. 5, 1966; Erie, PA
9:30 p.m. EDT. A woman and four children saw an aluminum-colored oblong object with five evenly spaced yellow windows for about 30 seconds. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report.)

Aug. 6, 1966; Harlingen, TX (BBU)
2 p.m. Civilian man and his family saw a dark object hover near their isolated house. 3 children saw a dwarf in shiny black coveralls through a square door" emitting yellow light in the object, which left slowly with a soft humming sound. See later incident on Sept. 3. (Vallée Magonia 786; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 9, 1966; Low "Trick Would Be" Memo

> The half-million-dollar "trick" to make Americans believe the Condon committee was conducting an objective investigation. Memo written by Robert Low to James Archer and Thurston Manning, University of Colorado, to take on the evaluation of the Air Force Project Blue Book investigation, with the negative conclusions already planned.

Aug. 13, 1966; McDonald, OH
Time not reported. A policeman and others saw a large object accompanied by about 10 smaller objects. When an airplane approached, the smaller objects rushed to the large object, (aircraft avoidance). The sighting lasted 4 hours. (NICAP notes.)

Aug. 15, 1966; Wood Green, London, England
2:00 a.m. LT. A couple saw an intensely bright glowing disc approach and hover about 1 50 yards from their house above an old tree. After a short time two smaller brightly luminous discs emerged from the larger object and took up positions alongside. They them emitted two bright white conical light beams that illuminated the ground and surrounding terrain so brilliantly that the man was able to read the time on his watch (2:10 am). Next the two smaller discs extinguished their lights and re-entered the parent-object, which tilted slightly and moved slowly towards the house. A humming and/or jet-like sound could be heard as the object passed over the house, now appearing pear-shaped. Revolving colored lights were visible on the underside. Next morning the man had a rash resembling sunburn on his face, and he and his wife both had headaches and sore necks. Some apparent damage to foliage, circular holes in the ground, and a large depression with flattened grass were found beneath the area where the object had hovered. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 12, No. 6, Nov.-Dec. 1966, pp. 4-5.)

Aug. 15, 1966; Boston, MA
2:30 p.m. EST. An art instructor saw a thin disc with flat dome, and vertical ribbing visible on the dome, for 1-2 minutes. The object was beneath a cloud or fog layer. (Walter N. Webb report.)

Aug. 15, 1966; Forest Park, IL
5:40 p.m. CST. A Navy technician watched a flat, round object (disc) with red and yellow segments on the underside. The object had a dark center section, and colors around the rim. It flew slowly overhead for 5 minutes as a storm gathered. (NICAP report form.)

Aug. 15, 1966: Regina VOR, Saskatchewan, Canada
8:12 p.m. CST. Seven crew members of a RCAF C-130E Hercules observed an elongated sphere or dirigible-shaped object while flying over Regina VOR at 20,000 feet altitude. The object had 5 or 6 rectangular shaped dark patches on side, no gondola or tail. The object looked like aluminum. The pilot, Capt. Burchnall, observed the object through 12 power field glasses. The object was traced from approximately 230 degrees to 245 degrees at 8 degrees above the horizon. After about 1 1/2 minutes the object appeared to shrink in size and disappear to the SW very rapidly. The length of observation was approximately 2 to 5 minutes. [Source: Canadian National Archives, UFO Sightings, Record Group 77, Vol. 306] (Dan Wilson)

> Aug. 16, 1966; Various states - Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin
> Sightings and radarscope photo? Newspaper clippings are the apparent source, but no details this date for events in Wisconsin. (See below for Minnesota and North Dakota incidents possibly related to news release.)

Aug.16, 1966; Duluth, MN
10:45 p.m. CST. Three persons in a car saw a very large, spinning greenish-blue object that had revolving red body lights. The object at one point emitted an extremely bright light beam that blinded the driver. (NICAP report form, newspaper clippings.)

Aug. 16, 1966; 15 miles south of Minot, ND
At approximately 0343Z, Jeannette M. Heline, Reg. Nurse, and Allen N. Heline, A1C, 455th Missile Maintenance Squadron, Minot AFB, Ballistic Missile Analysis Specialist, while driving north, they observed a football-shaped object that was white with an orange tint appear in front of their car about 2000 to 3000 feet. The object appeared to come straight in and straight out. The observation lasted approximately 12 minutes.

Aug. 17, 1966; Ashtabula, OH. family saw a silvery disc-shaped object hovering and emitting a humming sound. The object then dove down and disappeared from view. (NICAP notes.)

Aug.18, 1966; Oil City, PA
Time not reported. A train crew saw a thin elongated (cigar-shaped) object whose glow cast a green

light over the area (environmental illumination). The glow lasted for about 7 seconds, and then the object shot away and disappeared. (NICAP notes.)

Aug. 19, 1966; Donnybrook, ND (BBU 10872)
4:50 p.m. U.S. Border Patrolman Don Flickinger saw a bright, shiny, round disc, 30 ft in diameter and 15 ft high, colored white, silvery or aluminum, floating down the side of a hill wobbling from side to side about 10 ft off the ground. It moved across a valley from the SE climbing to 100 ft height, hovered for 1 min over a reservoir in a horizontal position when a dome on top became visible, appeared about to land in a small field about 250 ft away, then tilted on edge and rose up into clouds at high speed. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 788; Jan Aldrich, Phillips, 1975, p. 43; witness report to CUFOS; Hynek, 1977, p. 152; Gilmor, Condon report case 8, p. 273.) [Note: This occurred within the Minuteman Missile Launch Facilities area at Minot AFB, North Dakota. Donnybrook is in the Kilo Flight Launch Facilities area.]

Aug. 19, 1966; Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Time not reported. A disc like an inverted dinner plate, with red and green body lights on top and bottom and flashing lights on the circumference, hovered over the Algoma steel plant. The object abruptly took off to the north at high speed, seen over a wide area. (NICAP notes; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 9, Aug. -Sept. 1966, p. 4.)

Aug. 20, 1966; Unitah Basin, UT
Dusk, MDT. About a dozen witnesses saw a glowing orange disc that hovered, emitting a red light beam from the underside. When children ran toward it, the object took off and disappeared. (Salisbury 1974, Appendix B, Table 1.)

Aug. 22, 1966; Easton, PA
10:15 p.m. EDT. An orange-red mass of light undergoing apparent shape changes was reported. The object fluttered down, moved away, changed to cone shape, then to a thin line, and finally sped away disappearing in seconds. (NICAP report form.)

Aug. 23, 1966; Da Nang, Vietnam (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Aug. 23, 1966; Columbus, OH (BBU 10888)
7 p.m. Broomall and Gilpin saw a circular, luminous white object split into 5 objects, all streaking away to the W. (Berliner)

Aug. 24, 1966; Battle Creek, MI
8:20 a.m. EDT. A disc inclined at an angle was observed by a railroad conductor and his family for 5 minutes, using 7x50 binoculars. Super 8mm movie film reportedly was taken of the object, but the film was not made available for study. (NICAP report form.)

Aug. 24, 1966; Minuteman Missile Site, Minot AFB [Grano? Carpio?], ND (BBU)
10 p.m. Airman saw and reported by radio a multi-colored light high in the sky. Strike team sent to his location confirmed the object. Second object, white, was seen to pass in front of clouds. Radar detected and tracked an object. Sightings made by 3 different Minuteman ICBM missile sites. Radio interference was noted by teams sent to locations where object was hovering at ground level. (Vallée Magonia 791; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 25, 1966; Malibu, CA
Sunrise, PDT. A diesel mechanic and former Navy aircraft crewman saw a lens-shaped disc with dome on top, apparent windows or portholes rotating slowly around it. The object performed complex, high-speed maneuvers. (NICAP report form.)

Aug. 25, 1966; Omaha, NE

11:30 p.m. CDT. A radio station staff and dozens of others saw a dark disc-shaped object with flashing red light, surrounded by white or pale green haze, hover, swoop down, and reverse direction. The object was visible for 15 minutes. (NICAP report form.)

Aug. 26, 1966; Gaylesville, AL [Rome, GA?] (BBU 10899)
8:50 p.m. Mr. Funk, wife and their 3 children saw a cluster of 4 small, glowing, orange yellow lights in a triangular formation, moving from E to W. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 27, 1966; Cicero, IL
9:30 p.m. CDT. A production engineer saw a lens-shaped disc with domes on top and bottom, surrounded by a soft bluish glow. The object was visible for 3 minutes. (NICAP report form.)

Aug. 31, 1966; Makklya, Finland
8:20 p.m. LT. A woman was called by her two daughters to observe from a balcony an object shaped like two plates, one inverted on top of the other (disc), flying at an altitude of about 200 meters. The edge was brightly illuminated and the top emitted a pulsating glow. The object appeared to be descending to land in a nearby field, then rose suddenly, accelerated and flew away, its light becoming brighter as its speed increased (luminosity/speed correlation). No sound was heard. (Flying Saucer Review, 12(6), November-December 1966; from the Hesinga Sanomet, Sept. 1, 1966.)

Fall, 1966: Rockford, IL
Evening. Close Encounter of the Third Kind and two witnesses. "So I turned the car around and stepped on the gas...I saw two grey figures with large slanted eyes and with square insignia, near the heart area." (IUR-9,2)

Sept. 1, 1966; Willsboro, NY (BBU 10917)
2:45 p.m. T. H. Ridman [Kidman?] saw an oval object with lights flashing red and white, occasionally blue, fly W, then disappear downward, returning several minutes later with a loud noise. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 3, 1966; Harlingen, TX (BBU)
2 p.m. 2 children went outside when the TV set became blurred and they saw a fantastic spinning light illuminating the house coming from an object hovering at the same location as the earlier sighting on Aug. 6. (Vallée Magonia 793 cf. 786; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 5, 1956; Finland AFS, Minnesota (BBU)
10:00 p.m. local time. A visual sighting of an object was called in to Finley AFS. The object was described as 20 feet long, egg-shaped, red yellow and green in color. Airmen at the station observed an object to the NW. A radar return was picked up by the 756th Radar Squadron (SAGE) at 270 degrees at around five miles from the station. Two F-89 fighters were scrambled from Duluth to investigate. When the F-89's got close to the object it moved up and away to the west. This was confirmed by visual and radar contact. The object had moved west to about 15 miles range. The total length of the observation was 3 hours.

Sept. 5, 1966; Finland AFS, MN (BBU)
Johnson. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Sept. 5, 1966; Unknown location, TX (BBU)
Evening. Civilian man saw a peculiar light phenomenon and a small figure that appeared to enter a bedroom. The figure was not seen again. (Vallée Magonia 794)

Sept. 6, 1966; Suffolk County AFB, NY (BBU 10933)
6:50 p.m. Stahl and Ladesic saw a white cylinder of light come from the E at high speed, stop and hover for 3 mins, then turn and slowly disappear. (Berliner)

Sept. 8, 1966; Marquette, MI
11:50 p.m. EDT. A legal secretary saw a yellow-white disc shaped like a soup plate that made a soft swishing sound as it flew across the highway, climbed, leveled off, and flew away. (NICAP report form.)

Sept. 9, 1966; Franklin Springs, NY (BBU 10942)
9 p.m. Jacobson saw a solid object, larger than an army tank, with 3 horizontal bands of light-blue, red and green lights [or lighting] all around it, descend from a cloud bank with a low humming [or soft whirring] sound, slow down and land, and disappear into woods. (Vallée Magonia 796)

Sept. 13, 1966; Stirum, ND (BBU 10944)
7:30 a.m. Rotenberger, 11, saw a silvery-grey elliptical [or disk shaped] object with a clear bubble dome on top, tripod landing gear, 2 red lights, 2 white lights, 1 green light, hover about 1 mile away, then land within 900 ft making a low-pitched whine and taking off so fast it just "vanished." USAF Lt. Col. and a Gwinner, ND, businessman investigated, found compact landing indentations 7 inches deep and radiation level 100 micro roentgens/hr (5-10x background level). (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 797)

Sept.17, 1966; Cranes Beach, Ipswich Bay, MA
4:45 a.m. EDT. A glowing cigar-shaped object oriented vertically, tilted at times, was observed for about an hour near the edge of the water. Two smaller glowing objects were seen to approach the larger object, moving around erratically, with up and down skipping motions. The two rendezvoused with the larger object, when a third smaller object was seen. The smaller objects periodically left the larger object and flew around the area. One flew low over the water toward the witnesses' home. At closer range it showed an elliptical shape illuminated by a faint glow. (Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee report; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 10, Oct.-Nov. 1966, p. 4; Fowler 1974, p. 341.)

Sept. 20, 1966; Sebring, FL
10:00 a.m. EDT. A private pilot flying at about 9,500 feet observed a huge cone-shaped object that descended above his plane making a "screeching" or singing noise that he compared to the sound tires make on a wet pavement. The gigantic object blocked out the sunlight and cast a shadow over the plane. Frightened, the pilot put the aircraft into a dive and banked sharply in an effort to elude the object, but it kept pace with him. Just as he was considering firing a .38 caliber pistol at it, the object appeared to change shape to a wedge, then a thin line, and accelerated up and away as if it were "falling up." (U.F.O. Cone paces plane Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 10, Oct.-Nov. 1966, p. 4 ; Hall 2001, pp. 128-29; Keyhoe & Lore, 1969a, p. 7; NICAP report form.)

Sept. 21, 1966; Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada
6:30 a.m. LT. Eight RCAF pilots and crew members observed a bright circular object flying at high speed and maneuvering. The object stopped abruptly, descended and hovered near the ground for about 20 minutes. It then shot straight up and disappeared.

Sept. 21, 1966; Burton, Canada
Early on that same morning two fisherman at Burton, 45 miles northwest of Summerside, saw a rapidly-moving light like a "particularly bright star" traveling from west to east in the general direction of Summerside. Both coastal towns face the Northumberland Strait. (Weinstein, 1999, p. 34; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. III, No. 10, Oct.-Nov. 1966, p. 4.)

Sept. 22, 1966; Deadwood, SD
3:00 a.m. CDT. Police from several vantage points saw a large white hovering object, changing color to green, red, and back to white. When a spotlight was shone on it, the object would black out (light reaction). Two smaller white objects operating independently approached and hovered nearby. The large object bobbed around and emitted light beams toward the ground, and finally sped away. (Sagan & Page, 1972, pp. xxii-xxiii.) [Ellsworth AFB, located about 7 miles east of Rapid City, South Dakota.

Ellsworth hosted two generations of ICBMs. Charts]

Sept. 23, 1966; Decatur, AL
7:30 p.m. CDT. A former army aerial photo specialist and others saw two large objects (shape not specified in notes), one making a high-frequency whistling noise. The two objects performed complex flight patterns for about an hour. (NICAP report form.)

Sept. 23, New York City, NY
8:45 p.m. EDT. A businessman saw an oblong object with a row of lights or windows around the middle, antennas (projections) on top, and lights at each end (body lights). The object moved silently at variable speed. (NICAP report form.)

Sept. 26, 1966; Bridgeport, NJ
3:30 p.m. EDT. A group of people saw a metallic-appearing oblong object (shaped like a cold capsule), emitting a brilliant glow even when in clouds. The object tilted upward, spun, and turned on its side. (NICAP notes from newspaper story.)

Sept. 28, 1966; Wilmington, OH (BBU 10973)
3:38 p.m. Clarke saw 3 round, oval-shaped, aluminum-colored objects with rotating rings around them, 2 remained stationary, while the 3rd varied its altitude. (Berliner)

Sept. 30, 1966; New Kingston, PA
Time not reported.. A private pilot reported that a disc with blinking red light hovered alongside Cessna 150 plane, shot straight up and out of sight. (Pittsburgh NICAP Subcommittee report, Vol. II, UFOE, Hall)

Sept. 30, 1966; Anderson, IN
2:00 a.m. EDT. Police sighted a white ball of light surrounded by a bluish-white pulsating glow (halo effect), sometimes flashing red. The object maneuvered, made a sharp turn and flew southwest beneath an overcast, hovered over trees, rose and descended. (Indiana NICAP Subcommittee report; NICAP report form; police department report).

Oct. 5, 1966; Osceola, WS (BBU 10996)
Several members of a family saw a small, bright orange, moon-shaped object stationary in the NE for about 20 mins, then suddenly take off very fast to the WNW. (Berliner)

October 7, 1966 - University of Colorado UFO Project Announcement
Formation sponsored by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.
Background: Two official Jan. 1967 letters (and press release) illustrating the purpose of the CU Project

Oct..10, 1966; Wanaque, New Jersey
9:15 p.m. EDT. Police officers observed a spherical object with a protrusion on one side emitting an extremely bright, blinding light that lit up the terrain (environmental illumination). The UFO hovered, and moved around erratically at high speeds, making sharp turns and leaving a misty trail in its wake when it moved. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 10, Oct.-Nov. 1966, p. 6; NICAP report, investigation by John Pagano.)

Oct. 11, 1966; Davenport, IA
6:15 p.m. CDT. Several persons saw two brightly luminous objects in daylight, one sped below a jet aircraft's contrail moving like a sailed plate (oscillating motion), once stopping abruptly. (NICAP report form.)

Oct. 11, 1966; Jonesboro, TN
7:10 p.m. EDT. Several people sighted a cigar-shaped object which, after about 2 minutes, lit up brightly and moved quickly to the north. A short while later two round objects appeared. Each had a "bulge" (dome?) on top and bright light shining from the bottom. The light changed color from white to red to green, as the two objects cavorted around each other. A witness called the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at Tri-Cities Airport, which sent an aircraft to investigate. The witnesses saw the plane approach, and as it neared, the objects "went out like a light." (Aircraft avoidance.) Meanwhile, the FAA had asked the witness to keep the phone line open, and said they would send another plane. As the second plane neared, it put on its landing lights, and again, the UFOs blinked out. A third plane re-routed by the FAA was directed to the location of the objects by telephone, and was seen to be closely approaching one of the UFOs, which now appeared egg-shaped. As the plane passed by it, the witnesses saw the object shoot out a light beam toward the plane. At that moment the pilot reported seeing what he thought was a meteor. The NICAP investigator was allowed to listen to the FAA tapes of air-to-ground communications, but none of the pilots reported seeing anything unusual. (Tennessee NICAP Subcommittee report, with investigation by David Kammer; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 10, Oct.-Nov. 1966, p. 5.)

Oct. 12, 1966; Jonesboro, TN
Noon. Prolonged sighting (more than 5 hours) by many witnesses of numerous discs, fall of so-called "angel's hair," which was sticky and reportedly caused physiological effects on some who touched it (burning sensation, itching, nausea). According to reports, dogs and cows in the neighborhood "acted odd." (Tennessee NICAP Subcommittee report; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 10, Oct.-Nov. 1966, pp. 5-6.) [The main features of this sighting strongly resemble ballooning spiders, commonly seen during October in the United States. They and their webs sometimes reflect sunlight. To err on the side of caution, that explanation will be assumed. However, several witnesses experienced burning sensations when they handled the substance, and it evaporated overnight.]

Oct. 14, 1966 - Operations and Training (re-issue of previous versions)
The Inspector General Brief - Number 21, Volume XVIII, 14 Oct. 1966
Unidentified Flying Objects (CUFON)

Oct.14, 1966; Newton, IL
6:45 p.m. CDT. A yellow-orange disc-shaped object with a blue rim and a row of red lights just under the rim was observed at low level, its glow illuminating the ground. Static interfered with the telephone, and TV interference also was experienced (EM effects) during the sighting. (Keyhoe & Lore, 1969a, p. 45.)

Oct. 15, 1966; Split Pond, NJ
4:45 a.m. EDT. A forester starting out to drive home from a camping expedition noticed a reddish glow behind him, and stopped his car to investigate. What he saw, he said, "scared the living hell out of me." A flat-bottom, red-orange disc with a dome on top was hovering above and behind his car. Near panic, he fled the area with the object following him. When the light from the object illuminated the ground all around him. his car engine, dash lights, and headlights all failed (EM effects). When the object receded, his lights and engine functioned normally. This sequence was repeated three times, strongly demonstrating a direct correlation between the light from the UFO and the failure of his car's electrical system. Shortly after the sighting the witness began experiencing a recurring illness (which was the reason for his story appearing in a medical journal); it was characterized by fatigue, anorexia, soreness, muscle weakness, chills, and significant weight loss. After about 6 months he had fully recovered. (Medical Times, October 1968; Hall 2001, p. 37; Keyhoe & Lore, 1969a, p. 9.)

Oct. 21, 1966; Livermore, CA
4:25 p.m. PDT. Two Sandia Corporation ; engineers saw a sphere which at first appeared translucent,

then reflecting light. The object hovered, then ascended very rapidly until out of sight. (NICAP * report form, newspaper clippings.)

Oct. 23 [30?], 1966; Southhampton, Long Island, NY (BBU)
6 p.m. Mr. Acquino [Aquino?] saw an object with arms in front of it which sparkled like an arc-light, fly S along some power lines, then turn SW, with a slight humming sound. [Same as Oct. 30 case?] (Berliner)

Oct. 23, 1966; Randolph Twp, NJ
8:45 p.m. EDT. A policeman watched as a bright yellow oval UFO approached slowly at low altitude, then sped away when he shone a spotlight on it (light reaction.). (NICAP notes, from newspaper story-)

Oct. 26, 1966; Cold Bay AFS, AK (BBU 11092)
No time given. Civilian control tower operator Ralston saw a white object approach runway at 50 ft altitude. When runway lights were turned on the object accelerated and climbed away so fast the witness was unable to use binoculars. (Berliner)

Oct. 26, 1966; La Plata, MD
11:45 p.m. EDT. A drug store owner reported that he was paralyzed with fear as he observed a large round "craft" with flashing red and green lights on the underside, and a central light beam that illuminated a field. During the sighting he heard a whirring sound and experienced heavy static (EM effects) on his car radio. (Washington, D.C, NICAP Subcommittee, report.)

Oct. 28, 1966; Lawrence, MA
1:00 a.m. EDT. A newspaper editor responding to phone calls saw a glowing white, cigar-shaped object hovering at a 45-degree angle over water towers. A closer witness saw bright white lights along its side. (Fowler 1974, p. 342.)

Oct. 30, 1966; Southampton, New York. [Same as Oct. 23 case?] (BBU)
(FUFOR Index)

November 1, 1966 - Colorado Project Begins
Official beginning of the University of Colorado UFO Project study sponsored by Air Force Office of Scientific Research.
Background: Two official Jan. 1967 letters (and press release) illustrating the purpose of the CU Project

Nov. 4, 1966; Alton, VA
10:30 p.m. EST. While watching television, a woman saw her set experience severe interference, then black out completely (EM effects). She glanced out the window and saw a huge red light that appeared to be rotating behind a glassy surface of some kind. Above the light was a very large object surrounded by a halo of white light. The entire phenomenon was close to the ground when first sighted, then rose to a height of about 100 feet, then quickly descended to its original position. It bobbed up and down in this fashion three times, finally moving across the road, under some utility lines, and glided away across a field. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. HI, No. 11, Jan.-Feb. 1967, p. 3)

Nov. 6 or 13, 1966; 3 miles W of White Plains, NY (BBU)
7:30 p.m. Chief Engineer of radio station WFAS and his Asst. saw rectangular object emitting steady bluish light moving slowly to the N while beaming light towards stations parking lot. No sound. Object had blue-black sky appearing through the middle [?]. [Plastic hot-air balloon?] (Tony Rullan)

Nov. 8, 1966; Saginaw, MI (BBU 11135)
Night. College graduate Annis saw a group of lights flash and change color while hovering, almost touching the road, then abruptly vanished. (Berliner)

Nov.10, 1966; Pinellas Park, FL
9:20 p.m. EST. A young boy saw a very bright red, self-luminous, cigar-shaped object emerging from clouds. Then 10 smaller objects like dishes approached and entered the larger object. The parent object had what looked like portholes near its upper edge. (NICAP report in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives.)

Nov. 12, 1966; Montevideo, Buenos Aires, South America
Local astronomer took twelve slides of the sun and a saucer like object was visible in the foreground. (See Dec. 19, Dept. of State AIRGRAM)

Nov.12, 1966; Fort Ontario, NY
9:35 p.m. EST. A number of witnesses including a former Navy radar man reported a dark domed disc with a row of orange portholes along the lower portion. The object, illuminated by a faint glow, first hovered and then shot upwards out of sight. (NICAP report form.)

Nov. 13 1966; Zanesville, Ohio
A local barber and amateur astronomer Ralph Ditter took "several "spectacular" UFO photos. Later, Raytheon (not RAND as some had reported) dealt with the photographic analysis of the photos. The report stated, (1) the object in the photos was 3 to 4 inches in diameter, not 30 feet as claimed by Mr. Ditter, (2) the object was not at a considerable distance, but a mere 3 to 4 feet from the camera lens, and (3) the photos were not taken in rapid succession, but approximately one hour and ten minutes had elapsed between photos. Also, the numbers on the backs of the photographs were out of sequence with Mr. Ditter’s story. I'm not even sure this summary is correct, there are so many stories and foul-ups involved.

Nov.13, 1966; Fords, NJ
5:35 p.m. EST. Several witnesses including a private pilot saw a very bright, round, pulsating orange light that hovered over a school emitting a humming sound. (NICAP notes.)

Nov.15, 1966; Gaffney, MA
7:15 a.m. EST. Two hunters in a boat off the coast saw two cigar-shaped objects hovering in a horizontal position over the Beverly Farms area. (Fowler 1974, p. 342.)

Nov.17, 1966; Gaffney, SC
4:00 a.m. EST. Two police officers saw a round, glowing object with a wide, flat rim around the center resting on the ground. They estimated the diameter to be about 20 feet. As they watched from less than 50 feet away, a door opened and a small humanoid being descended. The observation lasted several minutes. Footprints later were found at the site. (Phillips 1975, p. 44.)

Nov.18, 1966; McMinnville, OR
12:25 a.m. PST. Several witnesses in a car reported an elongated greenish-white oval that hovered or moved slowly at low altitude. The driver felt and heard a deep vibration. (NICAP report.)

Nov.18, 1966; Hawkinsville, GA
9:30 p.m. EST. Several witnesses including the chief of police saw a dark gray or black disc, with red, blue, green, and white body lights around its perimeter, hovering silently. It had a length to width ratio of 4:1. After a while the object started to move away, and receded into the distance where six more objects were visible (rendezvous). After 5-10 minutes, the objects suddenly disappeared. (Hitt, 1999.)

Nov. 22, 1966; Roaring River State Park, MO
8:00 p.m. CST. A deer hunter saw a disc-shaped object rise from a valley about 300 feet away emitting a humming sound. Burn damage to a tent and to a treetop was reported (physical traces). Photographic evidence was submitted. (Phillips, 1975, p. 44; from personal files.)

Nov. 30, 1966; New Kingston, PA
Time not reported. A private pilot watched a disc with a blinking red light hover alongside his Cessna

150, then shoot straight up and out of sight. (Pittsburgh NICAP Subcommittee report.)

Nov. 30, 1966; Taylorsville, IN
5:55 p.m. CST. An elliptical object approached a car, whose engine and headlights were affected. The driver heard a buzzing sound. (CUFOS report, Rodeghier 1981, p. 31.)

Dec.1, 1966; Middleboro, MA
6:35 p.m. EST. An object with a curved surface, apparently oval, with two large bright red pulsating lights, dived in front of a car and hovered over woods just off the road. (Fowler 1974, p. 342.)

Dec. 2, 1966; Lake Sarah, MN
2:00 a.m. CST. A farmer saw a disc-shaped object an estimated 40 feet in diameter hovering over a corn field, making a noise like whirling wind. The object moved away, returned and hovered again, then lifted straight up and moved away to the east emitting a red glow. (NICAP notes based on newspaper story.)

Dec.13, 1966; Rowley, MA
1:00 a.m. EST. A glowing red-orange oval object with a halo of light around it descended and approached the witnesses, it then disappeared behind an embankment. (Fowler 1974, p. 343.)

Dec.14, 1966; Cedarville, CA
Early a.m. An elliptical object with visible undercarriage (legs), and a red body light was observed. At one point the object emitted a red ball of light. (NICAP notes.)

Dec. 17, 1966: Saturday Evening Post article, "Are Flying Saucers Real?"

Dec. 18, 1966; E Lake Tiorati, Bear Mtn. State Park, NY (BBU)
4:40 p.m. Witness looked up and saw a silver-brown domed-disc in the W at 45° elevation heading NE, wobbling, noiseless, disappear over and behind a fire tower on a 1,320-ft hill about 1/2 mile away, after taking a photo. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 239-245)

Dec. 24, 1966; Charleston, WV
7:40 p.m. EST. Two Air Force pilots in a T-33 at 27,000 feet above a solid under cast saw a bright object in clear sky above them, at an estimated 1,000 feet. The object hovered for about 2 minutes, then suddenly rushed away. (NICAP report form, confidential report.)

Dec. 25, 1966; Monroe, OR (BBU 11239)
3:30 [?] a.m. PST. A family saw three objects take off from a field and pass over their car with a loud noise and a rush of wind which threw one man against the side of the car and slammed the car door. The noise stopped when the objects were in the air in formation (unspecified). The objects hovered for some time, their color changing to orange-red. (NICAP report, Air Force unexplained case.)

Dec. 19, 1966 - Department of State AIRGRAM
Sent to Embassy, Buenos Aires, for Scientific Attaché, reporting the Nov. 12 sighting by local astronomer. (John Schuessler)

<>Dec. 30, 1966; Coast of Peru
3:00 a.m. LT. A Canadian Pacific DC-8 airliner traveling on a northwest course at 35,000 feet observed a pair of pulsating, luminous objects hovering to their left. The objects descended at a slight angle and took up position off their left wing, pacing the plane for 1-2 minutes. Some members of the crew thought there was a connecting structure between the two lights. The lights were separated by about 3-4 degrees. A V-shaped pair of thin light beams emanated from the objects, first pointing upward, then downward. Finally, the objects accelerated, pulled away, and climbed out over the Pacific Ocean to the west, disappearing in the distance. (Volunteer Flight Officers Network report via Herb Roth; Gilmor, Colorado Project Case 11, pp. 280-82; McDonald, 1968b, reprinted in Vaughan, 1995, pp. 7-8; Hall,

2001, pp. 129-130.)

Dec. 30, 1966; Haynesville, LA (BBU)
8:15 p.m. Physics professor Dr. Galloway driving through a wooded area saw a bright, pulsating glow, changing from orange to white, in the woods about 1 mile away, estimated visible light power output at about 1 megawatt. Coming back the next day, he located traces of burns, and called the USAF and University of Colorado UFO project. (Vallée Magonia 808; Condon Rpt pp. 277-280; Richard Hall NICAP letter Mar. 3, 1967)

Dec. 30, 1966; Peruvian Coast (near)
Cat. 11. Three UFOs pace Canadian airliner.

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## The "Mother of all Sighting Waves"

**One of the Launch Control Facilities at Malmstrom AFB in Montana**
**Missileers report major Minuteman Missile shutdown in 1967**
March 16, 1967; Near Roy (about 30 miles NE of Lewistown), MT (BBU)

Map of sightings for 1967, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database (Pending)
Map of Sightings for 1965-1969, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" database

**Created: Sept. 18, 2006, Updated 3 Dec 2018**
This is a massive, 85-page, chronology of UFO incidents and events for 1967. Our thanks for these chronologies must go to our documentation team: Richard Hall (the original 1967 chronology from UFOE II and a huge updated file), William Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), and Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns). Last, but not least, our thanks to Jean Waskiewicz who created the online NICAP DBase (NSID) that helped make it possible to link from the cases to the reports themselves.

The year, 1967, encompassed a major part of the most intensive and long-lasting UFO sighting wave of all time. The wave was a U.S. and international UFO sighting wave that actually began in 1966. Not only was this a massive sighting wave involving nuclear equipped missile shutdowns, but also a number of humanoid incidents were reported along with the usual ground and air incidents. Other information pertaining to the wave are explored in the following reports, the first one available from the Fund for UFO Research; the others online on the NICAP site:

"Alien Invasion or Human Fantasy? The 1966-67 UFO Wave" (Richard Hall)
"1967: The Overlooked UFO Wave and the Colorado Project" (Richard Hall)
"The Sighting Wave of 1967 - Indiana: A NICAP Subcommittee Investigation" (Francis Ridge)

- On April 21, 1967 the Strategic Air Command reached the level of 1000 operational Minuteman I and II ICBMs.
- It is extremely interesting, too, that it was actually 1966 when the US reached a peak of 31,700 of stockpiled nuclear warheads. The year 1967 had 30,893 stockpiled, the third highest total, and 1965 had 31,642 stockpiled warheads, 2nd highest total.
- This was also the year of the third Arab/Israeli war (June 5-10).
- By year's end Project Blue Book received 937 UFO reports, even though they classified only 17 as unidentified.

Regarding the incident at Malmstrom on March 16, the 142-page report by Robert Salas and James Klotz can be ordered at Faded Giant. Other missile incidents are explored in the paper by Robert Hastings, "UFO Sightings at ICBM Sites and Nuclear Weapons Storage Areas" For information on missile deployment, see To Defend & Deter. (1)

The latest update comes from Ref. 3 (see footnotes) by Jacques Vallee, and lists cases from the USSR.

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Blue Book sighting lists for 1967 by month

Jan., 1967 (Unknown date); Galesburg, IL
City, county, and state police were dispatched to an area west of Galesburg, Illinois after reports of sightings of a large UFO, "bigger than a trailer", with blue lights and a funnel on top were received. One Knoxville farmer and several motorists reported that the UFO "was round, big as a house, had no flying lights, but let off a greenish-blue light." Vibrations from the craft could be felt in the farmer's truck as it followed him along the Victoria blacktop about 7:00 PM. ( Skylook 41, p. 13)

Jan. 3, 1967 (approximate); New Richmond, Indiana
Dome-shaped object hovered over car, roadway brightly illuminated. Forward motion slowed, unable to accelerate, loss of steering control (Section VI).

Jan. 5 [25?], 1967; Winsted [Howard Lake?], Minn. (BBU)
4:30 a.m. Civilian man [Lenz?], 32, driving to work stopped to check his 1964 Chevy truck when its engine stalled. He then saw an intense light to his right, coming closer, then landing on the road, so he locked himself inside the truck. Object 75 ft diameter 30 ft high settled on tripod landing gear, an elevator-like device came down, and a man dressed in blue coveralls with "a glass fishbowl on his head," of medium height, seemed to check something then left. (Vallée Magonia 812; FUFOR Index)

Jan. 5, 1967; Philadelphia, PA
5:40 p.m. EST. A bank employee and three others watched a disc-shaped object with alternate red and green lights around it. The object circled over the area and emitted a buzzing sound. Each time it reached the western part of the circle, it stopped and changed to a vertical position, only the red lights visible and brightening, then it flipped back and resumed circling as before. After 45 minutes it shot away to the south. From the point where it disappeared, a square object sped into view going north. This object had a dim, blue-green light on each corner. Shortly afterwards, many aircraft were active in

the sky. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. III, No. 11, Jan.-Feb., 1967, p. 4.)

Jan. 6, 1967; Harwich, MA
11:45 p.m. EST. A man and his daughter saw a thick, double-convex (lens) shaped disc with a dark upper surface, trapezoidal sections of fluorescent light on the lower portion, and pulsating colored lights (body lights). The object responded to house spotlights by blinking in the same sequence (light reaction). (Air Force report form in Colorado Project files.)

Jan. 7, 1967; St. Louis, MO
5:45 p.m. CST. A man first saw 4-5 square lights in a tilted row (body lights). The object, a domed disc shaped like a straw hat with flickering lights on the dome, then turned bright red. It appeared to be metallic. It hovered, tilted, leveled off, and sped away. (Letter dated 1/21/67 in NICAP files.)

Jan. 7, 1967; Goose Bay AFB, Labrador, Canada (BBU)
11:00-11:05 p.m. (AST). Goose AFB Radar Air Traffic Control (RATCON) radar detected target at 30 miles SW, when target was at 4-6 miles S traveling at very high speed, Goose RATCON notified ADC radar site FPS-93 ground radar operators at the 641at AC&W Squadron, which tracked target at 180Â° (S0 degrees for first 8 sweeps at 200 knots (230 mph) then 4 sweeps at 2,100 knots (2,400 mph). Target lost over Goose AFB. Radars on different frequencies. USAF MAC C-97 [C-54?] pilot Lt Col Gorecki was on approach to Goose runway 27 [heading W] when he sighted moving star-like steady white light visually at estimated 5,000 to 7,000 ft overtaking his 160-knot [180 knots?] aircraft [at 7,000 ft? headed N ?]. [Object heading 015 degrees True at high speed, disappeared in the N.] (Sparks; BB files; NICAP; Project 1947) 5+ mins 3+ witnesses radar-visual)

Jan. 9, 1967; Lake St. Clair, Detroit, MI
2:30 p.m. Photos by Grant and Dan Jaroslaw, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, four Polaroids depicting a flying saucer. The boys claimed that they observed the saucer pass over low and silently not far from their home. The object remained in view for ten minutes, after which they reported seeing an Air Force helicopter give chase. Dr. Hynek examined the photos and stated in a Detroit News article that there appeared to be no indication of a hoax. Unfortunately, it was. In 1976 the Jaroslaw brothers admitted to perpetrating the prank.

Jan. 9, 1967; Malta, Montana
9:00 p.m. MST. Alerted by their dog, (animal reaction), a farm family saw a large rectangular object that had glowing red light along the bottom and a large amber light on top (body lights) moving at high speed. It landed in a field where it remained for an hour with the red glow its distinguishing feature. Then the object suddenly disappeared as if it had taken off at high speed. (Billings Gazette, Montana, 1/20/67, copy in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files.)

Jan. 10, 1967; Bruceville, IN
8:30 p.m. EST. A woman and her son, 16, were driving home when they saw an elliptical dull gray object glowing a bluish color around the rim. It was estimated to be 25 feet over the car, 30 feet in diameter and 8 feet thick. The object hovered, moved slowly, then accelerated away. It displayed a disc shape when it banked slightly, and it had several dim lights (body lights) on its rim. (Ridge, 1994, p. 19. from APRO Bulletin No. 15.)

Jan. 10, 1967; Bangor, PA
10:50 p.m. EST. An electronics technician heard an intermittent sound that changed in pitch, then saw over the treetops two brilliant lights. Each light was dome-shaped and had a ring at the outer circumference. The objects maintained a constant position relative to each other. They moved, hovered, and then faded. A light beam was emitted to the ground, then disappeared. The initial lights then reappeared and the objects departed vertically at high speed. (Narrative from witness in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files.)

Jan. 11, 1967; Aveyon, France
Cat. 3. White ball, oval near ground, whistling sound, heat, paralysis, car vibrating, road sign. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 17, No. 1; See Rodeghier, 1981, p.31)

Jan. 12, 1967 AF Panel Briefing (CUFOS pdf file)

Jan. 13, 1967; Iola, KS
1:30 a.m. CST. A 9-year-old saw a circular object with lighted dome, numerous body lights, short wings, three wheels hanging down, a door, and windows. A strange-looking man wearing a crinkley green suit stood in the door, sometimes illuminated by a rotating red light. The object hovered over a field, circled the house, and flew away. (Report from a dairy farm owner, Iola , KS, in NICAP files.)

Jan. 13, 1967; SW New Mexico, NW of El Paso, Tex., to Flagstaff-Winslow, Ariz. (BBU)
10 p.m. Pilot Carl M., an FO, and a passenger Jimmie Moran on a Lear Jet 23 en route from Houston, Tex., to Las Vegas, Nev., at 41,000 ft and 300 knots airspeed (Mach 0.82 or about 540 mph TAS) on a 300° heading saw a flashing [?] red oval luminous object in the 10 o'clock position. Object split into 4 similar red oval objects vertically a number of times, each separated by about 2,000 ft and each emitting a "red ray," then retracting the lowest objects up into the top object. Albuquerque radar tracked the object 39 miles ahead of the Lear jet moving on the same heading, with no transponder signal and at that moment the object blinked off visually for 30 seconds then blinked on. Albuquerque control contacted a National Airlines DC-8 over Casa Grande, Ariz., whose pilot confirmed the Lear pilot's reports. Albuquerque control warned the Lear that the object suddenly darted towards the Lear at high speed within seconds until the radar blips merged [possibly 39 miles in 10 seconds or roughly 14,000 mph]. Object flooded the Lear with intense red light so bright the pilot had difficulty seeing his instrument panel, and it maintained position in front of the Lear for a few minutes then, then blinked out then came on again and started falling back behind the left wing, then pulled forward again. (When the object blinked off radar at Albuquerque controllers would lose the object then regain it when it blinked on again (?).) Both UFO and Lear jet made left turns over Winslow, Ariz., then Los Angeles Center radar picked up both targets. Past Flagstaff the object climbed at a 30° angle disappearing to the W in <10 seconds. (Hynek UFO Experience chapter. 7, case RV-1; NARCAP; BB files??)

Jan. 15(?), 1967; Boxford, MA
3:00 a.m. EST. A witness saw a bright red object that looked like an upside down saucer (disc) with a white glowing rim. The object approached and circled the witness's home before moving away and disappearing. (Fowler, 1974, p. 343.).

Jan. 15, 1967; Granville, MA
5:45 p.m. EST. A woman and her two nieces saw a domed disc with white light emanating from portholes in its base. A humming sound was heard, and the sky and ground were illuminated by white light. Red flame jets appeared at one end when motion occurred. Speed was variable. At one point all its lights went out, and when they came back on, the portholes were showing red light. The object was seen three times within 20 minutes before disappearing. (Hartford Courant, Conn., 1/16/67; Gillmor, 1969, case 13; Keyhoe and Lore, 1969a, p. 45; U.F.O Investigator, Vol. III, No. 11, Jan-Feb, 1967, p. 4.)

Jan. 15, 1967; North Granby, CN
Unspecified time. Six miles to the southeast of Granville, MA in North Granby, Conn., two women saw a disc-shaped object with a flange around it and white beams of light from portholes. The object passed between witnesses and a mountain. (Springfield Union, Mass., 2/22/67, copy in Keyhoe Archives)

Jan. 15, 1967; Roosevelt, UT
6:00 p.m. MST. Two couples saw a yellow glow coming from inside a dome-shaped object estimated to

be two miles away. The object hovered and moved around slowly. (Salisbury, 1974, Case 40, Table 1)

Jan. 16, 1967 letter from Lt. Col. Hippler to Edward Condon (See also Jan. 26 & 27 letters)

Jan. 16, 1967; Charleston, South Carolina (BBU)
(McDonald list)

Jan. 16, 1967; Warner, NH
5:00 p.m. EST. A motorist noticed a bright light seemingly pacing him. A long cigar-shaped object with amber windows eventually came toward him on a slow and steady course, and he heard a soft purring sound. On one side was a blinking red light. Two very bright white lights were on the ends of protrusions sticking out from the sides near the front and these lights shone ahead like headlights. A second witness (retired missionary), was alerted and she reported seeing two bright light beams pointed earthward with a dark area between. The lights were bright yellow in the center and white around the edges. (New Hampshire NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files.)

Jan. 16, 1967; Warner, NH
5:15 p.m. A couple in the same area reported seeing a slow-moving gray object with body lights. At 5:30 pm a woman and her daughter saw an object that looked like a box kite without paper (presumably rectangular) with two bright headlights on the front. The object was moving slowly, and hovering soundlessly, but there was a purring sound when it started to move away rapidly. All witnesses reported the object to be huge. (U.F.O Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 12, Mar.-Apr., 1967, p. 5.)

Jan. 16, 1967; Southeastern United States
Approximately 4:30-6:30 A.M. Sodium vapor clouds from rocket launched at Eglin AFB, FL, blue-green color, visible over wide area.

Jan. 17, 1967; Freetown, IN
Francis Bedel, Jr., (23) of Portland, Indiana, was driving on State Highway 135, a two-lane blacktop road, north of Freetown, he later reported to State Police, when a brilliant glowing white light darted into his field of vision. It apparently hovered over the road for a few seconds, then slowly reversed its course. Bedel was so busy staring at the spectacle that he lost control of his car, which left the road and was badly damaged. State Police who investigated said that Bedel was not drinking and was not injured in the crash. (NICAP files)

Jan. 17, 1967; Same evening; Freetown, IN
On the same stretch of highway on the same night, Mr. & Mrs. Phil Patton of Freetown, reported to State Police that a brightly lighted disc-shaped craft, about 30 feet in diameter, came down alongside their car. Mr. Patton told State Trooper Conrad that the object moved along the highway right in front of their car and about one hundred feet distant from it. They estimated that it was about 100 feet above the road and they described it as a circular in shape and about the size of a small house. The Patton's reported to police that they heard no sound from the object but that its outstanding characteristic was the extreme brilliance of its lights, predominately red but with flashing yellow and white along the side or bottom of the thing. After a half a minute, it flashed up and away. According to state police who investigated, the description given by the Patton's was identical to that given by Francis Bedel, the young man who wrecked his car while watching a similar spectacle, about a mile from the scene of the Patton's experience. (NICAP files)

Jan.18, 1967; S. Williamstown, MA
12:15 a.m. EST. Four witnesses saw a flash in the sky just before a power failure occurred. Then they saw a domed disc with body lights. It was near the ground on the opposite bank of the Green River. A red glowing object buzzed their car as they drove away. (Air Force report, Project Blue Book files, National Archives; Fowler, 1974, p. 343.)

Jan. 18, 1967; Norton, MA
6:30-6:45 a.m. EST. A man saw a cloud-like object with flat bottom, a dome on top, and a blue stripe. It hovered over an airport, then accelerated and sped away, disappearing in 3 seconds. (Robinson letter, NICAP files.) Independent observation: At 7:00 a.m. a patrolman in Mansfield, Mass., about 6 miles north of Norton, apparently independently of the above witness, saw an object with flat bottom and domed top that appeared fuzzy and cloud-colored, with a horizontal stripe of gas-flame-like blue color. (NICAP report form.)

Jan. 18, 1967; Shamokin, PA
6:00 p.m. EST. A family watched a disc with a red light on a projection at the rear approach at low altitude (estimated 400-500 feet), viewed through binoculars. As it neared, the object emitted two pinkish-white light beams downward at about a 45-degree angle from its forward edge. It then turned, rose suddenly, joined a second object and both sped away. (Keyhoe and Lore,1969a, p.43.)

Jan.19, 1967; Dunbar, WV
9:05 a.m. EST. The owner of an appliance store saw a dull aluminum-colored sphere with a flange around the middle and a window at the top hovering about 4 feet over the road ahead of him. He estimated it to be 25 feet in diameter. When he was 10 feet from it, the object took off and swiftly rose out of sight. Two projections like antennae were visible on the top and two legs underneath, with an apparent propeller between them that revolved slowly while the object was hovering, faster during ascent. (NICAP report; Charleston Gazette, 1/20/67; Huntington Herald 1/20/67; Keyhoe and Lore, 1969a, sketch p. 46; Flying Saucer Review, 13 (3), May-June 1967, p. 4; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 11, Jan.-Feb., 1967, p. 4, dated as Jan. 17.)

Jan. 19, 1967; Milan, IN
3:00 p.m. A photograph was reportedly taken of a UFO by Reed Thompson, a 15-year-old boy from Milan. The town constable stated that the boy was reliable and said that he had seen the photo himself. His report to NICAP Indiana Unit No. 1 stated he watched the object for 5-7 minutes before it sped off. Later, one of Indiana's field investigators, Don Worley, obtained further information and a black & white copy of the original color photo, along with a report and drawings. (Ridge, APRO & NICAP files)

Jan. 19, 1967; Shamokin, PA area
Around 6:00 p.m. Another family reported two objects, one with light beams with red/green blinking lights across the front, a halo of bright light, and two "antennae" on the top. About 45 minutes later, a pastor reported following an object in his car that had two antennae on the top near the rear of the object. (U.F.O. Investigator, Jan.-Feb., 1967, p. 8.)

Jan. 20, 1967; Methuen, MA
6:30 p.m. EST. Three girls, 16-17 years old, were traveling in an automobile when they saw a string of 9-10 bright red lights on a dark object that was moving over a field. The object hovered, and swung around, revealing lights of a different color and configuration. When the girls stopped to watch, their car stalled and the radio and lights went off (EM effects). Four glowing body lights were arranged in a trapezoid pattern, red lights on top and white lights forming the base. The lights appeared to be reflecting off a metal surface. The object started moving slowly and then shot away at high speed. Independent observation: A second car about 3 miles away driven by an adult male accompanied by his daughter and a friend saw 7-8 bright lights flying low. (Fowler, 1974, pp. 138-43; Sagan and Page, 1972, p. xxvi.).

Jan. 20, 1967; Over Lake Ontario
10:15 p.m. EST A pilot and his three passengers saw a round, glowing white object the size of a large apartment building, with a ring of red lights around it that blinked off and on. The object was above the plane at about 2,000 feet. The pilot was so disturbed by the sighting that he aborted the flight, returned to the airfield and landed. (Letter to APRO dated April 2, 1967, posted on NICAP web site.)

Jan. 21, 1967; Gering, NE
4:15 a.m. MST. Two men saw a white or silver object with red, white, and blue pulsating body lights. It hovered for about 2 minutes and then seemed to follow their car. (Hall letter, Scottsbluff, NE., in NICAP files.)

Jan. 22, 1967; Providence, NC
8:35 p.m. EST. A man saw a bright light that changed to a series of lights which maneuvered, hovered, and bobbed like a cork on water. The object seemed to ascend with less effort than when it descended . (Compare to Sept. 20, 1966, Sebring, Fla., case.) A wind-like sound was heard. (NICAP report form.)

Jan. 24, 1967; Astoria, NY
1:00 a.m. EST. A witness saw a large solid object with two bright red vertical blinking body lights descend, emitting a sound like an electric shaver (buzzing). (NICAP report form.)

Jan. 24, 1967; Westport, CN
6:00 a.m. EST. A driver for a news service saw an elliptical object with many colored lights or ports on the underside, some red, some green. The object hovered over a house for 15 minutes, then flew away. (Westport News, 1/26/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Jan. 24, 1967; Yorba Linda, CA
5:25 p.m. PST. A 14-year-old boy saw and photographed a metallic-appearing object shaped like a top hat with four legs projecting from the bottom. (Hall, 2001, pp. 286-87, from "The Yorba Linda Photograph" in Flying Saucer Review, Special Issue, Nov. 1967, pp. 26-35.)

Jan. 25, 1967

> Dr. E. U. Condon, scientific director of the Colorado UFO Project, spoke to the Corning, NY, section of the American Chemical Society, stating that the government should get out of the UFO business, since there was apparently nothing to it.

Jan. 25, 1967; South Ashburnham, MA
Betty Andreassen abduction case. Craft described as oval with a rim around its circumference, and resting on three legs. (Hall, 2001, pp. 529-30, from Fowler, 1979, 1982, 1990, 1995, section XIII).

Jan. 26, 1967 newspaper article, "Most UFOs Are Explainable", Edward Condon

Jan. 26, 1967; Jamaica, NY
1:30 a.m. EST. Three witnesses saw an oblong or oval object, gray or silver, with a red top. On top were several protrusions, along which moved green flashes of light. The object moved in erratic flight with a swirling motion and made a "weird" noise. A dog was reported to be upset by the phenomenon (animal reaction) during the sighting. (New York NICAP Subcommittee report and letter with a copy of Air Force report form, in NICAP files.)

Jan. 26, 1967; Kirkwood, MO
5:40 a.m. CST. A woman saw a disc-shaped object that was flat on the bottom and had a rounded top (dome). A group of closely spaced red lights was visible on the bottom. The object flew straight for 5-6 seconds before disappearing. (NICAP report form.)

Jan. 26, 1967; Havre, MT
8:15 p.m. MST. A man saw a solid ball (sphere) with blinking yellow body light(s) which descended, circled a mountain, and flew off. (NICAP report form.)

Jan. 26, 1967; Heidelberg, Germany
8:30 p.m. LT. Witnesses first heard a pulsating sound, then saw a shiny, metallic dirigible-shaped (elliptical) object; hovering over a building. As jets approached the object, it took off (aircraft

avoidance) with its lights flashing in a regular cycle. (APRO Bulletin, May-June 1967, p. 4.)

Jan. 26, 1967; Near Coffeen, Illinois (BBU)
9 p.m. John Cox, Methodist minister, driving on Route 185 saw a 60 ft object, flat on the bottom, rounded on top, 10 ft thick, cross the road silently 300 ft away, at low speed. (Vallée Magonia 813; Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files)

Jan. 27, 1967 letter from Bob Low to Lt. Col. Hippler

Jan. 28, 1967; Irish Valley, PA
6:00 p.m. Members of three families saw two objects, one saucer shaped (disc) with projections and a dome on top, blinking red and green lights across the front and a silver object protruding from the top. The objects variously maneuvered and hovered, together and independently. Many other area sightings also were reported. (Shamokin News Dispatch, Pa., 1/29/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Jan. 30, 1967; 5 miles SW and 20 miles W of Crosby, North Dakota (BBU)
8:04 a.m. (CST). Delton Schwanz, commercial pilot of 29 years' experience and past AAF/AF service, with wife Della and children Robert, Roger and Diane saw a bright white sharply outlined lozenge-shaped object (length/width ratio 4:1) to the W elevation 15°-20° momentarily stopped then moving in level flight to the left, with a smooth climb in the SW, dropped white "strips" of light that descended vertically, disappeared to the S at azimuth 170° by ascending to about 30°-45° elevation. George Larsen (Larson?) and Larry Pateof (Pace?) were independent witnesses driving by car 20 miles W of Crosby near intersection of Hwys 5 and 85 who saw large white light move rapidly from W to S dropping a "piece" of the object and disappearing suddenly. (Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; Hynek UFO Exp, case DD-11)

Jan. 31, 1967; Kirkwood, MO
12:01 a.m. CST. A McDonnell aviation company engineer saw a brilliant bluish-white light going fast in a zigzag path. (NICAP report form.)

Feb, 1967; Zanesville, OH
Ralph Ditter, a Zanesville, Ohio barber took two photographs of this unknown object. Ditter was an amateur astronomer, and avid sky watcher. He made the two photos available to the press. Later found to be a hoax.

Feb., No date; Brown County, IN
5:30 a.m. EST. A woman saw a shiny round object with a flat bottom hover over her house and then fly away. The object made a loud whistling sound. (Brown Co. Democrat, Nashville, Ind., 2/9/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb., No date; San Antonio, TX
Night. FAA Flight Service Specialists plus control tower personnel saw a large round red object that moved slowly under the cloud layer. Smaller objects emerged from the larger and flew away rapidly toward the southwest. (Letter dated 2/22/67, in NICAP files

Feb. 3, 1967; near Lima, Peru
6:30 PM. The pilot was flying a passenger jet from Chiclayo to Lima. The DC-4 was at 7,000 feet at 24:30 GMT (February 2) when they saw, west of the plane, a very luminous object which they thought was a star or planet. But after they were very sure that the apparent movement of the object was not the effect of their aircraft's motion, they could see that the object was approaching them very fast and was closer to their aircraft. They estimated the distance of the object was about 8 nautical miles. Pilot: "At this time it was really a spectacle, it had so much light that all passengers of our plane saw it and started to be very nervous and exclaimed, "There is an OVNI". After a while the UFO passed over the plane and stopped right over them. At this moment they noticed a 15° left oscillation on their radio

compass, and later a 20° right oscillation without stopping, and all the lights in the main cabin started to reduce in intensity. Then, as their fluorescent lights of the cockpit and all radio receptions went out there was a bit of static noise. (See more details at link above). (Timothy Good's Beyond Top Secret, p.267; Project 1947, Jan Aldrich; NARCAP Case 28)

Feb. 2, 1967; Sumner, IL
A well-known craftsman, who requested anonymity, reported to the Lawrenceville-Vincennes Airport that he observed an object for one and a half hours that was doing some pretty good stunts. It hovered, accelerated, changed shape and color, was observed with the naked eye, 7- power binoculars, and a 20x spotting scope. It was described as a very bright red object, flashing like a red neon sign. The upper portion was a very bright white and red and green lights were observed around the object. The object was seen in the east northeast and noticed because of its brightness arid erratic movement. It seemed to have a very thick rim (Ridge, NICAP files).

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> NARA-PBB86-1249 document is a table of contents for a 71-page report and a cover page by the Foreign Technology Division, AFSC (Air Force Systems Command).

Feb. 3, 1967; Piggott, AR
Time not reported. Numerous witnesses saw maneuvering objects with domes and flashing lights. Separate (satellite) and merging objects also were reported. Dogs reacted (animal reactions). (Keyhoe and Lore, 1969b, p. 71.)

Feb. 3, 1967; Lindsborg, KS
7:40 p.m. CST (8:40 p.m. EST). Five people watched a disc or ellipse that first flew like an airplane, but then moved with irregular, jerky, up and down motions, and sometimes with hesitating forward motion. The object hovered over the highway for 15-20 seconds, then sped from sight in 15 seconds. Witnesses could see military bombing practice in the distance at the same time. (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 3, 1967; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
8:30 p.m. EST. A man saw an object estimated to be 30 feet in diameter and 15 feet thick with a row of white lights and a tangerine-colored light on the bottom (body lights). The object zipped back and forth at terrific speed. Observations were made from various points coordinated by two-way radios. (Hamilton Spectator, 2/4/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 4, 1967; Gary, IN
7:00 p.m. CST. A woman saw two large, square amber lights with a green light between them from her home. The lights approached silently and hovered an estimated 30 feet above the ground about 100 feet away from her. One light turned bluish-white and illuminated the area (environmental illumination). A dark shape was visible behind the lights (body lights). The object bobbed about 2 feet vertically while hovering and eventually sped away. (Letter from witness, 2/5/67, Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files.)

Feb. 4, 1967; Homer City, PA
9:15 p.m. EST. A sales engineer and a county assessor saw an egg-shaped object for 10 minutes, apparently on or near a hill at a reservoir. The object rose slowly to around 50 feet, hovered, then moved away after performing several radical maneuvers. The sales engineer said he received a phone call from a colonel in the Pentagon telling him it was a U.S. craft. (Johnstown Tribune-Democrat, Pa., 3/11/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 5, 1967; Oakland City, IN
1:45 a.m. EST. Seven members of a band saw an object that first looked like a boomerang, then appeared like a teardrop. It was a pale greenish-blue color with a cluster of white lights (body lights). The object also was seen by people in another car as it moved northwest. (Ridge, 1994, p. 20.)

Independent observation: About 45 minutes later in Crothersville, Ind., 135 miles to the east, a police officer followed a flat-bottomed object that had a brilliant greenish-blue light rotating around it, other white lights, and three flashing red lights (body lights) on the underside. The officer estimated its altitude as about 300-500 feet. After he had followed it for 10 miles, the object hovered, then moved away rapidly and disappeared. (Ridge, 1994, p. 20.)

Feb. 5, 1967; Crothersville, IN
2:30 a.m. Richard D. Barker of the Seymour State Police post reported he followed a huge ball of greenish-blue and white lights for some 10 miles about 2:30 AM before the light moved west towards Bedford. "It had a flat bottom, just under basketball size, and had a brilliant blue-green light rotating around it counterclockwise. Barker said he was in the vicinity of Crothersville in Jackson County when he first spotted the changing lights, "It was maybe 300-500 feet high and had three red flashing lights under it," he said. "I got within what seemed like about a mile of it and it started moving south. Barker said he never did lose sight of it and it didn't leave any trail. He said when it got to Littleyork it hovered for a while and then took off fast, "It wasn't like any airplane I've ever seen, " he said. "I know it wasn't a plane." (Ridge, NICAP files)

Feb. 5, 1967; Bedford, IN
6:00 a.m. The woman reporting requested anonymity. The report she gave to the DAILEY HERALD-TELEPHONE provided the most vivid description of an unidentified flying object observed as far southwest as Oakland City and as far east as Crothersville......35 miles away. At this time she arose because of noises on the roof roof. She thought it was raining. That's when she saw what looked like a quarter moon that was moving toward her. "I watched it for a half hour," she said. "It would move, then hover, getting closer all the time. It had a bright light on the bottom. The light kept going around and back and forth an the ground like it was looking for some place to land. As it got closer I could see a bright band around the middle of it," she continued. "It was oval-shaped, sort of like a cigar. The top was shiny, like metal, and the bottom was kind of orange. There was a crater on the bottom of it--and bumps, like legs." It hovered near a utility pole behind her house for ten minutes. She said when she started to dial her telephone to call someone about it the object "turned real bright orange and then blue and took off." (Ridge, Clipping in NICAP files)

Feb. 5, 1967; Hilliard, OH
Same evening. Humanoid sighting. An object that was described as an ellipse, landed, humanoid beings emerged and placed small spheres on the ground around the craft. Witnesses observed them interacting with humans. Further, up-to-date research, would show many more HR cases for the year, but at least 14 were found without much effort. (UFOE II, p. 326)

Feb. 5, 1967; Barkhamsted, CT
8:00 p.m. EST. Two couples in a car at the Barkhamsted Reservoir saw a dark sphere with randomly blinking red, green and white lights (body lights) around the edge. The object approached the witnesses, then hovered over the reservoir. The motorists sighted the object twice while passing the reservoir (about 20 minutes between sightings), and during the second sighting it accelerated away. (NICAP report form and report from Ted Thorben, NICAP investigator, 10/20/67.)

Feb. 6, 1967; Deming, NM
Noon MST. A woman saw two green cigar-shaped objects with a row of windows. Two small "propellers" were on top of each end. One object hovered over the highway, then paced the car and was joined by the second object that rose up from the ground. Both sped away disappearing in seconds. Undefined "unusual" effects on the car were reported, requiring a $170 repair bill. (Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, Texas, 8/10/67; NICAP report form.)

Feb. 6 [9?], 1967; Odessa, Delaware (BBU 11350)
8:45 p.m. Donald and Marie Guseman saw a large, Saturn shaped object, 50 ft in diameter and 20 ft high, with 2 bright lights, a green light on one side red light on the other, hover motionless over the trees, then slowly move N and suddenly disappear. (Berliner)

Feb. 6, 1967; Hazard, KY
11:30 p.m. EST. Four policemen and a rescue worker saw an object with red flashing lights and blue lights (body lights) that flew very low making a roaring sound. (Hazard Herald 2/13/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 6/7, St. Louis, MO
Midnight CST (1:00 a.m. EST). A couple was approached by an oval object that hovered just above the ground displaying red, blue, green, and white flashing lights. The object then flew away. (St. Louis Post Dispatch, 2/7/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 7, 1967; Westport, CT
12:20 a.m. EST. A former Navy pilot and airline navigator saw a brilliant white light, sometimes with a strong red light. The object oscillated as it flew along over the Merritt Parkway and returned. (Westport News, 2/9/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb 7, 1967; Westport, CT
1:00 a.m. A woman saw an elliptical object with two flashing white lights and two steady white light beams. It flew at low altitude, slowly and silently. (Westport News 2/9/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 7, 1967; Owen County, IN
8:00 p.m. An egg-shaped object was reported by Paul Poorman on a farm near some strip mines. Poorman was a 33-year-old specialized police officer and qualified pilot. The object was white and well-defined, turned to a blood-red color, then a pale blue. It arose from the White River bottoms and strip mine area, hovered, "yo-yo'd", then zipped south then back, etc., then went down below a tree line. (Don Worley files)

Feb. 7, Oakhurst, CA
11:55 p.m. PST. A couple saw a solid round object and a silver cigar-shaped object oriented vertically. The round object emitted many "contrails" and apparently disintegrated, then the cigar-shaped object flew rapidly away. (NICAP report form.)

Feb.8, 1967; Newbury, MA
2:00 p.m. EST. A commercial photographer and his son saw two silvery cigar-shaped objects that flew in a straight line, then separately zoomed up and away. A photo was taken but shows little. (A. Collis, USNR retired, letter in NICAP files.)

Feb. 8, 1967; Deep River, Ontario, Canada
6:43 p.m. EST. Several witnesses saw a circular object with a core of dazzling, pulsating central yellow lights. From this core, red lights appeared to be pulsating outward toward the rim. The object was an estimated quarter of a mile away and remained visible for 40 minutes, during which the witnesses' TV would not work (EM effect). (Bondarchuk, 1979, pp. 124-126.)

Feb. 8, 1967; Rossville, KS
Night. Three teenaged boys saw what looked like two car lights that came down to within 20 feet of the ground. The object shone a light beam on the witnesses after they had pointed a spotlight at it (light reaction). (Topeka State Journal, Kans., 2/18/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb.8, 1967; Pleasant Valley, CT
10:00 p.m. EST. A newspaper reporter watched a bright orange ball or cylinder hovering over pine trees for several minutes. When she stopped her car, the object started to move toward her. Independent observation: About 2 hours earlier in nearby Winsted, a businessman saw an unidentified orange light moving slowly west, then turning north. (Hartford Courant, Conn., 2/14/67, copy in NICAP files and in Donald E. I Key hoe Archives files.)

Feb. 9, 1967; Chester, MT
6:30 a.m. PST. A railroad foreman saw a saucer (disc) with a bright body light hovering over the railroad depot. The depot was engulfed in light (environmental illumination). The object departed straight up. (Spokane Spokesman-Review, Wash. State, 2/12/67, copy in NICAP

Feb. 9, 1967; Seymour, IN
7:50 p.m. EST. A state policeman saw a huge object, moving slowly, changing colors from white to red to orange, the color change associated with changes of speed (color/speed correlation). Venus was visible separately at the same time. (Ridge, 1994, p. 21.)

Feb. 9, 1967; Odessa, DE
8:45 p.m. EST. A company president and his wife, a hospital administrator, saw a green light and a red light near the road ahead of them. Two bright white lights appeared between the colored lights. As they drove nearer to the lights, a disc with a cupola underneath became visible, with windows on the cupola emitting a faint soft yellowish or pinkish light. The bright white lights appeared to be searchlights. Three red lights were on the bottom of the cupola (body lights). After hovering over trees, the object moved away emitting a soft hum or buzzing noise. (Keyhoe and Lore, 1969a, p. 12; Air Force unexplained case, Project Blue Book files, National Archives.)

Feb. 10, 1967; Caledonia, Ontario, Canada
2:20 a.m. EST. A couple saw a metallic-appearing, saucer-shaped object with bright red and white lights (body lights). The object hovered for about 15 minutes and then flew away. A whirring sound was heard. (Hamilton Spectator, Ontario, 2/11/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 10, 1967; Sandusky, Ohio
UFO hovers over AEC facility with blue beam.

Feb. 10, 1967; Woodstock, CT
5:45 p.m. EST. Two separate groups of four and three people, respectively, reported seeing a triangular object with a white light at each apex. The object was silent when hovering but made a rumbling or roaring sound when it moved. EM effects were reported on TV. (Fowler, 1974, p. 344.)

Feb. 10, 1967; Alton, IL
7:30 p.m. CST. A couple saw a round, rotating, 25-foot diameter luminous object which changed color from red to white with occasional flashes of green. The object also had white lights in a triangle on the bottom (body lights). It flew, hovered, and passed over the witnesses. While hovering, a humming or droning sound was heard. (St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Missouri, 2/11/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb.10, 1967; McCune, KS
10:30 p.m. CST. A high school teacher saw an unidentified light that changed from red to white to green. The object hovered, then left with a tremendous burst of speed (rapid acceleration). (NICAP report form.).

Feb. 10/11, 1967; Cincinnati, OH
11:45 p.m. EST. A number of independent sightings were reported of a reddish, glowing cigar- or football-shaped object either hovering or moving slowly overhead. At about 1:45 a.m. the following morning, in Milford (eastern suburb of Cincinnati), a railroad employee and companion were driving when they noticed a white glowing light in the woods. When they went to investigate carrying a flashlight, they saw an object with a tube-like appendage underneath (mushroom shaped). It was hovering a few feet above a creek bed and appeared to be about 30 feet in diameter. When a light was shone on it, it gave a metallic-appearing mirror-like reflection. When police investigated, they found freshly broken tree limbs (physical traces). The young woman was hysterical. UFO investigators found four other reports overnight of a glowing red-orange object moving mostly at low altitude. (McDonald, 1967, Case 8, reprinted in Vaughan, 1995, p. 206; Keyhoe and Lore, 1969a, p. 21, and 1969b, p. 54;

Ridge, 1994, p. 21.)

Feb. 11, 1967; Greenwich, CT
Night. An engineer and his wife saw a cylinder with a string of red and white lights (body lights). A steady light beam was emitted from the bottom. The object descended rapidly, then rose again. (Westport News, Conn., 2/16/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 12, 1967; Grand Rapids, Mich. (BBU 11355)
3:40 a.m. Lou Atkinson saw 4 fluorescent, football-shaped objects, a dull, almost gray luminous color, fly NE in a very rigid formation with a chirping noise. (Berliner)

Feb. 12, 1967; Wharton, TX
Evening. Many people, including an airport manager, saw a bell-shaped object with bright light in the dome and revolving red, green, blue, and amber lights at the bottom edge (body lights). The object flew over the witness's car just above phone wires along the road, appearing big enough to cover the highway. It was later seen at tree-top level, where it hovered, banked, and took off. (Hall, 2001, p. 160; Houston Chronicle, Texas, 2/15/67.)

Feb. 12, 1967; Barrow, AK
Night. A man saw a basically red object that also emitted some bright green light. The object maneuvered and reportedly landed on ice for up to 20 minutes. It also hovered over a theater. A power failure occurred about the same time. (Fairbanks News-Miner, Alaska, 2/14/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 12, 1967; Kensington, CT
6:00 p.m. EST. Two known witnesses (plus other curious motorists) stopped to observe a bright white glowing object that had a red light on each side (body lights) hovering just off the road. (Fowler, 1974, p. 344.)

Feb. 12, 1967; Willington, CT
6:10 p.m. A man saw a bright white object that looked like a welding arc hovering over power lines. It was blindingly bright and brought tears to his eyes. (The Hartford Courant, Conn., 2/14/67, copy in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files.).

Feb.13, 1967; Novato, CA
12:30 p.m. PST. A witness watching aircraft first saw a white disc passing overhead at high speed. Three other discs then appeared from different directions and fell in behind the first (rendezvous). The last one was black. (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 13, 1967; Tabor, IA
Early Evening. A man saw a large round red object with a searchlight (light beam) directed downwards that was sweeping the ground. The object moved slowly at first, then accelerated. (Letter dated 2/22/67 in NICAP files.)

Feb. 13, 1967; Davis, CA
7:15 p.m. PST. Two women driving home saw an object that came within 100 yards of their car. The initial light resolved itself into three huge lights in a triangular formation. The object tipped up to display a disc base and a central red light and 5-6 dimmer white lights (body lights). (NICAP report form; McDonald, 1967, case 7; reprinted in Vaughan, 1995, pp. 205-6.)

Feb. 13, 1967; Woodland, CA
8:30 p.m. PST. An ex-Air Force man with pilot training saw a bright light for 25 minutes which maneuvered and seemed to pace his car. (NICAP report form, Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files.) [Note: There are two towns named Woodland in California. One, in Yolo County, is 12 miles north of Davis. The other, in Tulare County, is 245 miles to the southeast of Davis.]

Feb. 14, 1967; Hannon, Ontario, Canada
Time not reported. A saucer-shaped object (disc) with blinking red lights (body lights) forced a car off the road. It returned and hovered in view of many witnesses, landing in a nearby field. Marks were found in the snow (physical traces) at the landing spot next day. (Letter dated 2/23/67 in NICAP files.)

Feb.14, 1967; Jefferson City, MO
7:00 a.m. CE-III. A disc-shaped object was seen resting on a shaft in a field. Small beings were reportedly moving around rapidly beneath it. They disappeared behind the shaft, the object rocked back and forth, took off, and sped away. (UFOE II, p. 327)

Feb. 14, 1967; Bellingham, WA
6:30 p.m. PST (8:30 p.m.). A woman saw a cigar-shaped object with rotating red, green, orange, and white lights (body lights). The object both hovered and darted around in various directions. The witness could see its reflection in the lake. (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 14, 1967; Suncrest, WV
6:45 p.m. EST. Two women and other family members saw a silvery disc, with porthole-like openings visible around the perimeter. Rays of light (light beams) occasionally were emitted from these openings in a variety of colors. The object hovered, then moved off making a sound like a strong wind. (Morgantown Dominion News, West Virginia, 2/15/67, copy in NICAP files; undated Kalapaca investigation report in NICAP files.)

Feb. 14, 1967; Lee's Summit, MO
7:50-8:30 p.m. CST. Two women saw a house-sized oval object with red, green, and blue blinking lights (body lights). The object hovered at about 40-50 feet altitude. Later it maneuvered around a U.S. Air Force plane that was searching for it, directed by one of the women via telephone. According to the newspaper report, the pilot was unable to see the object. (Kansas City Star, 2/16/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb.14, 1967; West Frankfort, IL
8:20 p.m. CST. A woman saw an object shaped like a derby hat (domed disc) with a metallic sheen. The object hovered, then flew low over trees, remaining visible for 3-4 minutes. (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 14, 1967; Abington, VA
9:00 p.m. EST (8:00 p.m. CST). A woman saw a triangular object with green lights at two points and a red light at the third (body lights). It moved across the sky and then returned to its original position (maneuvered). (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 15, 1967; Denton, TX
8:10-8:40 p.m.. CST. A teacher's car was followed by a flashing red light at various distances (car pacing). Two of the witness's students confirmed the report. (Letter dated 2/17/67 in NICAP files.)

Feb.15, 1967; Arizona, Tennessee and Texas
8:30 p.m. Widespread reports from Arizona, Tennessee, and Texas of a prominent fiery object shedding sparks and leaving a trail. A loud sound, flames, falling debris reported. Estimated duration 1-2 minutes. [Note: Positively identified as a satellite reentry.]

Feb. 16, 1967: Towanda, PA
6:00 p.m. EST. A woman saw a big round light that moved and hovered, then shot out of sight. (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 16, 1967; Helena, NY
7:00 p.m. EST. A woman saw a large round white light with a ring of stars. The color changed and the

shape changed to oval. The object was low near a barn and slowly disappeared over the horizon to west. Dogs barked wildly (animal reaction). (Letter from witness, NICAP files.)

Feb. 16, 1967; Bombay, NY
7:15 p.m. A woman saw a round, white shiny object with a ring of orange stars around it at treetop level. The object stopped, hovered, and bobbed around. (Letter in NICAP files.) (Ogdensburg Journal, N.Y., 2/17/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 16, 1967; Stoughton, WI. (BBU 11383)
9:11 p.m. Miss Lynn Marsh saw a light with faded edges follow her car. (Berliner)

Feb. 16, 1967; Amherst, MA
10:15 p.m. EST. Three independent reports from five witnesses (including two policemen) of a glowing bright white, light-bulb-shaped object that hovered in the sky, ejected a small red object, moved back and forth, then suddenly accelerated away. A swishing sound was reported. (Fowler, 1974, p. 344.)

Feb. 16, 1967; Topeka, KS
10:40 p.m. CST (11:40 p.m. EST). Three witnesses, one identified as a colonel, saw a bright object which appeared to drip white phosphorus-like fire. The object was stationary for 4 minutes and then faded out. (Topeka Daily Capital 2/18/67, copy in NICAP files.) [Note: Very likely a flare or candle carrying hot-air balloon hoax.]

Feb. 16, 1967; Augusta, GA
11:00 p.m. EST. A very bright luminous orange object rose out of the woods, its glow illuminating the terrain (environmental illumination). The object followed two women in a car on U.S. 1 south of the city, disappearing after about 5 minutes. (Hitt, 1999.)

Feb. 16, 1967; Kingman, AZ
11:45 p.m. MST. A soldier and his wife saw an oval object with red and green body lights approach their car at low altitude late on a cloudy night. The ground was illuminated (environmental illumination) by a moving light beam emitted from its bottom center. A few minutes later the object reappeared about a mile away followed by two white lights flying in step formation, one of which landed or nearly landed. The remaining light merged with the large object (satellite objects). (Letter from witness, 9/14/67, NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 3, Nov.- Dec.. 1967, p. 3; Keyhoe and Lore, 1969a, p.44).

Feb. 17, 1967; Dorchester, MA
6:55 p.m. EST. A witness saw a cymbal-shaped object (disc) with a dome on top and 4-5 purplish lights around its perimeter (body lights). The object hovered at treetop height over a housing project for the elderly, then moved away. It made a whirring/beeping sound, which two other people also heard. (Fowler, 1974, p. 344.)

Feb. 17, 1967; Andover, MA
About 6:55 p.m. An airline salesman driving on route 93 slowed his car as he saw an object hovering silently just over the road. The object had a bright green frame extending from a rectangular display of very bright lights (body lights). When he got closer, he could also see a flashing red light. Uncomfortably, he drove underneath it and saw other people in cars looking at it. (Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee Report, NICAP files; Project Blue Book files, National Archives; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol.. Ill, No. 12, March-April 1967, p. 6; Fowler, 1974, p. 344.)

Feb. 17, 1967; Lawrence, MA
7:45 p.m. An electrical engineer and his wife going south on Route 93 saw a loose cluster of 8-9 red, green, and white lights apparently on an object at low altitude and moving very slowly. A bright white light was at the bottom of the cluster (body lights). The object, going NE, passed over the road. (U.F.O.

Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 12, March-April 1967, p. 6).

Feb. 17, 1967: Palmer, MA
8:15 p.m. EST. Three yellow-reddish-orange globes of light moving with a smooth gliding motion were seen within 50 feet of a power line. The objects sometimes bounced up and down, and they moved away as a car approached. After the car passed, they returned. Two of them changed color to bluish-white and flew away to the south (color/motion correlation). The other turned white as it rose vertically in a zigzag path, went dark, flashed a silver light, and finally moved away engulfed in swirls of color. (Haines, 1994, p. 114; from Story, 1980, p. 202.)

Feb. 18, 1967; Chatsworth, GA
4:30 p.m. EST. Three people saw a shiny cigar-shaped object along with two round objects for several minutes. The objects hovered, then accelerated away. "Low roaring sound" heard. (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 18, 1967; Carmel, NY
5:30 p.m. EST. A man saw two glowing ovals that hovered, accelerated, and vanished into a funnel-shaped cloud. The objects were viewed through binoculars. (NICAP report form.).

Feb. 19, 1967; Ozarks, Missouri
Cat. 4. Dog alerts owner to near ground object.

Feb. 19, 1967; Putnam, CT
2:00 a.m. EST. Two police officers saw and pursued a large orange glowing object that moved with a fluttering side-to-side (oscillatory) motion. The object moved fast, hovered, moved slowly, and changed color to pink. (Worcester Evening Gazette, Mass. 2/20/67, and Hartford Courant, 2/21/67, copies in NICAP files.)

Feb. 19, 1967; Hollywood, FL
4:30 p.m. EST. Two people saw a gun-metal gray oval object hovering 20 feet high. The object had a rough bottom, a row of revolving green lights (body lights), a row of shield-shaped yellow-lit windows, and "antenna." Heads of people (occupants) were seen in the windows. (Hollywood Sun-Tattler 3/11/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 19, 1967; Wharton, TX
Night. A series of independent sightings was reported overnight southwest of Houston near the Gulf coast in Wharton, Bay City, and Lane City. Witnesses included businessmen and prominent citizens. Exact times generally were not specified. (Houston Tribune, Texas, 2/23/67, copy in NICAP files and in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files.) A school teacher in Wharton saw a pulsating red light at treetop level fly the length of a runway between rows of landing lights, stop at the end of the runway, reverse direction and shoot back where it had come from. A department store manager in Bay City-Wharton, ex-Air Force and familiar with aircraft, and his family, returning from church, saw a pulsating red light approaching fast and low. A bell-shaped object with a band of colored body lights around the lower portion and a brilliant white light in the upper portion crossed the road just above the treetops. A window or port was seen above the colored lights. A trail like fire appeared as the object climbed. Alerted by the above witness, prominent citizens in Lane City, including a newspaper publisher and an editor, and the Mayor of Wharton, saw a white light which approached them. They also saw a star-like light that maneuvered erratically. A farmer and his children west of Bay City-Wharton witnessed an object with white fire coming from it that lit up the night sky, and two more appeared to follow the first one. An explosion rocked the home. [Bolide meteor?]

Feb. 20, 1967. Oxford, WS. (BBU 11394)
3:10 a.m. USAF veteran truck driver Stanton Summer saw an orange-red object fly parallel to his truck. (Berliner)

Feb. 20, 1967: Laconia, NH
5:45 p.m. EST. A man saw a bright light with smaller associated lights above it (satellite objects). The larger object swung like a pendulum (oscillation), then suddenly accelerated away. (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 20; 1967; Wharton, TX
Evening. Three bank employees in the Wharton area watched a moving red light that when viewed through binoculars appeared to be a saucer-shaped object, like two incandescent platters inverted one on top of the other and glued together at the rims. The object was flashing red, blue, yellow, and white lights (body lights). It hovered over smoke-stacks, shot up at a 90 degree angle, then dove and retraced its pattern several times.

Feb. 20, 1967; Binghampton, NY
9:10 p.m. EST. A Salvation Army Director while driving saw an object with airplane-like lights (body lights), but it then acquired a brilliant glow and flame was emitted from one end. The object hovered over the car, then sped away. (Binghampton Sun Bulletin, 2/21/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 20, 1967; Limerick, Saskatchewan, Canada
10:30 p.m. A woman saw a bright lighted object speed in and hover under a power line, then retrace its approach path (reverse direction) as it left. House lights dimmed (EM effects) while the light hovered. (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 21, 1967; Hungerford, TX
9:55 a.m. CST. A rancher saw a glowing disc at low altitude. The object was viewed for 10 minutes, until it shot straight up making an impossible L-shaped maneuver. (Houston Tribune, 2/23/67, copy in NICAP files and in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files.)

Feb. 21, 1967; Parkville, MD
12:45 p.m. EST (11:45 a.m. CST). A man along with his mother saw a metallic-appearing object that hovered, circled (maneuvered), then accelerated and flew away rapidly. (Letter dated 3/25/67 in NICAP files.)

Feb. 21, 1967; Toledo, OH
7:40 p.m. EST. A registered nurse encountered a large pulsating orange-yellow ball of light that flattened out and changed color to pink-red, and hovered over the highway at treetop height emitting a ray of light (light beam) toward the ground. The object appeared to pace the car, then vanished suddenly. EM effects were noted on the speedometer and on her new wristwatch, which stopped for several days. A pre-existing skin condition was reported to have cleared up after the encounter. (Letter dated 3/8/67 in NICAP)

Feb. 21, 1967; Winfield, KS
8:35-9:00 p.m. CST. Two people saw a brilliant white cylinder that moved up and down, and back and forth, with a "quivering" motion. The object flew off, returned, hovered again, changed color to glowing red and departed. It then returned, hovered again for 3 minutes, and finally sped away. (Winfield Daily Courier 2/23/67, copy in NICAP files.) [Note: There is a Titan II ICBM Missile site located near Winfield.]

Feb. 22, 1967; Milton, Indiana
6:30 a.m. EST. A woman saw an oval object with a row of steady white lights (body lights) along its length and two bright "headlights" on the front. The witness ran outside and watched as the object, at 100-200 feet altitude, followed the course of a creek. She called a neighbor, who saw a circle of white lights about 200 feet in the air. Two dogs reacted strongly (animal reactions).

Feb. 22, 1967; Hagerstown, IN
Evening. A minister and his wife saw two airborne lights like headlights along with other colored lights. (Richmond Palladium-Item, Ind., 3/3/67, copy in NICAP files; Keyhoe and Lore, 1969b, p. 34.)

February 23, 1967 - AF to Declassify Reports

> Lt. Col. Robert Hippler of AFRSTA said that the Secretary of the Air Force had established the policy that all USAF information on UFO's classified up to and including Secret is to be provided to the University of Colorado. 2

Feb. 23, 1967; Glaskow AFB, Montana (BBU)
Two separate groups of two personnel each apparently observed the same unidentified object(s). The same apparent object was observed on a MG-13 Fire Control radar. The length of observation was given as two hours. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 23, 1967; Boneta, UT
8:00 p.m. MST (9:00 p.m. CST). A milk truck driver saw a luminous orange object that paced his truck. When he stopped his truck and turned the lights off, the object shot straight up and out of sight. (Salisbury, 1974, Table 1, Case 41F.)

Feb. 23, 1967; Carterville, IL
8:10 p.m. CST. Two women saw a light so bright it hurt their eyes to look directly at it (brilliant luminosity). The object hovered, accelerated, and appeared to land in a clump of trees. It emitted a constant humming sound. The object disappeared after about 25 minutes. (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 23, 1967; Marion, IL
9:30 p.m. CST. A woman saw a red oval object surrounded by a pink glow (halo effect). The object hovered over a truck, then over the witness's car after the truck moved away. (Report in NICAP files; Marion Weekly Leader 2/23/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 24, 1967; Atlantic City, NJ
10:00 p.m. EST. An airplane mechanic saw a glowing orange object estimated to be moving about 100 mph at 1,500 feet altitude. The object moved quickly toward the ground, disappeared, then later reappeared and flew south. The Federal Aviation Administration Test Center at Atlantic City reported tracking an unknown on radar at the same time and place for two minutes. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 12, Mar.-Apr. 1967, p. 6; Associated Press story.)

Feb. 24, 1967; Lucan, Ontario, Canada
10:00 p.m. EST. Two members of a family saw a glowing orange object, also seen separately by an Ontario provincial policeman. Through a 55x telescope the object appeared to be oblong with a peaked top, bluish glow, with red flashing lights, and a surrounding orange glow (halo effect). The policeman described it as a "flashing orangey-colored object." (London Free Press, Ontario, 2/27/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 25, 1967; Minneapolis, MN
7:02 p.m. CST. Seven witnesses saw three "brushed aluminum" discs with a row of lights or ports around the edges. At one point the lead disc glowed red like molten iron, then the glow diminished. The three objects banked into a turn in unison. (Air Force Intelligence Report in Colorado Project and in NICAP files.)

Feb. 25, 1967: Fargo, ND
7:50 p.m. CST. Two teenaged boys saw around or disc-shaped brightly illuminated object. It moved higher gaining speed (accelerated) and flew away to the northeast. (Fargo Forum, 2/25/67, copy in NICAP files.) [Fargo, North Dakota, is close to the southern edge of the Mike Flight (M-21, M-22, M-23 etc., Launch Facilities) of the Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota, Minuteman ICBM Complex .]

Feb. 26, 1967; Marlboro, MA
2:00-2:20 a.m. EST. A former teacher and her husband were awakened by an intermittent roaring sound. They sighted a white glowing egg-shaped object with a red light on each side (body lights). It swung back and forth (oscillatory motion) and made a purring sound like a "quiet auto muffler." (Fowler, 1974, p. 345; Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee report in NICAP files.)

Feb. 26, 1967; Abbotstown, PA
3:45 p.m. EST. A couple saw a small gray object approach just above the treetops and hover for about 2 minutes, glowing like white-hot metal and wobbling while stationary. The object moved slowly across the highway, stopped, then finally moved away to the west-southwest and disappeared after 5 minutes. (NICAP report form, 3/28/67.)

Feb. 26, 1967; Oxford, MA
6:30 p.m. EST. Five people, including a newspaper reporter, saw a bright amber oval which at times turned red. The object alternately hovered and moved at high speed. According to the story, the reporter took a photograph of the object. (Worcester Evening Gazette, 2/27/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 26, 1967; Wiarton, Ontario, Canada
7:30 p.m. EST. Nine people in southeastern Ontario, including four provincial policemen, saw a bright shining object with lights changing color from white to green (body lights). The object appeared to have streamers of light around it. It flitted about, hovered, and disappeared. (London Free Press (Ontario) 2/27/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 26, 1967; Coshocton, OH
7:45 p.m. EST. Two policemen saw two light-colored saucers of different sizes with associated red flames. The larger object was stationary and the smaller object hovered about it (satellite object). The two objects moved in and out of sight together. Reportedly other residents also had sightings. (Dover Daily Reporter, Ohio, 2/28/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 27, 1967; Topeka, KS
7:05 p.m. CST. A woman saw a top-shaped object with red and blue body lights hovering over trees, remaining in view for 3 minutes. A neighbor reported TV interference (EM effects) at that time. (Topeka State Journal, 2/28/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 27, 1967; Vernal, UT
7:20 p.m. MST (8:20 p.m. CST). A registered nurse while driving encountered a luminous orange dome-shaped object (ball with bottom third cut off), clearly outlined, with blue-green, occasionally red, flame-like streaks coming from the underside. The object paced her car and dipped low before disappearing after 30 minutes. (Salisbury, 1974, p. 39-46.)

Feb. 27, 1967; Port McNeil, British Columbia, Canada
7:30-8:30 p.m. PST. Four people saw a large bright oval with a tail, white on top, blue on bottom and later bright red. The object at times traveled in a straight line, made turns (maneuvered), disappeared, and reappeared. It was also viewed through a 45x telescope. (Letter in NICAP files.)

Feb. 27, 1967; Omaha, NE
8:00 p.m. CST. A couple saw a round bright light, pulsating and changing color. Red lights were either blinking or moving around the main white light (body lights). The object moved slowly north and remained in view for 20 minutes, observed part of the time through binoculars. (Omaha World Herald, 2/28/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 27, 1967; Grand Haven, Mich. (BBU 11419)

8:19-9:30 p.m. Sheriff Grysen, wife and others saw a large white light, with smaller red and green lights to the sides, make an almost instantaneous 90° left turn, shoot out over the road and stop, [then] moving too fast to follow. (Berliner)

Feb. 27, 1967; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
9:00 p.m. MST (8:00 p.m.). A woman saw a cigar-shaped object with a red light on bottom and a white light on top (body lights) that was hovering over a hospital and spinning. The object emitted a siren-like sound. Other sightings reported about the same time were identified as RCAF aircraft. (Edmonton Journal, 2/28/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Feb. 28, 1967; Madisonville, KY
6:30 p.m. EST. A couple saw a round object hovering overhead for about a minute. It had red and green body lights. The object then accelerated and sped away. It made a sound like a "low roar." (NICAP report form.)

Feb. 28, 1967; Grand Haven, MI
Night. Twelve people, including six deputy sheriffs, observed an unexplained object for several minutes. They provided two descriptions: (1) a reddish-orange object, and (2) a cluster of lights with bright center, reddish edges, and oval shape. The object was low over Lake Michigan, moved rapidly side to side, and disappeared. The county sheriff viewed it through binoculars. (Ann Arbor News, Michigan, 3/1/67, copy in NICAP files.) .

Feb. 28, 1967; Piggott, AR
Night. Several independent reports overnight. A 21-year-old man reported that an unidentified object glided parallel to his car about 300 yards away. The object then abruptly headed for the car (vehicle encounter), swerved away, and left at terrific speed. Three men saw six red whirling masses, two over a factory. These departed and two more appeared. A woman and her daughter saw a hovering flat oval with reddish lights (body lights), which then slowly moved away. A dog barked excitedly during the sighting (animal reaction). (Memphis Press-Scimitar, 3/4/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March, 1967 (Date unknown); NE of Cuba
MIG-21 jet explodes while chasing "UFO". The details of the "UFO" actually sound like the CIA's OXCART A-12, the AF version of which was called the SR-71, which were known to over-fly Cuba.

March, 1967 (Date unknown); Yungay, Peru
Photograph.

March, No date, 1967; Hillsboro, KS
Evening. Three people saw a flash of light, then an object that appeared flat , and like an upside down saucer. ; The object turned red and approached the car, which began to rock violently (physical effect). As the object neared the engine quit (EM effect). (Salina Journal, Kansas, 4/2/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March, No date, 1967; Dry Creek Basin, CO
11:00 p.m. MST. A luminous inverted-bowl shaped (hemispherical) object moved slowly, then accelerated. The witness's car engine, radio, and lights experienced EM effects. (Gillmor, 1969, pp. 295-97.)

March, No date, 1967; New Cuyama, CA
Night. A teacher saw a dome-shaped object with orange body lights on the ground (landed), which then rose, hovered, and departed. The witness claimed to be silenced by the U.S. Air Force. (Los Angeles NICAP Affiliate report, NICAP files.)

March, No date, 1967; Trenton, NJ

Night. Multiple witnesses reported a two-tiered, green-red disc with a halo, and a white light on top. The object was visible for 3 hours. It hovered and maneuvered over the city. A radio station reportedly blacked out when it passed over. Other EM effects also were reported. Jets appeared to chase the object. (Trenton/an, 9/12/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 1, 1967; Blairsville, PA
7:00 p.m. EST. Two witnesses watched an object the shape of a lamp shade (truncated cone) with a bright center stripe. The object hovered level, tilted, then accelerated and flew away very fast after 5 minutes. (Air Force UFO report form, copy in NICAP files.)

March 1, 1967; Sharon, MA
7:25 p.m. EST. Two separate witnesses saw a white glowing oval object which moved about in the area of their homes. The object was silent and left a white flowing fuzzy trail in its wake. (Fowler, 1974, p. 345.)

March 1, 1967; Toledo, OH
7:30 p.m. EST. Two couples saw a saucer-shaped object with flashing red and green lights. The object hovered briefly, then suddenly accelerated and zoomed out of sight. It was observed several times over a period of 20 minutes. (Toledo Record, 3/4 or 3/5/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 1, 1967; Gosport, IN
9:30 p.m. EST. Five people in a car saw a red object, fuzzy around the edges, estimated 50 feet long and 9 feet high (narrow oval or cigar-shaped). The object stopped, hovered, moved back and forth 500 feet away, then accelerated and departed at high speed. (Ridge, 1994, p. 21.)

March 1, 1967; Poland, IN
10:05 p.m. About 20 miles northwest of Gosport, four people in a car saw a luminous red disc with a dome. It followed the car for miles (vehicle encounter), then hovered. (Ridge, 1994, p. 21.)

March 1, 1967; Portland, IN
10:06 p.m. A dark-colored disc with a dome, performing slow and low flights in Owen County, was reported to have followed persons in an auto for miles until they reached their home at Poland, in Clay County.. The dome was either reflecting or emitting dim red light, and the object had two white lights on the ends and two larger red lights together in the middle. The flight was reported as as low as 40' and two automobiles had their hoods up, indicating possible E-M effects. (Don Worley files)

March 2, 1967; White Sands Missile Range, NM
10:25 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. MST. Two radars plotted 20 silver objects, radar blips at 7 mile altitude. News blackout invoked by military (section I). Twenty-nine people reported seeing one or more objects in groups. ranging in appearance from silvery objects flying overhead to a saucer-shaped object. Intermittent unexplained radar targets were seen during this time. (El Paso Times, Texas, 3/5/67, copies in NICAP files and in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files; Hall, 2001, p. 58, from Van Arsdale, M., 1967, "Report of UFO Sighting March 2, 1967, in Alamogordo, N.M.," University of Colorado UFO project (March 24, 1967), "Reports of Investigators" file; Sagan and Page, 1972, p. i.)

March. 2, 1967; Patterson, AR
9:30 p.m. CST. A man saw an unexplained object with red lights (body lights) which hovered over homes and then moved on. Dogs barked during the sighting (animal reaction). (Memphis Press-Scimitar, Tenn., 3/4/67, copy in NICAP files.) [Note: There are three towns named Patterson in Arkansas. Since the story was reported in the Memphis newspaper, this one in all probability is Patterson, Woodruff County, about 75 miles west of Memphis.]

March 2, 1967; Memphis, TN
11:30 p.m. A slender ellipse or cigar-shaped object with body lights along its length was reported. The

lights were pulsating in a rhythmic pattern opposite to the direction of motion. (Air Force report, Project Blue Book files, National Archives.)

March 2, 1967; Piggott, AR
11:30 p.m. CST. About 130 miles north-northwest of Memphis, Tenn., a junior high school science teacher and coach saw four lights that hovered at treetop level, then joined by more lights (rendezvous). The lights maneuvered around in different directions, sometimes hovering, then moving on. (Memphis Press-Scimitar, 3/4/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 3, 1967; Wheaton, IL
7:00 p.m. CST (8:00 p.m. EST). Two people had several sightings of a bright fuzzy ball of light (spherical) one-fourth of a degree in diameter. It moved rapidly and made direction changes (maneuvered). (Letter dated 3/3/67 in NICAP files.)

March 3, 1967; Dorchester, MA
7:25 p.m. EST. Two people watched a glowing yellow disc with a small red body light moving slowly to the west. The object stopped and hovered for a long time, then flew away to the east. A sound like a swarm of bees (buzzing) could be heard. (Letter 3/8/67, in NICAP files.)

March 3, 1967; Plantation, FL
9:00 p.m. EST. Seven high school students saw two glowing pyramids (truncated cones?), followed by an orange flash. The objects landed in the middle of a road, then rose and disappeared. Other sightings were reported in the area. (Pompano Beach Sun-Sentinel, Florida, 3/7/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 3, 1967; Lewiston, IL
10:20 p.m. CST. A couple saw a large oblong object with 4-6 large square luminous windows in a row along the side. The object hovered above treetops, and the window lights began going out as if being covered. The object then banked slightly with one window still visible, accelerated, and flew away fast. (Lewistown newspaper, copy in NICAP files; Air Force report, Project Blue Book files, National Archives.)

March 3, 1967; Red Hill, New Hampshire
Nr. Midnight, EST. A couple driving saw a dark clam-shaped object (saucer) that emitted a motor-like sound, and was thought to be taller than their car. Initially it appeared as a bright white stationary light, which then began to move up and down, dropping behind the tree line and back up. As it followed their car (vehicle encounter), it changed to a bluish-green color. Their dog was highly agitated during the sighting (animal reaction). The object followed their car closely for 20 minutes, sometimes only about 100 feet above it and sometimes so close that one of the witnesses felt they could touch it. The object stopped, then moved off while a ping type electrical charge was felt and heard in the car. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. III, No. 12, Mar.-Apr. 1967, p. 6; NICAP report form.)

March 4, 1967; Vicco, KY
2:30 a.m. EST. Two witnesses saw a half-egg-shell (dome) shaped object; its color varied from brown-red to dull orange to bright white. The object hovered and maneuvered at low level, as smaller objects emerged from its underside. The sighting lasted more than 35 minutes. (NICAP report form.)

March 5, 1967; Minot AFB, North Dakota
ADC radar tracked an unidentified target descending over the Minuteman ICBM missile silos of the 91st Strategic Missile Wing. Base security teams saw a metallic, disc-shaped object ringed with bright flashing lights moving slowly, maneuvering, then stopping and hovering about 500 ft above ground. Object circled directly over the launch control facility. F-106 fighters were scrambled but at that moment object climbed straight up and disappeared at high speed. (Ray Fowler; etc.)

March 5, 1967; Pierre/Hayes, SD

Night. A family's car was paced at telephone-wire height by a V-shaped object emitting a bright light that illuminated the ground for perhaps 5 minutes. A humming sound was heard and the witnesses felt a numbness. When it departed, the object flew away rapidly on an erratic path. (Rapid City Journal, S. Dak., 3/7/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 6, 1967; Benton Harbor, MI. (BBU 11454)
12:01 a.m. Jerome Wolanin, assistant news director of radio station and former policeman, and wife, saw a round saucer or oval-shaped object with red, green and yellow lights around bottom rim which pulsated red, flying level, E to W, joined by 2nd object from W. 1st object opened top, 2nd came over and hovered for 30 seconds and disappeared. Objects made hissing sound. (Berliner)

March 6, 1967; Galesburg-Moline [?], IL (BBU 11460)
4:25 a.m. Deputy Sheriff Frank Courson saw an object shaped like a rubber cup placed under a furniture leg, with a dome set in the cup, bottom spinning rapidly, rim pulsating red, which approached and passed overhead at low altitude, making a hissing sound. (Berliner)

March 6, 1967; Alberta, Canada
Cat. 9. Ground-visual, civilian and military radar, airline crew observation.

March 7, 1967; Bt. Keeneyville and Bartlett, IL
12:30 a.m. CST. While driving home, a mother and her two adult daughters with their dog encountered an object outlined in bright white lights with two light beams in front. As the object neared the ground, it appeared round, with flashing red and green body lights. The dog was rigid and its ruff was up (animal reaction). The object descended into woods, a red glare lighting the ground. Suddenly a brilliant white object came from the woods toward the car, and two beams of light shone in the car's rear window. The object followed them home where a gray, fog-like cloud appeared, when the cloud was gone, the object had disappeared. (Elgin Daily Courier-News 3/9/67, copy in NICAP files and in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files; Keyhoe and Lore, 1969b, p. 34-35.)

March 8, 1967; Goodland, KS
2:00 a.m. MST. A newspaper editor and two policemen saw a torpedo-shaped object with multi-colored flashing body lights that flew irregularly at high speed. The object had bright light beams at each end, and a made a sound like a huge vacuum cleaner. Through binoculars, a central shaft and bands of color could be seen. Many sightings in the area. (Wichita Eagle, Kansas, 3/9/67, copy in NICAP files; McDonald, 1967, Case 6, reprinted in Vaughan, 1995, p. 205.)

March. 8, 1967; Sidney, Australia
10:10 a.m. LT. Two women saw a grayish disc come out of clouds, disappear behind a railroad station, reappear and go back into the clouds, disappearing after 15 minutes. The object made a weird humming sound. (Sydney Sun-Herald, 3/12/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 8, 1967; Aurora, IL
12:00 Noon CST. A couple saw a brilliant red and blue circular object that emitted a beam of light. The object hovered, approached, then rose up and disappeared into or behind a small cloud after 3-4 minutes. (Aurora Beacon-News, 3/9/67, copy in NICAP files.) [Note the frequency of light beam cases and reported sounds over a period of several days.]

March 8, 1967; Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
7:45-8:10 p.m. EST. Five witnesses saw a fiery glowing object shaped like a camp lantern or cone. Pictures were taken but reportedly show little. There were also reports of both civilian and military radar contact. (Frey report in NICAP files, NICAP report form.)

March. 8, 1967; Westmont, IL
6:55 p.m. CST (7:55 p.m. EST). About 300 miles to the West of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. (see

previous entry), several witnesses saw red and green lights that approached slowly at treetop level, then shot upwards, leveled off and moved quickly across the sky, disappearing behind trees and radio towers near the horizon. The lights reappeared and were seen by a fireman before moving away and disappearing. (Report by local resident received 10/25/67, NICAP files.)

March. 8, 1967; Galesburg, IL
7:10 p.m. CST (8:10 p.m. EST). Police and sheriffs watched unexplained aerial objects of various descriptions through the evening and into early morning of March 9. At 7:10 pm a bowl-shaped object about 35 feet in diameter with thick rim and body lights (bluish-white and pulsating red) was observed through binoculars by Knox County Deputy Sheriff Frank Courson at an estimated 2,000 feet altitude. The object made a hissing sound and emitted a white light beam to the ground. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 3/10/67, copy in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files; United Press International story in various newspapers; Air Force unexplained case, Project Blue Book Files, National Archives. Some date and time discrepancies.)

March. 8, 1967; Caledonia, MO
7:15 p.m. ST (8:15 p.m. EST). A couple saw a shiny metallic watermelon (elliptical) shaped object with many body lights around the perimeter (green and red, plus white, blue, and yellow-orange). The object hovered overhead, then moved away rapidly. (Bardstown Standard, Kentucky, 3/16/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 8, 1967; Oswego, NY
8:10 p.m. EST (7:10 p.m. CST). A woman and her young daughter saw an oval with three red ports. The object emitted green" flashes as it passed overhead in straight level flight at moderate speed. (NICAP report form.)

March 8, 1967; Houston, TX
8:35 p.m. CST (9:35 p.m. EST). A woman and four children saw an object described as "tower" shaped, with large "wings" and red, green, and white body lights. The object hovered over some trees for several minutes, then took off straight up and disappeared. (Houston Post, 3/9/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March. 8, 1967; Denver, CO
9:00 p.m. MST (10:00 p.m. CST). A greenish disc with dome was observed moving on a level course, then curving downward. (Air Force report No. 00534B in Colorado UFO Project files.)

March 8, 1967; Newport, VT
9:30 p.m. EST (8:30 p.m. CST). Two women saw a greenish-blue oval hovering over a field, moving up and down. The object changed color to yellow, then to bright white. When the object began moving toward their car, the car refused to start (EM effects). The object was visible for about 7 minutes. (Letter 3/11/67 in NICAP files.)

March 8, 1967; Manistique, MI
Night. A woman and three children saw a diamond-shaped object, green on top, white in the middle, red on the bottom. The object hung motionless (hovered) for an hour and then faded out of sight. A power failure occurred during the sighting (EM effect). (Marquette Mining Journal, Mich, 3/10/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 8, 1967; Leominster, MA.
Cat. 3. Luminous oval, hovering, rocking, witness felt shock, paralysis. (See Section VI) (E.R.L.) car.

March 9 (Approx), 1967; Shamokin, PA
Time not reported. A bank treasurer and his wife saw an enormous row of lights that eventually took on a round shape as an object neared and hovered over a mountain tree line. The lights, brilliant white

with an orange tinge, resembled a theater marquee, with lights flashing from side to side and at random, as they watched for 10 minutes. When the witnesses flashed a signal with a spotlight, the row of lights went out and a huge lower light flashed back the same signal 5 or 6 times (light reaction). Then all the lights went out except a red pulsating light and the object moved away as traffic approached. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. Ill, No. 12, Mar-Apr. 1967, p. 8.) .

March 9, 1967; Moline, IL
Policeman spotted two UFOs in the afternoon. Police officer William Fisher said he was riding his motorcycle on patrol when he spotted a boxcar-sized object hovering at about 3,000 feet. He said a second UFO materialized as he watched, and both sped from sight. Fisher took color motion pictures of the objects, one frame of which is displayed at the top of this page. (NICAP & MUFON files)

March 9 [11?], 1967; Galesburg, IL (BBU)
7:10 p.m. 2 housewives [Powell and McKee?] saw an object shaped like a pancake with a rounded top, pulsating red, and red lights around its rim, which approached and seemed to explode with a brilliant white light that lasted 10 seconds and almost blinded them. Object accelerated to the N and disappeared. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

March 9, 1967; Plain City, OH
8:30 p.m. EST. Two men saw a cigar-shaped object with flashing red, blue, and green body lights. Something was attached to its underside. The object moved slowly, then accelerated and sped away and disappeared to the southeast after 30 minutes. The report said that a Polaroid photo was taken. (Columbus Dispatch, Ohio, 3/10/67, copy NICAP files.)

March 9, 1967; Savanna, IL
8:35 p.m. CST (9:35 p.m. EST). Police and others saw a glowing disc with flashing red, green, and yellow body lights. The object hovered at first, then moved at high speed. Many other sightings were reported in the area. (Clinton Herald, Iowa, 3/10/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 9, 1967; Follansbee, WV (BBU)
9 p.m. 3 witnesses driving on Route 2 saw a round car-sized object, with several lights on the underside, hovering at rooftop level, which left suddenly at high speed. (Vallée Magonia 824)

March 9, 1967; Onawa, Iowa (BBU 11480)
9:05 p.m. Jack Lindley saw a bright white, saucer-shaped object, as big as a jet airliner, fly straight and fast to the E. (Berliner)

March. 9, 1967; Fort Wayne, IN
9:15 p.m. EST. A man (minister, ex-prison guard) saw a group of lights in an X formation that hovered, blinked on and off in sequence, turned like a top (rotated), and shot away. (Federspiel letter in NICAP files.)

March. 9, 1967; Las Cruces, NM
9:30 p.m. MST (10:30 p.m. CST). Two administrative staff members of the White Sands Test Facility northeast of Las Cruces saw a fuzzy, fluorescent orange light moving in front of the Organ Mountains to the southeast. It moved toward the witnesses, angled downward, stopped (hovered), then shot straight up and disappeared. Also seen by the wife of the owner of Organ Mountain Lodge, Organ, NM. (Tillett report in NICAP files).

March 10, 1967; Phillipston, MA
12:20 a.m. EST. A witness saw an object shaped like a half ball with its flat side down (dome-shaped). The object glowed a bright orange-red all over and was about 10 times the apparent diameter of the moon, which was visible. (Fowler, 1974, p. 346.)

March, 10, 1967; Dareton, New South Wales, Australia
About 6:30 PM local time. Mr and Mrs Wilshire; Mrs Wilshire's parent and three children, were travelling along the Silver City highway, in a vehicle, heading towards Dareton, when they saw a 'saucer'. It was described as bigger than an aircraft, some 90 feet up in the air, and 'hovering' above the road in front of their vehicle. It was dark grey in color, oval in shape, and had a high dome on top. It then sped away at 200-300 miles per hour, and disappeared from view. Total duration was three minutes. (Source: FSR Vol. 13.No. 4 p.30, citing the Sunraysia Daily (Mildura) Newspaper dated March 11, 1967.)

March 10, 1967; Pawtucket, RI
9:00 p.m. EST. A man saw a large dark oval object that appeared solid and metallic, with a small light in front. It moved on an erratic path, tipping from side to side at 5-10 mph. The front light was extinguished twice, once when the object approached a street light and once when it approached a brightly lighted gas station. After being in view for; about 30 seconds, it disappeared behind the gas station. (Massachusetts NICAP , Subcommittee report.)

March 10, 1967; Salol, MN
9:45 p.m. CST. Two women and three youngsters in northwest Minnesota saw a bright orange oval which pulsated. The object hovered for 3-4 minutes, then went up and out of sight with a roar. The object reportedly made a loud sound like jets, but without the screeching. The sound varied in volume as the color of the object brightened or dimmed. (Roseau County Times-Region, Minn., 3/16/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 10, 1967; Ft. Chaffee, AR
11:30 p.m. CST. Three teenagers saw a house-sized object that had three huge lights. The object hovered over trees as if to land for about 5 minutes, then disappeared. (Ft. Smith SW Times Record, Arkansas, 3/12/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 11, 1967; Ashtabula, OH
Time not reported. An electrical engineer and four other witnesses saw three glowing, golden-colored objects approach from the northeast. The objects circled (maneuvered), and departed to the northeast very fast. Then two other similar objects appeared and followed the first group (coordinated formation flight), all disappearing after 15 minutes. (Columbus Dispatch 3/12/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 11-13, 1967; Tillamook, Oregon (BB)
Night. Red, green and white lights were observed in the air by several witnesses including police and sheriff deputies. Radar contact was made in the same area as the visual sightings by the radar station at Mount Hebo These sightings all took place at night. March 11, sightings were observed for one hour. March 12, sightings were observed for one hour. March 13, sightings were observed for four hours and thirty-five minutes. The radar returns showed hovering and rapid movement of the targets. The visual sightings also showed rapid movement of the objects at times. One radar sighting had a rapid distance change from 39 to 48 miles within one minute. (Dan Wilson)

March 11, 1967; Off coast of Taranaki, New Zealand
10:20 p.m. LT. A pilot, copilot, and hostess of an airliner flying at 17,000 feet saw a cluster of 10-12 soft-glowing, amber-colored lights approach their aircraft at a lower altitude, passing below and out of sight. The leading light was larger and brighter than the others, which were at a slight angle to the rear of the leading light. All of the lights were slightly pulsating. No aircraft running or anti-collision lights were seen, and ground control reported no other aircraft traffic in the area. (Witness reports in NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 3, Nov-Dec. 1967, p. 1; Weinstein, 1999, p. 35.)

March 12, 1967; Rochester, MN. (BBU)
Boy Hrubetz went out to buy a newspaper and saw a car-sized, inverted mushroom-shaped object hovering 30 ft above ground, then tilted at a 45° angle, oscillated, and left to the NW. 3 photos

reportedly taken. (Vallée Magonia 825; FUFOR Index)

March 12, 1967; Paragould, AR
Early morning CST. Four witnesses saw a disc with bright white light beams that swept the ground. Red lights like roman candles shot out from all sides. The object floated low, and hovered. Witnesses felt vibrations and heard a sound like an alternating frequency beep. (Arkansas Gazette, 3/14/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 12, 1967; Virginia, MN
Time not reported. In St. Louis County, northeast Minnesota, about 250 miles from Rochester, four boys 9-12 years old reportedly encountered a landed craft and one or more humanoid beings. (Boyer letter dated 5/5/67 in NICAP files.)

March 12, 1967; Bt. Vernal and Roosevelt, UT
8:15 p.m. MST. A couple saw the ground illuminated in front of their car. Looking for the source of the light, they saw a large object an estimated 150 feet above the ground shoot by. The object was shaped like a tapered boxcar and flame was coming out the rear. Near the object, the flame was in round balls of all colors and sizes, and then after the balls, there were long strips of fire. The object had bluish-white light coming from what looked like a row of windows ("panels of light"). The windows toward the rear became smaller. (Salisbury, 1974, pp. 46-48.) [Probable satellite reentry or fireball meteor. Also reportedly seen in Denver, Colorado. Witness estimates of distances, unless bounded in some way such as passing in front of a landmark, are based on assumptions about size and can be wildly mistaken.]

March 12, 1967; Glens Falls, NY
10:30 p.m. EST. A man saw a gun-metal-gray object shaped like a child's musical top, with lights around the circumference. Vapor trails emerged from points along the outer edge of the object. It hovered silently near the ground, then rose silently. Signs of life reportedly were seen inside. (Glens Falls Times, 3/14/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 13, 1967; San De Fuca, WA
8:15 p.m. PST. Two men watched a pulsating yellow-orange light for a half hour as it paced their car at close range. The following car had an electrical system failure (EM effects). (Washington State NICAP Subcommittee report, copy in NICAP files.)

March 14, 1967; Southeast Asia
Daytime. A U.S. Air Force flight surgeon aboard and the pilot and crew of a KC-135 flying at 15,000 feet observed a vertically inclined, huge, black metallic cylinder an estimated 2 miles from the plane. The object disappeared quickly after several minutes, and fighters sent to investigate could not find it. (Jacksonville Daily News, Arkansas, 3/27/69, copy in NICAP files; phone conversation with surgeon's wife 5/12/69, notes in NICAP files.)

March 14, 1967; Daytona Beach, FL
12:45 p.m. EST. Two woman saw a disc with a flat bottom and peaked top moving very slowly. The object was described as a very bright white, brighter than a conventional aircraft. It moved south parallel to U.S. Route A1A, then turned to the right and disappeared to the southwest after 3-5 minutes. (NICAP report form.)

March 15, 1967; Linda, CA
4:30 a.m. PST. A woman saw a triangular object surrounded by red glow (halo effect). The object had two blinking red lights and four steady white body lights. It hovered over a highway intersection, then moved away after 10-15 minutes. (Marysville Appeal-Democrat, Calif., 3/15/67, report in NICAP files.)

March 15, 1967; Nebo, NC
9:15 p.m. EST. A woman saw a teardrop-shaped object, long axis horizontal, with two lighted portholes. Its body was blue-brown and dull. The object hovered low, slowly ascended, made a sharp turn and accelerated. As it began to move, a red light on the tail came on and pulsated. The witness's dog reacted to the presence of the object. (Witness letter in NICAP files, NICAP report form.)

March 16, 1967; Free Soil, MI
12:30 a.m. EST. A woman saw a glowing egg-shaped object with lights around it as if they were on wires. The object was 6-8 feet above the ground. It dropped rapidly, then went straight up and repeated the maneuver. The object made a loud humming sound. (Manistee News-Advocate, Manistee County, Mien., 3/17/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 16, 1967; Near Roy (about 30 miles NE of Lewistown), MT (BBU)
8:45 a.m. E-Flight of 10 Minuteman nuclear ICBM's of Malmstrom AFB, USAF 341st Strategic Missile Wing, SAC, were inexplicably deactivated within 10 seconds of each other and for 1 day after UFO's hovered near 2 missile silos. Followed a series of UFO sightings during early morning hours by USAF security teams. Similar unexplained deactivation of Minuteman's occurred with O-Flight earlier in the morning. (CUFON; NICAP; not in BB files??)

March 16, 1967; Montevideo, Uruguay
Daytime. Personnel of Antares astronomical observatory saw an oval object with dark colored dome and an open hatch in the middle. Three smaller oval objects ranging from orange to violet blue emerged from the larger one (satellite objects) and took off at tremendous speed. The sighting lasted 1-3/4 hours. Numerous color and black-and-white photographs were reported to have been taken and offered for sale. (El Universal, Caracas, Venezuela, 3/18/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 16, 1967; Keene, NH
11:10 p.m. EST. An associate editor of a local newspaper saw a glowing cigar that drifted back and forth about 30 feet above a snowy field in front of trees for 8 minutes. (NICAP report form.)

March 17, 1967; Lebanon, OH
Night. A woman reported an object so bright she could look at it only briefly (brilliant illumination). The object hovered over her home, and made a loud sound (unspecified). Her dog was greatly upset (animal reaction). Possible EM effect on car headlights. (Unidentified clipping in NICAP files.)

March 17, 1967; Central, PA
7:00 p.m. EST. A couple and their three children saw a fat boomerang-shaped object with three red lights in the center (body lights). It flew overhead, changing color, and seemed to follow their car. Then the lights on the object went out. The children saw something emerge from an open space in the object and connect to smaller objects. The sighting lasted for 20 minutes. (Letter dated 3/29/67 in NICAP files.)

March 17, 1967; Ann Arbor, MI
7:45 p.m. A man saw a red light that changed to blue as it moved slowly across the sky and disappeared. Then what he thought was the same light reappeared but as two white lights that slowly passed overhead (body lights). He could see a sphere with grey undersurface and with two red and green semi-circular parts in the center. (Letter from witness dated 1 /9/68 in NICAP files.)

March 17, 1967; Ohio Pyle, PA
8:00 p.m. EST. About 345 miles southeast of Ann Arbor, Mich., a couple in southwest Pennsylvania saw a fiery orange object that paced their car for more than a mile, then hovered over their home. After about 5 minutes, the object flew away toward Uniontown. (Uniontown Morning Herald, Pa., 3/18/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 17, 1967; Evansville, VT
10:30 p.m. EST. A couple saw an oval with a body light changing color from red to blue. The object seemed to follow their car before flying away over the horizon after 15 minutes. (White letter, 4/8/67, NICAP files.)

March 18, 1967; Stow, MA
7:50 p.m. EST. Three witnesses saw a domed oval object surrounded with a ring of vapor. When the object was stationary (hovering), it glowed violet but when moving, it turned to reddish orange (color change/motion correlation). It moved with a dancing motion. (Fowler, 1974, p. 346.)

March 18, 1967; Champaign, IL
7:30 p.m. CST (8:30 p.m. EST). Three people saw an oval or bowl-like object with a dome on too and a series of red lights around the circumference (body lights) that flashed in a pattern. There was a bright white spotlight on the bottom near the front. The object hovered over a field before disappearing, possibly landing. (Munday report, Urbana, 9/6/67, NICAP files.)

March 20, 1967; Tuscumbia, MO
Cat. 6. Daylight landing (#1014), occupants, close approach.

March 21, 1967; Hillsboro, KS
Cat. 3. "Upside-down cup on a saucer" hovered over car, which rocked violently. (APRO Bulletin, May-June 1967, E, p.5) car.

March 21, 1967; New Baden (Mascoutah), IL
2:00 a.m. CST. Through a window, a woman and her daughter saw a large glowing oval object in a field (landed). It had a bright light in the center, a ring of very bright red lights on its lower section, and lighted panels at the base (body lights). When the witnesses opened the window, the object rose silently at an angle, leveled off at about 30 feet, and moved away. The women checked the site a couple of days later and found withered plants and depressions in the ground (physical traces). (Phillips, 1975, p. 46; Ridge, 1994, pp. 21-22 from Skylook, No. 71.)

March. 21, 1967; Minneapolis, MN
7:45 p.m. CST. A couple saw a bright red oval that approached, stopped and hovered, four times emitting light or lighted objects toward the ground. (NICAP report form.)

March 21, 1967; Homer, AK
7:30 p.m. AKST (10:30 p.m. CST). Two families saw an object that had a long row of square windows of different colors. Orange light was glowing steadily beneath the windows and a red light off to the side (body lights). A weird whirring sound was heard. Cows reacted violently (animal reactions). The object hovered, then disappeared beyond the trees. (Report in NICAP files.)

March 22, 1967; Yungay, Peru
5:30 p.m. Hundreds of Yungainos and tourists, were reportedly visited by two UFOs. They flew over the snow covered Huascaran mountains and the city of Yungay, Peru. Photo by: Augusto Arrando.

March 22, 1967; Wapello, IA (BBU 11541)
10:20 p.m. Douglas Eutsler, 15, saw a fluorescent, solid, multicolored lights stand still, then fly away at high speed. (Berliner)

March 22, 1967; Biscay Bay, France/Spain
Night. The crew of an airliner flying above the French-Spanish border saw two unexplained blinking lights that changed color and were tracked by ground radar. (Weinstein, 1999, p. 35, from Good, 1996.)

March 22, 1967; Camarillo, CA

8:50 p.m. PST (10:50 p.m. CST). A barking dog alerted five witnesses (animal reactions), who saw 5 or 6 lights in a cluster. The lights moved across the sky, and suddenly climbed straight up and disappeared after being visible for several minutes. (Camarillo News, 3/23/67, copy in NICAP

March 23, 1967; Omaha, NE
3:00-3:30 a.m. CST.  A nurse, a nursing supervisor, and an aide saw a slowing white light that at times had a surrounding red glow (halo effect). The shape was said to be " like a bowl atop a plate" (domed disc).

March 23, 1967; Omaha, NE
During the same time period, a woman in another area of Omaha saw two large (moon-size) lights making turns (maneuvering) in the sky. (Omaha World Herald, 3/23/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 23, 1967; Great Falls, MT
9:00 p.m. MST. Sheriff's deputies and other witnesses saw a yellow object with a red glow coming from the top and the bottom. The object hovered, then flew away. Many sightings reported all over the state. (Great Falls Leader, 3/24/67, copy in NICAP files.) [Malmstrom AFB, MT, Minuteman ICBM Complex]

March 23, 1967; Lawrenceville, IL
11:30 a.m. Man requesting his name be kept confidential reported that he observed an object, near the airport, in the west that appeared to be an aircraft fuselage (DC-3) without wings. It was white in color, and after a minute of observation, took off fast towards the northwest into a cloud. The observer is a well-respected individual who has been employed for years at Lawrenceville-Vincennes Airport (formerly George Field). He expressed the fact that he could recognize and identify most aircraft. This one was different. It looked like it was coming in to land (sideways), then sped off, always exhibiting the elliptical shape. (Ridge, NICAP files)

March 24, 1967; Los Alamos, NM
Disc hovers for 10 minutes.

March 24, 1967; Atlantic Ocean
2134Z (4:34 p.m. EST). An Irish Airlines flight crew saw an object that was as bright as Venus, but that also was being tracked on ground radar. (Weinstein, 1999, p. 35.)

March 24, 1967; Kent, CT
7:18 p.m. EST. Many people saw an object hovering in the sky to the northwest. It was changing colors in a cycle from red to blue-green to white, and back to red. After about 25 minutes, the object made a swift departure. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, 3/25/67, copy in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives.)

March 24, 1967; Georgetown, MA
9:00 p.m. EST. Three witnesses described an object as being shaped like a turtle shell with flashing red and white lights. The object hovered over Rock Pond before moving off faster than a jet aircraft. (Fowler, UFOS: INTERPLANETARY VISITORS,  December 1979, Bantam Edition, page 331)

March 24 [26?], 1967; Belt, MT (BBU 11551)
9 p.m. Truck driver Ken Williams saw a dome-shaped object emitting a bright light, land in a ravine. As he approached, it took off and settled back, hidden from the highway. Numerous other reports came in from this area and at dawn police and a Malmstrom AFB helicopter made a search without success. (Berliner; cf. Vallée Magonia 827)

March 24/25, 1967; Roy (about 30 miles NE of Lewiston), Montana (BBU)
O-Flight of Malmstrom AFB, USAF 341st Strategic Missile Wing, reportedly had unexplained deactivation of 6-8 Minuteman nuclear ICBM's within several secs of each other during UFO close

encounters involving a red saucer shaped object in early morning hours. USAF security guard injured and medivacked out. There is no documentation for this alleged missile shutdown, whereas the March 16 shutdown is extensively documented in official records and unit histories. (Brad Sparks)

March 25, 1967: Joplin, MO
Early a.m. CST. Two reporters saw three discs with domes and flat bottoms (domed discs) that were later joined by a fourth. White light was coming from windows positioned around the circumference of the domes. The discs hovered over a highway, then slowly moved away. (Joplin Globe, Missouri, 3/26/67, copy in NICAP files; APRO Bulletin, May-June 1967, p. 1.)

March 25, 1967; Canton, IL
6:25 p.m. CST. A man and his 11-year-old son saw a hovering, dark egg-shaped object that began to glow red when it moved low overhead (luminosity/motion correlation). It made a sound like a quiet washing machine (swishing). The sound varied and pulsated as did the light. (NICAP report form and letter in NICAP files.)

March 25, 1967; Memphis, TN
7:00 p.m. CST. About 480 miles south of Canton, Illinois (see previous entry), two witnesses saw a solid, self-luminous, bright reddish-orange circular object that at one point passed in front of a house and in front of power lines. The object disappeared but was then seen again, and finally departed at tremendous speed. (NICAP report form.)

March 26, 1967; New Winchester, OH (BBU 11559)
4 p.m. Man, woman, three boys, saw an oval object, like copper or brass with the sun shining on it, fly from SE to NW with tumbling motion. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 6, case DD-12; FUFOR Index)

March 26, 1967; Minatare, NE
7:30 p.m. MST. Two separate groups of witnesses reported a variety of UFO activity. In one case a man saw two "solid :-lights" that hovered near the ground. A 5-1/2-foot tall humanoid being in what looked like white coveralls was seen, and the man's dog was disturbed at this time (animal reaction). The other witnesses described strange footprints found at the site and apparently also saw the humanoid being but do not describe it. (NICAP report form.)

March ??, 1967; Medicine Lodge, KS
On some unspecified date in the spring, some 525 miles southeast of Minatare, Nebraska, a man saw a large craft on the ground and small humanoids who disembarked and circled around the craft. Footprints of the humanoids reportedly were photographed. (Miller letter, Kirksville, MO, NICAP files.)

March 27, 1967; Picaco Park, NM
Photograph. No other information available at this time.

March 28, 1967; Munroe Falls, OH
2:30 a.m. EST. A 20-year-old electric company worker saw a glowing red-orange, cone-shaped object just off the ground. The object was estimated to be 12 feet wide at the base and 25 feet high to the point, where there was a ball-shaped object. Large-headed humanoids were seen moving rapidly back and forth. The report said that one being was hit by the car, leaving visible damage on the vehicle. (Ravenna Record-Courier, Ohio, 3/31/67; Keyhoe and Lore, 1969a, p. 30; Keyhoe and Lore,1969b, pp.28-29; APRO Bulletin, March-April 1967, p. 1.)

March 29, 1967; North Granby, CT
7:35 p.m. EST. A woman sighted a glowing disc. She drove home and returned with two more witnesses. The object moved slowly, and disappeared when aircraft approached (aircraft avoidance). (NICAP report form.)

March 29, 1967; New Ulm, MN
7:45 p.m. CST (8:45 p.m. EST). A disc with windows hovered, then accelerated away. (Air Force report in Project Blue Book files, National Archives.)

March 30, 1967; Malmstrom AFB, MT
Radar/visual, UFO, ten missiles shut down.

March 30, 1967; Burghfield, Berkshire, England
7:30 p.m. GMT. Five people saw a carrot-shaped (cone-shaped) object about twice the size of an airliner. It moved sideways at first, then climbed and accelerated away. (Reading Evening Post, England, 3/31/67, copy in NICAP files.)

March 30, 1967; Eastern Seaboard
7:20-7:40 p.m. EST. A NASA launch that created a sodium vapor cloud in the atmosphere caused several false UFO reports.

March 30, 1967; Westmont, IL
8:25 p.m. CST. Three people saw a disc with a dome and two red body lights hovering near the horizon. They observed it through binoculars, and it appeared to oscillate erratically. The lights blinked as it moved at low altitude. Finally the object accelerated and sped out of sight. (Report from local resident, received 10/25/67, NICAP files.)

March 31, 1967; Wellington, TX
10:30 p.m. CST. A witness reported seeing a cylindrical object about 100 feet long that was hovering just off the ground and emitting a motor-like sound. Other sounds also were heard, including a voice requesting that he undergo a physical examination. When the witness refused to do so, the craft took off. (Washington Star, D.C. (United Press International), 4/2/67; Flying Saucer Review, July-Aug. 1967, p. 31; Air Force report in Project Blue Book files, National Archives.)

Spring, No date, 1967; Haverhill, MA
2:00 a.m. EST,. An airport owner, alerted by a whirring sound, saw an object like two silver saucers placed rim-to-rim (disc) with a transparent dome. Inside the dome were two moving figures. Portholes glowed on the perimeter of the object. An odor was reported, and a yard light was affected (EM effects). (Fowler, 1974, p. 348.)

April, No date, 1967; Moberly, MO
Evening. A couple saw an object with a short cylindrical body, dome-shaped top, and flat bottom (turret shape). The top glowed blue-green, sides white, and bottom red. The object had a semi-circle of white body lights that suddenly glowed and blinked around the upper rim. It performed various maneuvers, once apparently splitting in two and rejoining. Eventually it sped up and crossed the road in front of the car. (Moberly Monitor-Index and Evening Democrat, 7/14/67, copy in NICAP files.)

April, No date, 1967; Tortuguero, Islagrande, Puerto Rico
11:15 a.m. A flight instructor and student in a U.S. Navy Cessna aircraft saw a flat oval object, which appeared to be a metallic dull white in color, that followed the aircraft. (Weinstein, 1999, p. 35.)

April 1, 1967; Wayne County, IN
5:45 a.m. A farm wife was putting milker's on cows in a barn when she observed a round, red-yellow object the size of the full moon for about a minute. It hovered about 200 yards away, then climbed and disappeared in about three seconds. (Don Worley files)

April 1, 1967; Fishing Creek Valley, PA
6:30 p.m. EST. Three young children saw a sphere estimated to be 35-50 feet in diameter with two

antennae and a varicolored halo. The object approached at low level, dropped to an estimated 40 feet altitude, and emitted a double-tapered light beam for 2 minutes that lit the ground 10 feet from the children. Two dogs barked wildly during the event (animal reaction). As they watched, the object suddenly disappeared. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June 1967, p. 1; Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report.)

April 1967; Brixham, Devon, England
A huge, cone-shaped UFO that slowly revolved, hovered for more than an hour, and shot away as an airplane approached was seen by members of Her Majesty's Coast Guard and others at Brixham, Devon, England at 11:25 a. m., April [1967]

Coast Guardsman Brian F. Jenkins stated in his report to NICAP member J. A. Hennessey that the object was seen stationary at approximately 15,000 feet. It slowly drifted to the northwest during the next 80 minutes. It was slowly revolving, revealing a door like structure on its side as it did so. There was a curtain-like structure' at its bottom that changed shape during the flight.

April 1, 1967; Hessel, CA
7:15 p.m. PST (10:15 p.m. EST). A family saw an unusual reddish light that approached their car after they flashed their headlights at it (light reaction). The object hovered in front of the car, glowing red with a dome visible on top. It had a hazy indefinite lower part at least as large as the upper part. A high-pitched whine bothered the witnesses' ears. The object began moving slowly over the tree tops, gave off a brilliant light, and sped away (luminosity/speed correlation). (NICAP report form; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 2, Oct. 1967, p. 3; NICAP report form.)

April 1, 1967; Harrisburg, PA
9:15 p.m. EST. A woman reported an illuminated bell-shaped object, estimated to be 35 feet long and 20 feet high (length to height ratio 1.75:1), with white lights and a pulsating red light (body lights). The object hovered for 3-4 minutes above a farm house, then slowly moved away. A burning-type odor persisted for an hour. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files.)

April 4, 1967
FAA Notice N7230.29 published, establishing procedures for "Reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects" to the Colorado Project.

April 5, 1967; Davis, CA
1:50 a.m. PST (4:40 p.m. EST) A woman saw a basket-shaped (truncated cone) object with flashing lights for 10 minutes. The object moved slowly across the sky at low altitude oscillating up-and-down, and also seemed to oscillate laterally while moving. The body lights were red when the object moved upwards and white when it moved downwards (color/motion correlation). The object was described as tumbling end over end. (NICAP report form.)

April 5, 1967; Menominee, MI
4:00 a.m. EST. Two University of Wisconsin students saw three large orange oval objects in formation that appeared behind their car, then moved in front of it, north of town. When they stopped the car, the objects hovered over the trees, their color changing from orange to purple. They then emitted a blinding light that lit up the area, and vanished suddenly. (Escanaba Daily Press, Mich., 4/6/67, copy in NICAP files.)

April 5, 1967; Jonestown/Lickdale, PA
7:45 p.m. EST. A justice of the peace saw a dark-colored disc, estimated to be 30 feet across, that flew over his vehicle at an altitude of about 30 feet, then stopped and hovered to one side. When over the vehicle, it looked as if it had lights behind painted black glass. The object emitted sparks, had a humming sound like an electric motor which grew louder as the object left, and had a sulfur/camphorated oil odor. When the object left at tremendous speed, the car felt pulled toward it

(gravitational effect) and then was rocked. The witness had physiological effects. (Keyhoe and Lore, 1969b, p.1; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June 1967, p. 6; Lebanon Daily News, Pa.,4/8/67.)

April 5, 1967; Peterborough, Ontario, Canada
7:45 p.m. EST. About 450 miles north-northwest of Jonestown, a woman and her two children saw a small glowing sphere with a metallic band approach their car. A humming sound could be heard. The object emitted two vapor trails. It receded, then turned and paced the car for several minutes before disappearing. (Peterborough Examiner 4/14/67.) About 45 minutes later in Welland, Ontario, about 165 miles northeast of Peterborough, a man saw an object with bright blue light that moved slowly and hovered, emitting a strange humming sound. (Letter 4/9/67 in NICAP files.)

April 5, 1967; Belleville, KS
8:30 p.m. CST (9:30 p.m. EST). A manager of the Chamber of Commerce, his wife and grandson saw a disc with a peaked top surmounted by a green light. Its body was yellowish (like house lights) with red sections. The object flew over their car at an estimated 3,000 feet altitude. (Belleville Telescope, 4/6/67, NICAP files.)

April 6, 1967; North Salinas, (Monterey Bay area) CA
8:45 p.m. PST; 9:45 p.m. MST). A couple watched a fly-by of a red disc with windows at low altitude. (NICAP report form)

April. 6, 1967; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
9:45 p.m. MST (11:45 p.m. EST). A Pacific Western Airlines pilot and crew saw a dull orange-red object that flew erratically as it paced the aircraft, then sped away. Confirmed by radar at Edmonton International Airport (radar-visual). (Redden phone call, 4/7/67, NICAP files; Weinstein, 1999, p. 35 from Gillmor, 1969.)

April 6, 1967; Los Angeles, CA
10:05 p.m. PST (11:05 p.m. MST). Two people saw a fat, solid-gray cigar (ellipse) with a blinking red light for about 4 minutes. The object flew tilted, and two smaller objects came from the path of the first (satellite objects). The objects were viewed through binoculars. (NICAP report form.)

April 7, 1967; Opa Locka, Florida
10:00 a.m. Children at Crestview Elementary School saw an object which appeared in a tree-dotted field behind the school. The next 10 minutes were chaotic. Mrs. Virginia Martin, a sixth grade teacher, said that there was a lot of excitement. She wasn't paying any attention to what the children were pointing to at first, but was trying to set them lined up (to watch). Most of the 200 girls and boys at morning recess were running towards the school ground fence, yelling and pointing. Mrs. Martin, fourth grade teacher Bob Apfal, and sixth grade instructor Miss Marian Waters spotted the oval-shaped object hovering behind a pine tree in an open field. It seemed to move in toward the school, then went straight back and dropped below a pine tree. It then came up again and went westward. Teacher Bob Apfal exhibited no qualms. "lt was a flying saucer." This was the second consecutive day he and his class had seen similar, metallic like objects north of the school grounds.The teachers spent Friday afternoon talking to three Air Force investigators who drove to the school from Homestead Air Force Base. Andy Cohen (who said there were two objects) became the closest to a consensus spokesman for the kids, sat in a car and told what he saw : "They looked like long cigars. They were flying apart one at a time. Some of the girls got hysterical when they saw them." Later in the day it was discovered that the UFO sightings were not limited to the children and teachers at Crestview. Mrs. Mary Troesser, called at the Herald to inquire about any "strange sightings". Mrs. Troesser had been out in the yard and happened to glance in the direction of Crestview Elementary School. "There was this oval object with red lights just over the trees . . ". (Bill Scroeder, Mike Swords, Fran Ridge)

April 8, 1967; Millersburg, PA
Afternoon. Three women and three children saw an elongated object, split in the middle, possibly

saucer-shaped, that was hovering near a telephone tower on a mountain. It then shot straight up and disappeared. (Harrisburg Patriot-News, Pa., 4/9/67, copy in NICAP files)

April, (bt. 10 and 15), 1967; Danville, PA
3:30-4:00 a.m. EST. A woman saw a shiny inverted bowl with flashing red lights hovering above trees. It emitted five light beams from the underside, took off in "three steps" and quickly disappeared. (NICAP report form.)

April 9, 1967; Grand Island, NE
Dusk. Confirmed by MUFON Field Investigator and State Section Director Eldon E. Ervin. A building contractor, his wife and three children were traveling east on Interstate 80 when the wife first noticed a bright object to the north, just north of the intersectio of U.S. Highway 80 and Nebraska Highway 281 and adjacent to a Drive-In theatre. The observers stopped the car, got out, and watched for 15-20 minutes while the object fluttered across the Cornhusker Ordinance Plant some 3 miles west of the theatre. At times the object wobbled as low as 40 feet from the ground. Later it disappeared to the north. The family drove as far north as Silber Creek but could not sight it again. Upon returning to their home, they called the Grand Island Weather Bureau. They were told an investigator would be out in the morning, but none appeared. The local police were also called, but no one came to investigate. (Credit: Elmer A. Krai, State Director for Nebraska)

April 10-11, 1967; Houma, LA (BBU)
Objects were sighted by civilians and AF personnel. There were radar returns on MPS-14 and FPS-10 radars. The objects were described as well defined, circular, white, and the size of a dime to a quarter held at arm's length. The radar contact was at 277 degrees at 12 miles and revealed movement from 27,000 to 24,000 feet. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

April 10, 1967; Fayette County, IN
9:45 p.m. A glowing orange-yellow ball that swung in a large arc was observed by two witnesses for 20 minutes. It moved closer and became a huge dark object which reminded the witnesses of a passenger coach of a train with seven tall windows emitting light. (Don Worley)

April 11, 1967; Orange, MA
6:45 p.m. EST. Three people saw a flattened disc or ellipse with a rotating red light on the underside. The object hovered 100 feet over a pond, moved slowly, then sped away. (Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files; Fowler, 1974, p. 346.)

April 11, 1967; Royalston, MA
6:50 p.m. EST. (11 miles northeast of Orange). Two witnesses saw a mass of very bright lights, brighter than the moon which was visible. They descended and hovered, before moving slowly out of sight on an upward course. (Fowler, 1974, p. 346.)

April 11, 1967; Woodville, ID
9:30 p.m. PST. While driving, a woman saw an amber-colored object shaped like a disc with a tall dome. She estimated that it was at a height of two telephone poles and as large as a car. The object looked like plastic and had vertical risers evenly spaced around a "conning tower." A bright curved surface appeared to be hanging from a "brim which extended from rim to rim" of what looked like a "top hat." The object hovered, moved slowly against the wind, passing directly overhead, hovered over lava beds where it emitted two fireballs with sparkles, then two more a few minutes later. Finally it went dark and disappeared. (Ricks letter, NICAP files; The U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June 1967, p. 1.) [Note: The main reported features of appearance, performance, and mode of disappearance all suggest a hoax hot-air balloon carrying candles or flares.]

April 12, 1967; Hackettstown, NJ
Night. Five people, including a policeman, watched a revolving object with a red middle, green lights

on both ends, and white lights on the bottom (body lights) for 1.25 hours. The object left a white trail, and it started and stopped many times, becoming all white when not moving (color/motion correlation). (NICAP report form.)

April 12, 1967; Phoenix, AZ.
Cat. 3. Bell-shaped object buzzed car, banked, turned and flew away. (Blue Book files)

April 12, 1967; Toronto, Ontario, Canada
8:15 p.m. EST. An adult leader and 18 Girl Guides saw four lens-shaped discs with flashing lights on the rims (body lights). The objects circled the witnesses, and two shot away when an airplane approached (aircraft avoidance). (Henry McKay report, 4/17/67, in NICAP files.)

April 12, 1967; North Granby, CT
8:30 p.m. EST. A woman and her two children, ages 11 and 8, saw a glowing, red-orange bowl-shaped object that was emitting very bright light ("painful to stare at"). The object made rapid motions and hovered. A rod extended from it for about 5 minutes. Finally, it shot away to the northwest. (NICAP report form.)

April 12, 1967; Coastal Keys Highway
8:30 p,m. EST. Six members of a team while doing underwater film work for ABC News saw five bright white lights in formation, pulsating bright-dim on a 1/2-second cycle and maneuvering around each other as they passed at about 200 feet altitude. Witnesses, in two 16-foot boats in windy weather with choppy waves, included a former aircraft carrier pilot, two former submarine sailors, and a boat captain guide. (Letter to Herb Roth, 5/5/67, in NICAP files.)

April 12, 1967; Phoenix, AZ
8:59 p.m MST. A bell-shaped object buzzed a car, which experienced EM effects on its engine. The object then banked, turned, and flew away. (Project Blue Book files, National Archives.)

April 14, 1967; Melville, NY
9:00 p.m. EST. A small humanoid appeared in the doorway of a circular craft that landed alongside the road, as the witness's car experienced EM effects. The engine stalled and the radio (which had been off) began issuing "strange voices." (Rodeghier, 1981, p. 34.)

April 16, 1967; Downsville, Ontario, Canada
1:15 a.m. EST. Two rotating red, glowing dome-shaped objects separated by a bar (dumbbell shape) hovered overhead, then accelerated away. (Letter dated 4/16/67 in NICAP files.)

April 16, 1967; Shoreline at NE corner of Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico (BBU)
Bet. 5 and 6 a.m. (EST). USAF Airman/2nd Guillermo Padilla and Airman Henry, 72nd Bombardment Wing, SAC, saw a disc shaped object with two levels and a reddish band slightly above midsection, floating or hovering just above the water. Object went left to right and back a short distance then rose from right to left, and Padilla took a photo. Object reversed path and disappeared. (Tony Rullan)

April 17, 1967; Vo Than, Saigon, Viet Nam (BB)
Time not given. Five white oval objects, oriented vertically, moved across the sky in 5 seconds, periodically passing behind small scattered clouds. Five minutes later jet aircraft at high altitude flew in the same direction as the objects. (Paul Dean, Haines, 1994, pp. 88-89; Smith 1997, UNICAT #371).

April 17, 1967; Worthing, Sussex, England
2:15 a.m. (9:15 p.m. EST, April 16). A loud humming sound was heard as a glowing object shaped like an upturned saucer flew across the sky. The sound was heard again later and the object was seen moving sideways. (Flying Saucer Review, July-Aug. 1967, p. 30.)

April 17, 1967; New Haven, WV
8:45 p.m. EST. Independent witnesses in six locations saw a glowing object with lighted ports. A pharmacist saw and followed the object as it flew up the Ohio River at an estimated 500 feet altitude. The object circled back and emitted two huge light beams to the ground from its bottom. This appeared to be a reaction to his flashing his headlights (light reaction). Three miles away a boy in a pony wagon crashed when the animal bucked as it saw the object. Another woman said that her dogs were upset when the object passed (animal reactions). She sketched a round shape with two cone-shaped protuberances sticking out from the sides of the white ball. These protuberances contained rows of porthole-like openings. A farmer reported that the craft hovered above a field and shone its lights down. He said the lights were blindingly bright. Several witnesses, including a sheriff, reported a bright yellow light with objects protruding from it. Yet another witness reported an object that stopped for 2 minutes, then reversed direction without turning and flew directly overhead at an estimated altitude of 400-500 feet. He reported that bright lights were coming from windows on the protuberances, and a row of steady red lights was visible around the object (body lights). TV interference (EM effect) was reported by two people. (Letter from pharmacist, 4/21/67, NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June 1967, p. 6; Keyhoe and Lore, 1969b, pp. 41-42.)

April 17, 1967; Jefferson City, MO (BBU)
9 p.m. School principal and 3 teachers (Pistone, Wilson, Metz) in separate cars were driving home and saw a huge 300 ft WWI helmet shaped object come over the cliff then over their cars bathing them in intense light. Object hovered over power lines for about 10 minutes then headed towards the airport. Principal drove over to airport and found 2 more witnesses, attorneys. Ozark Airliner crew saw 2 large round flat objects below the plane on final landing approach moving in various directions. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 8, case CEI-7; Weinstein; FUFOR Index)

April 17, 1967; New Haven, WV
Cat. 4. Dog and pony reacted to beam of light.

April 17, 1967; Shelley, ID
9:30-10:00 p.m. PST. A woman and her daughter, age 16, saw a large amber-colored light approaching their car at an altitude of 60-80 feet. As it moved closer, the object was seen to be round with windows on top, and light coming from a bottom bulge. The object passed over the road behind the car, and disappeared after about 3-5 minutes. (Ricks letter in NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June 1967, p. 1.)

April 18, 1967; Point Pleasant, WV
8:00 p.m. EST. A pilot and ground observers reported an anomalous "light-bearing object." The pilot attempted to close in on the object and flashed his landing lights, but there was no response and the object disappeared. (West Virginia Register, 4/1/67,(??) copy in NICAP files.)

April 18, 1967; Athens, OH
At 8:05 p.m. About 40 miles north of Point Pleasant, a Ph.D. professor at Ohio University, who is also a private pilot, and four others saw an unidentified light source that alternated between yellow and pink as it moved over a wide arc of sky at moderate speed. It was observed for 10 minutes. (NICAP report form.) At 8:30 pm in Athens, the wife of the Director of Ohio University Center for Social Science Education saw a solid, dull white oval for 10 seconds. It sped up as it moved to the northwest. (NICAP report form).

April 19, 1967; Tully, MA
7:30 p.m. EST. Four witnesses saw a cream-colored domed object with flashing lights, bright white at first and then turning to red. The object hovered, made sharp turns, and moved off slowly. (Fowler, 1974, p. 347.)

April 19; 1967; Huntington, WV

8:45 p.m. EST. A witness reported to the newspaper having seen a round object with red and white colors which followed their car and appeared to move with a gliding motion. (Point Pleasant Register, W.Va., 4/22/67, copy in NICAP files.)

April 19, 1967; Port Clinton, OH
9:00 p.m. EST. Six neighbors saw a bright light that moved straight up, then crossed the sky, stopped, brightened, and emitted two smaller lights. The observation lasted 3 hours. (Port Clinton Daily News 4/20/67, copy in NICAP files.)

April 20, 1967; near Estacion Casalegno, Santa Fe, Argentina
03:30 a.m. The conductor of a train, Enrique R. Galimberti and another crewmember, saw what appeared to be bright multi-colored lights about 120 meters away from the tracks. Thinking it was a fire Galimberti stopped the train and both armed with fire extinguishers attempted to approach the area. As they approached the area they saw what appeared to be multicolored lights moving around in a circular motion, both then observed behind the light what appeared to be a square metallic object over 3 meters in width and about the same in height. It had several lighted windows around its edge. At the front it had what appeared to be a "rotating wheel" that emitted multicolored flashes of light. Around the object several short humanoid figures were walking about. These were wearing silvery gray shiny uniforms, appeared to be bareheaded and appeared to be carrying what resembled a "rifle" or weapon-type object on their shoulders. At one point the witnesses used the train horn in an effort to elicit any reaction from the figures but there was none. Another railway employee, Salvador Pomidoro reported seeing the square metallic object on the ground in the same location about 15 minutes before. HC addendum (Source: S. von Wurmb, "Hoy" Asuncion Paraguay) Type: C

April 20, 1967; Orange, MA
7:15 p.m. EST. Four witnesses saw an object with eight red blinking lights and two white lights (body lights). The object hovered, then moved away slowly. (Fowler, 1974, p. 347.)

April 20, 1967; Coldwater, MI
8:15 p.m. EST. A man saw a large cigar-shaped object with many body lights arranged in groupings. It flew low and slow from east to west. (NICAP report form.)

April 20, 1967; Georgetown, MA
8:30 p.m. EST. Six witnesses saw two dark objects with two bright flashing red lights and two dimmer white lights (body lights). The objects moved in a pattern, stopping and reversing direction (maneuvering) at times. (Fowler, 1974, p. 347.)

April 20, 1967; Bolten, MA
9:40 p.m. EST. Three people saw a domed disc with eight glowing yellow ports around the perimeter, white light on top, and red light on the bottom, turquoise lights front and rear (body lights). The object emitted a sound like the buzz of a shorted electric motor. It moved slowly, then sped away. Some vapor was visible with it. (Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee report in NICAP files; Fowler, 1974, p. 347.)

April 21, 1967; Ephrata, WA
1:30 a.m. PST. Two couples saw an unexplained light ahead and chased it in their car. Then they came upon an unidentified object sitting on the road and had to slam on the brakes to avoid hitting it. The object (shape not described) took off, moved behind the car, and followed it for 5 minutes, then disappeared as traffic became heavier. The witnesses were badly shaken by the experience. (June Larson report, 8/1/67, in NICAP files.)

April 21 , 1967; Cocoa Beach, FL
4:00 p.m. EST. A woman saw a shiny disc with a dome and hazy underside. The object hovered, and tilted as a small aircraft passed beneath it. The plane reversed course possibly to look at the UFO. (Florida NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP report form, in NICAP files.)

April 21, 1967; Georgetown, MA
7:45 p.m. EST. Three witnesses saw two groups of lights, each composed of three red and one white lights flashing in sequence. A large white light viewed through binoculars showed the appearance of rectangular windows. The object moved into the overcast when aircraft converged on the area (aircraft avoidance). (Fowler, 1974, p. 347.)

April 21, 1967; Phillipston, MA
8:00 p.m. EST. Three witnesses plus another separate individual reported a dark object with 2-3 bright red body lights that hovered and descended behind trees. Aircraft seemed to have been chasing it. (Fowler, 1974, p. 348.) .

April 21, 1967; South Hill, VA (BBU 11677)
9 p.m. Business manager Clifton N. Crowder found the road blocked to the W on his way home by an aluminum storagetank-shaped object with dome top, 16-18 ft tall 12 ft wide, landed in the road ahead on 4 legs 3-3.5 ft long about 500 ft away. He turned on his high beams for a better look for about 5 seconds. At 250 ft, the object emitted white flames and took off. Burned area found in the road and holes along with charred matches. Norman Martin who lived nearby saw a bright light from the area at the time. (Vallée Magonia 836; etc.)

April 21, 1967; Tucson, AZ
9:55 p.m. MST. A yellow, dome-shaped object with a flat bottom (hemisphere) and with a shaft of light (light beam) pointed upward, descended , tipping and swaying. (APRO Bulletin, May- June 1967, p. 7.)

April 21, 1967; Maeser -Vernal, UT
10:30 p.m. MST A retired Air Force man saw nine silver, lens-shaped objects (discs) making violent maneuvers at an estimated 20,000 feet altitude. Viewed through binoculars, the objects had no visible rudders or tails and no vapor trails. (Salisbury, 1974, Table 1, case 46.)

April 21, 1967; South Hill, Virginia
At approximately 9 p.m. Clifton Crowder said he had been working late. After closing and locking the warehouse doors, he jumped into his car and drove the few hundred feet to the tarred macadam road that ran through the town. “When I got on this hard surface road…, I saw this object, which appeared to be approximately twelve feet in diameter,” he explained. “It was circular [and made] of some form of metal… It was sitting up on legs about three feet high…”Crowder remarked that the UFO was sixteen or seventeen feet tall and was “shaped like a water tank standing on end. No windows or other physical characteristics were observed.” The startled witness told us he continued to slowly drive to within 250 or so feet of the craft that was resting on the macadam surface of the road. The witness then shined his night lights on the object and briefly saw the landed craft for an estimated five seconds. Then it rapidly took off and disappeared “just like a flash.” Crowder told us he watched as the road burned for several seconds after the UFO took off. He added that he lost sight of it when it got to an estimated altitude of 200-300 feet. (Flying Saucers From Beyond the Earth:  A UFO Researcher’s Odyssey, by Gordon Lore).

April 21, 1967; South Hill, Virginia
Meanwhile, Norman Martin, a tobacco farmer who lived just off Route 747, where the object landed, told us he watched as a bright light rose from the ground and lit up “a whole tree… just as bright as day” at the same time as the Crowder encounter. He added that he could not make out the object’s shape or the flame on the road from his farmhouse, which was located across a tall wheat field from the landing site. The strange object left a fairly wide burned-out area on the inch-and-a-half thick tarred road. Around the burned spot were four holes that measured up to three-quarters of an inch deep and one-half an inch wide. There was also a nearly exact spacing of the holes. After our initial interview with Crowder, we headed for the location of the landing. After thoroughly circling and investigating the burned area in the road, we determined that it measured around three feet wide. At about the same

time, we watched as members of the Virginia Highway Department took core samples of both the burned and unburned sections of the road, along with three of the holes intact, for analysis by NICAP through our chemical laboratory contact members. The final results, however, were apparently inconclusive. (Flying Saucers From Beyond the Earth: A UFO Researcher's Odyssey, by Gordon Lore).

April 21, 1967; South Hill, Virginia
9:15 PM. Further investigation revealed that several members of the Fort Lee Fire Department observed two blinking and revolving red lights for five-to-sex minutes. One witness, James Hajacos, said he and several others saw the lights coming straight at them at 9:15 p.m. Then the lights suddenly stopped, turned at a ninety-degree angle, hovered, then slowly disappeared toward the northeast. Hajacos said he estimated that the lights flew at an altitude he estimated to be under 600 feet. He added that Fort Lee was around fifty miles northeast of South Hill. Later, we learned from the South Hill Police Department that there were several sightings of unidentified flying objects on the following evening. (Flying Saucers From Beyond the Earth: A UFO Researcher's Odyssey, by Gordon Lore).

April 22, 1967

American Society of Newspaper Editors sponsors panel discussion on UFOs at its annual meeting in Washington, DC. Panelists included Dr. James E. McDonald, Dr. Donald Menzel, and Maj. Hector Quintanilla.

April 22, 1967; South Hill, Virginia
Around 8:30 PM. Police Dispatcher Norman Ball and four others observed a "pinkish ball of fire" they estimated to be the size of a grapefruit at tree-top level. The object was stationary at first. Then it slowly moved and disappeared behind a hill. Both Clifton Crowder and another witness, Norman Thomas, told us that they believed what they saw was probably a helicopter or a secret weapon, but neither of them heard a sound. Later, Crowder told us he believed that someone may have staged "an elaborate hoax," but added that these theories were "just supposition on my part." (Flying Saucers From Beyond the Earth: A UFO Researcher's Odyssey, by Gordon Lore).

April 22, 1967; South Hill, Virginia
At about 9:45 p.m., Police Chief Bill Williams and several of his officers saw strange lights that spread through the area "like lightning." Williams reported that he watched as three lights rose from the ground very quickly and were followed by two more lights. All five of the lights formed a diamond formation. One light left the formation and moved very fast toward the northeast" and away from South Hill. While closely keeping a keen eye on the UFOs, Chief Williams shifted his patrol car into high gear and followed the lights at breakneck speeds up to seventy-five miles per hour. He nervously watched as the diamond-shaped object "dipped up and down, occasionally disappearing behind trees and rising up again." Then it instantly turned and headed back toward the town. Suddenly, it came to an abrupt halt and remained stationary. Williams said he had never seen anything like it. The light was still hovering in the night sky when he left the scene. (Flying Saucers From Beyond the Earth: A UFO Researcher's Odyssey, by Gordon Lore).

April 22, 1967; South Hill, Virginia
9:30 PM. We also learned that around five South Hill residents with citizens-band (CB) radios in their cars saw what they described as "strange lights". The CB-ers had what they said was "a running commentary of the sightings" back-and-forth between them. Other witnesses—including William Brooks, Melvin W. Cage, Thomas G. Cliburne and Roy Edmonds—reported seeing a red ball that changed to an orange-yellow color. The unidentified object descended to tree-top level, then disappeared below tree-top level. When it reappeared, it had apparently divided into two separate objects, one of which seemed to be far away from the other. Then the UFOs came back together and again disappeared below the trees. When they rose into the air once more, the witnesses saw what they

described as “three objects about one-half the size of the full moon.” Roy Edmonds, who was nearly trembling with fright, quickly floored his accelerator and sped home so he could call the police, but the phone was dead.” When Roy looked outside again, he saw a cluster of lights that was moving up and down. (Flying Saucers From Beyond the Earth: A UFO Researcher’s Odyssey, by Gordon Lore).

April 22, 1967; Maryville, TN
9:50 p.m. EST. An airline mechanic and his wife observed a bright disc that climbed slowly, sped up, slowed, changed direction (maneuvered), with erratic motions. The object remained visible for 5 minutes, once giving off a red flash. It was observed through a 3-inch refracting telescope. (NICAP report form.)

April 22, 1967; LaPoint, UT
Evening. A witness drove into a driveway and saw a 50-foot diameter red ellipse resting on the ground. The object rose and departed rapidly when the car lights were turned off. Dogs were barking (animal reaction). (Salisbury, 1974, Table 1, Case 47.)

April 23, 1967; Elizabeth, IL
12:15 a.m. CST. A man saw a very large elongated object (estimated 50 feet long and 20 feet in width; 2.5: length to 4 width ratio) with a red light at one end and a green light at the other end. A large pulsating red light was visible in the middle (body lights). The object hovered at low altitude, then sped away after about 10 minutes when car headlights hit it (light reaction). It roared louder than a jet, and cattle and dogs reacted (animal reaction). (NICAP report form; Elizabeth Weekly News, 4/26/67, copy in NICAP files.)

April 23, 1967; Orange, MA
8:45 p.m. EDT,. A witness saw a circle of nine white lights that enclosed two red lights, hovering near a church. (Fowler, 1974, p. 348.)

April 26, 1967; Richmond, VA
8:30 p.m. EDT. Two siblings, 13 and 16 years old, saw a silver oval object that had central flashing green lights and a bright light underneath (body lights). The object was hovering near the ground. When the children screamed, the green lights flashed furiously and the object began vibrating and shot straight up into the sky emitting beeping and shrill whistling sounds. (NICAP report form and letter.) Independent observation: UFOCAT data base lists a sighting same day at Quantico, Va., Marine Corps Naval Air Station, about 60 miles away. See also the following case reported about the same time as the children's sighting.

April 26, 1967; St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada
8:30 p.m. EDT. An object with an intensely bright. flashing red light descended, the red light stopped flashing and turned green. Then a light beam shot out of the object, catching a dog and the witness in its light for an instant. The object then flashed green, turned yellow-white, and moved away with the lights flashing red, green, and yellow in no particular order. As it moved away the object hovered, banked, and drifted slowly. No sound was heard. (Report in NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June 1967, p. 3.)

April 26, 1967; Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
9:30 p.m. EDT. A witness saw a small cylinder, estimated 3 feet in diameter and 5 feet tall, with flashing lights. The object landed, deploying six legs when it was about 4 feet from the ground. A whirring sound during landing stopped once the object was at rest. Ground impressions (physical traces) were found at the landing site. (NICAP report form and unidentified newspaper clipping dated 9/8/67 in NICAP files.)

April 26, 1967; Mt. St. Helena, WA
Night. Two teenagers saw a saucer-shaped object with a dome, swept back wings, and red body lights.

As it pursued the witnesses' car and illuminated it with a light beam, a whistling sound could be heard. The object then turned away and started to follow a truck that passed. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP files.) [Note the flurry of vehicle encounter cases-Code V- over in about a 2-week period in late April and early May.]

April 27, 1967; Bloomfield, NM
4:34 p.m. MDT. Two men, one a Federal Aviation Administration electronic technician, saw a huge, polished, metallic-appearing ball that hovered, started to descend, and then disappeared when an aircraft approached (aircraft avoidance). (Letter received 11 /28/67, NICAP files.)

April 27, 1967; SW part of State, OK
8:30 p.m. Three witnesses saw an object that flashed light beams onto a car and paced the car at an estimated altitude of 200 feet, remaining visible for several minutes. (Arkansas Gazette, 4/29/67, copy in NICAP files.) .

April 27, 1967; Kingston, NH
10:10 p.m. EDT (9:30 p.m. CDT). Three adults independently saw a dirigible-shaped (elliptical) object with "bubble" dome on top and two protrusions on its underside. It had bright red body lights in a circular pattern, some flashing, and a white light in the center. The estimated 30-foot-long object paced a car at treetop level, emitting a shrill beeping sound which diminished as it disappeared in the distance. (NICAP report form; Reynolds report received 7/26/67, NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 2, Oct. 1967, p. 3; Fowler, 1974, p. 348.)

April 27, 1967; Green Lake, WI (BBU)
10:00 p.m. CDT. Four boys with the aid of binoculars saw a cone-shaped object with a blue underside and a top that changed color from red to orange to white. The object descended with oscillating motions, and illuminated the woods an estimated one-half mile away. (Sparks, 2001, case 1449, from Vallee, 1969, p. 344.)

April 28, 1967; Brixham, Devon, UK
11:25 a.m. LT. A Coast Guard Station was alerted to a bright object in the sky and viewed it through 25x binoculars on a tripod. The object was stationary, revolving slowly. It was cone-shaped, pointed end up, and had a small triangular mark near the bottom, which had a crinkled appearance. A plane was seen to circle the object. More than an hour later, the object moved off slowly at a right angle to wind direction and disappeared into clouds. Possible radar detection. (Hennessey-Jenkins report, 5/26/67, NICAP files; National Enquirer 9/10/67, copy in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files; Le Figaro 5/21 /67 quoting London Sunday Express 5/21 /67, copy in NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June 1967, p. 8.) [Note: The duration, description, and lack of any abrupt or rapid motions all suggest that this was in all probability a large, plastic research balloon. At their altitude, wind direction can be different from that at lower altitudes.]

April 28, 1967; Toronto, Ontario, Canada
9:00 p.m. EDT. A real estate agent and occupants of three other cars saw a shiny, metallic-appearing flattened sphere an estimated 20 feet in diameter and 15 feet tall, with a band of alternate non-blinking red and green body lights around the middle. The object hovered just above tree-top level for about 2 minutes, then dropped down about 10 feet. The witness became frightened and fled before the object disappeared. (NICAP report form; U.F.O. Investigator, May-June 1967, p. 3.) [Note the following report of a flattened ellipse same date about 2-1 /2 hours later.]

April 28, 1967; Shelley, ID
9:35 p.m. MDT (11:35 p.m. EDT). A private pilot and his family saw a flattened ellipse with a superstructure and a large orange light. Through binoculars, rods or supports could be seen between the superstructure and the body. Arriving home with the object still in view, they saw it accelerate and a small ball of fire ("fire ball") fell from the left side and drifted, after which a second fire ball fell away.

The object then disappeared. (Ricks-Carter report dated 5/24/67, NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June 1967, p. 3)

April 30, 1967; Orange, MA
Evening. Many witnesses reported five objects with three green lights in a row and two red lights (body lights) underneath. The objects were visible for about 2 hours, hovering and darting around. One object dropped a ball of blue light. (The Worcester Evening Gazette, Mass., 5/2/67, copy in NICAP files.)
[See previous case re: dropped "fire ball."]
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May, No date, 1967; Samoset, FL
9:00 p.m. EDT. A couple saw a cigar-shaped object that resembled a plane about to land. It appeared to have lights inside and a red light on top (body lights), an estimated 4-5 feet from the body of the craft. The object was silent, hovering, and then accelerated and moved away at low altitude faster than an airplane. (NICAP report form, copy in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files.)

May 1, 1967; Peel Tree, WV
Night. A witness who requested anonymity (name on file) experienced engine failure (EM effects) on his car and then saw a 40-foot long elliptical object that emerged from behind a shed and hovered 15 feet from his car. The object tilted toward the car at about a 30-degree angle. Static was heard on the car radio, and the dashboard temperature gauge went off the dial. The driver felt an intense wave of heat when he put his head out the window, and his hands burned when he touched the horn rim and dashboard. He also reported headaches and partial loss of vision (physiological effects). (White letter, 5/29/67, copy in NICAP files.)

May 2, 1967; Montezuma, IA
8:25 p.m. CDT. A gray misty oval object was reported with red blinking lights and a steady white light on top (body lights). It hovered, then rose straight up. (APRO Bulletin, May-June 1967, p. 8.)

May 3, 1967; Philadelphia, PA
6:30 a.m. EDT. A metallic-appearing gray disc paced ahead of a car, top section revolving and a row of window-like markings visible around the center. A vapor stream was produced, which changed to red sparks. The object shot up into the overcast, and the witness experienced jaw pain at that moment (physiological effect). (APRO Bulletin, May-June 1967, p. 12.)

May 5, 1967; Minot, ND
Cat. 9. Ground/visual radar.

May 6, 1967; St. George, UT
1:43 a.m. MDT. A motorist on U.S. 91 heard a loud hum, stopped the car, and saw a 40-foot diameter, amber-colored, circular object with domed top hovering 20-30 feet overhead. He shot a pistol at the object and heard the bullets ricochet. The witness was a hospital employee in Paradise Valley, Calif. (Salt Lake City Tribune, 5/7/67, copy in NiCAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June 1967, p. 6; APRO Bulletin, May-June 1967, p. 6 (case misdated as May 13.)

May 6, 1967; Schirmeck, Bas-Rhein, Germany
7:00 p.m. LT. Seven lenticular (disc-shaped) black objects, aligned diagonally, each with a diameter estimated as 50 feet or more, were seen above a grove of trees about 2 km away. Each had a "smoky halo" around it. The objects suddenly vanished, then reappeared and vanished again, leaving traces in the forest. Truncated light beams ("solid light") were emitted from three of the objects, one white and two greenish. Although the beams did not reach the ground, a band of light was visible on the ground beneath them. A larger object was seen near the ground. A flexible light beam was also reported that detached from a lenticular object and then retracted itself. (Haines, 1994, pp. 91-92, from UNICAT catalogue #403.)

May 7, 1967; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
2:00 a.m. MST. A 14-year-old boy and four others saw a spherical object with spinning top and bottom and with red and green lights (body lights) which they followed and observed for 4 hours. As it hovered at about 200 feet altitude, a "white ribbon of light" (light beam) was emitted from the bottom of the object illuminating the ground. A "muffled whistling noise" was heard as the object hovered. Then a "screaming noise" like a jet engine starting up was heard, all lights went out, and the object took off with 7-8 explosive sounds. Black streaks were found on the charred road surface (physical traces). (Edmonton Journal, 5/8/67, copy in Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June 1967, p. 3; APRO Bulletin, May-June 1967, p. 7; Phillips, 1975, p. 48.)

May 8, 1967; Chester Heights, PA
11:00 p.m. EDT. A woman saw a round object with four red lights (body lights) in a curving row and a very bright center light that flashed on and off. The object hovered, moved up and down and from side to side. It darted away, reappeared, and hovered again before moving away for good. (Ritter report received 7/28/67, copy in NICAP files.)

May 9, 1967; Champaign, IL
Evening. Two people saw a white-lighted object that changed color to red as it flew rapidly from north to south. The object circled the airport, turned on a bright light, made turns, and hovered, then moved south above the witnesses, who followed it in a car at speeds over 90 m.p.h. (Witness letter, NICAP files.)

May 9, 1967; Beloit, WI
9:05 p.m. CDT. On the same evening, about 200 miles north-northeast of Champaign, Illinois, a woman heard a hissing sound, then saw an object with flashing blue, red, green, and yellow lights. The object "swayed, jumped" and shot out of sight. (The Daily News, 5/10/67, copy in NICAP files.)

May 10, 1967; Wayne County, IN
3:00 a.m. EDT. Fishermen saw a missile-shaped (elongated) object that had a glowing red ball at each end. A white glowing object seemed to land and grew increasingly bright causing the witnesses to fear an explosion. Witnesses left to get the sheriff. No physical traces found. (Ridge, 1994, -? P-22.)

May 11, 1967; Wareham, MA
2:05 a.m. EDT. Four witnesses saw two inverted-dish (saucer) shaped objects with rotating lights. The objects hovered, descended behind trees into a bog, bobbed up and down like a yo-yo, and sped away when police shone a light at them (light reaction). (Fowler, 1974, p. 348.)

May 11, 1967; Torrance, CA
This picture, although a fairly clear shot, does not have a lot of details. Taken on a Saturday night, a group of pals, Allen, Bobby, Rick, and Danny were hanging out when they saw this object that "glowed reddish-white." One of the boys had a camera, and allegedly took this photo.

May 12, 1967; Putney, England
11:10 p.m. GMT. A glowing yellow elliptical object with three round spots on the underside passed below clouds and was observed through binoculars. (Flying Saucer Review, Sept.-Oct. 1967, p. 31.)

May 12, 1967; Neola, UT
8:OO p.m. MDT (2:00 a.m. GMT, May 13). Two men saw a silver ellipse or disc, 45 feet long and 15 feet thick (3:1 length to width ratio), with a distinct outline, that approached, slowed, descended level with a road, tilted and went over a hill. (Salisbury, 1974, Appendix B, Table 1, Case 48.)

May 13, 1967; Colorado Springs, CO
4:40 MDT. At the Colorado Springs airport an object was picked up on radar. During this time a

Braniff flight was coming in for a landing on runway 35. The track of the object behaved like a ghost echo, perhaps a ground return being reflected from the Braniff aircraft. The object blip appeared at about twice the range of the Braniff blip. When Braniff touched down, however, the situation changed radically. The UFO blip pulled to the right (east) and passed over the airport at an indicated height of about 200 ft. The object track passed within 1.5 miles of the control tower. The object was not visible even through binoculars by personnel in the control tower. This case was written up in the SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, conducted by the University of Colorado, and it was stated there: This must remain as one of the most puzzling radar cases on record, and no conclusion is possible at this time. It seems inconceivable that an anomalous propagation echo would behave in the manner described, particularly with respect to the reported altitude changes, even if AP had been likely at the time. In view of the meteorological situation, it would seem that AP was rather unlikely. Besides, what is the probability that an AP return would appear only once, and at that time appear to execute a perfect practice ILS approach? (Wilson)

May 13, 1967; Vermillion, SD
8:00 p.m. CDT. A University of South Dakota faculty member and five others saw a lens-shaped object (disc) that passed under clouds, turned over, and changed direction (maneuvered). (Witness report, 7/18/67, in NICAP files.)

May 15, 1967; NE of Indianapolis, IN
7:30 p.m. EDT. A pilot and a sheriffs deputy saw a 50-foot cigar-shaped object with a brilliant white light in front, a rapidly blinking red light on the rear, and red lights pulsating from front to back underneath (body lights). The object, its altitude estimated at 1,000 feet, moved slowly until it left rapidly at a steep angle. Indianapolis airport radar reportedly tracked the object. (Telephone call report from Frank Edwards, 5/18/67, NICAP files; Ridge, 1994, pp. 22-23 from Edwards, 1968, p. 152.)

May 15, 1967; Scarborough, Ontario, Canada
10:00 p.m. EDT. Three witnesses 500 miles to the northeast, in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, saw an elongated object with one red and one white light. It moved slowly, stopped, and slowly flew away. The object responded to light flashes (light reaction) by a witness. (Air Force report form, NICAP files.)

May 16, 1967; Half Moon Bay, CA
1:30 a.m. PDT. A family saw a triangular object with a row of red lights and a white light on one end (body lights). The object hovered over the ground near a pond, made a roaring sound, then took off soaring over the house. (Redwood City Times, Calif., 5/16/67, copy in NICAP files.)

May 16, 1967; Gulf of Mexico (BBU)
10:10 p.m. Crew of SS Point Sur. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 7, case RV-9) [New findings].

May 17, 1967; Rural Hall, NC (BBU 11744)
8:30 p.m. Red Ledford [Parker?] saw a round, orange-colored object, similar in size to a small aircraft, zigzag back and forth over a jet that was heading NE. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

May 17, 1967; Ustkamenogorsk, Russia
2:30 a.m. LT. An engineer named T.N. Kanshov saw a bright body twice as large as the moon moving across the sky from south to north for over two minutes. It first appeared as a flame so bright he could read the time on his watch by its light. The night was quiet, cloudless, moonless. The object had "fiery arrows" extending parallel to its sides. It expanded to three times its original size before disappearing. (Ref. 3)

May 17, 1967; Kamyshin, Russia
10:00 p.m. LT. Major Y.B. Popov, of Novosibirsk, together with Junior Lieutenant A.S. Nikitenko and several local residents saw a cascade of lights rushing across the night sky from the northeast in even

rows. The lights were located on the surface of a very large cigar-shaped object, the impression was that an ocean-going vessel was flying across the sky with absolute silence at an altitude of about 0.6 mile. It was observed for two or three minutes. It passed almost over-head and took off into space. (Ref. 3)

May 17, 1967. 22:05 Bakhrushev, Russia
10:05 p.m. LT. By a warm, quiet evening several witnesses including S.V. Ostrovskiy saw a bright point descending in the western sky. It flew down to an altitude estimated as about one mile, when it changed to a horizontal course. At that point it appeared as a dark body of impressive proportions, with a compact, well-defined light at the rear. It flew off silently at less than 200 mph, with a dark orange tail behind it. (Ref. 3)

May 19, 1967; Grove City, OH
4:00-4:30 a.m. EDT. Four men saw a cigar-shaped object for 20 minutes that made various movements (maneuvered). One witness said it descended to within 150 feet of the ground, then made a 90-degree turn and flew off to the west. The object made an odd noise "that made your ears ring." (Grove City Record, 5/25/67, copy in NICAP files.)

May 20, 1967; Falcon Lake, Manitoba, Canada
12;00 Noon. Witness approached landed object, violet light, rushing air sound, voices heard; experienced severe burns on chest, weight loss, and vomiting ((Hall, 2001, pp. 209-212; Clark, 1996, pp. 191-200; Craig, 1995, pp. 14-27; Gillmor, 1969, p. 316, Case 22; Story, 1980, pp. 230-31; International UFO Reporter, Nov.-Dec. 1987, pp. 21- T, 24; Journal of UFO Studies, New Series, Vol. 5, pp. 1-34; Flying Saucer Review, 1981, vol. 27, no. 1,pp. 14-16; FSR, vol. 27 no. 2, pp. 15-18; FSR, vol. 27 no. 3, pp. 21-15; Winnipeg Free Press 5/23/67; The Tribune, Winnipeg, Manitoba 5/22/67).

May 20, 1967; Lexington, KY
10:45 p.m. EDT. A couple saw an intensely glowing object with shimmering white lights. The object alternated between hovering and moving at an estimated altitude of 1,500-2,000 feet. The lights undulated, expanded and contracted, and at times disappeared. During the a contraction phase the object looked like a large white glowing ball. The witnesses became frightened and left. (Witness letter, 5/25/67, NICAP files.)

May 21, 1967; Union County, IN
3:00 a.m. A dark object with a circle of red pulsating lights which lit up the area was observed for two minutes by two witnesses. The object moved slowly along a highway below tree-top level. It made two passes. Witnesses experienced retinal afterimage, and a rooster reduced its crowing to a shrill screaming sound. The location: 5 miles west of the NIKE missile base near Oxford, Ohio! (Don Worley files)

May 21, 1967; Union County, IN
8:00 a.m. A farmer out hunting looked up when he heard a brief swishing sound. Six or eight light gray watermelon shaped objects in semicircle formation at undetermined height were moving rapidly to the east. The witness was very shook up, rushed home and called the newspaper. (Don Worley files)

May 25, 1967; Fostoria, OH
9:30 p.m. A witness saw a flat-bottomed object, with a domed top (domed disc) that had rainbow-like light. When his car headlights shone on the object, its light flared up and within seconds it took off straight up (light reaction). The witness felt his hair stand on end and a tingling like static electricity (physiological effects). (Letter from Chuck Thaxton, NICAP files.)

May 25, 1967; Shreveport, LA
8:55 p.m. CDT (9:55 p.m. EDT). Two people saw a cigar-shaped object with a string of white lights down the center and a red light at front, and a green light at the rear (body lights). The object was

estimated to be under 1,000 feet in altitude as it came from the west, circled south, turned north (maneuvered) and disappeared behind the local horizon. (Witness letter, NICAP files.)

May 25, 1967; Castro Valley, CA
10:30 p.m. PDT. A couple saw a metallic-appearing disc that descended to about 5,000 feet above the ground, emitting a bright red flame which shot from a 3-4 foot round aperture in the underside. The 15-20 foot long flame disappeared into the object, which zigzagged away. The flame was reflected off the underside making the object clearly visible. (NICAP report form; U.F.O Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 3, Nov.-Dec. 1967, p. 3.)

May 26, 1967; Albuquerque, NM
Cat. 3. Luminous object chased car, hovered above it; able to restart engine after UFO sped away. (APRO Bulletin, May-June, 1967 [E,L]) car.

May 28, 1967; Corinth, NY
1:25 a.m. EDT. A couple saw three light green glowing discs that flew low above treetops and then went straight up and out of sight. (Letter dated 5/28/67, NICAP files.)

May 28, 1967; Wallingford, CT
12:01 p.m. EDT. An engineer and his son (age 12) saw a bright silver, wingless object, apparently longer than a Boeing 707 jetliner. Two large transparent domes were visible on top of the object and three oblong windows along the side. The trailing end bulged into four pods. The object flew at moderate speed into a cloud and did not emerge. Its altitude was estimated as 3,000 feet using clouds as a reference, and it seemed to be moving about 500 mph. A few minutes later three small dark objects were seen flying in V formation. (Letter dated 6/5/67, NICAP files.)

May 29, 1967; Saugus, MA
2:40 a.m. EDT. One witness saw a glowing red scallop-shaped object (disc) that had white flashing lights along its surface. The object moved slowly with a rocking motion, then departed upward at high speed. (Fowler, 1974, p. 348.)

May 29, 1967; Bay City, MI
Night. Two teenagers saw a large, shiny circular object with whirling lights. The object hovered, moved, descended near a grove of trees, then later rose straight up, hovered, and flew away. (Bay City Times, 6/14/67, copy in NICAP files.)

May 31, 1967; Danville, PA
Evening. A woman and three children saw an object with red and green rotating lights. It took off down river, and turned after a short distance. The colored lights were not visible after the turn, but there was a large light like a locomotive headlight visible. (NICAP report form.)

May 31, 1967 - Glasser Letter to AF UFO Investigators

> Lieutenant General Otto J. Glasser served as the director of the Atlas Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) program, the nation's highest priority military project in the mid-1950s. He was an original member of General Bernard A. Schriever's "Schoolhouse Gang" of four at the Western Development Division. This is his letter to base investigators about upcoming meeting at Boulder Colorado 12-13 June. One of the attendees was to be Lt. Col. Lewis D. Chase, 341 Combat Support Group (SAC), Chief, Operations Division, Malmstrom AFB, Montana. It was at Malmstrom AFB, that on March 16, 1967, UFOs were seen over the missile launch sites and control centers and some ICBMs were disabled.

May 31, 1967; Beausejour, Manitoba, Canada
11:30 p.m. CDT. A woman reported a luminous red, saucer-shaped object with blue light that approached from the south and hovered about 125 yards away. A white light on the bottom became

brighter as the object hovered (luminosity/motion correlation), its glow illuminating the ground. The object landed and left physical traces, including a burned area and radioactive soil. (Winnipeg Free Press, Manitoba, 7/21/67, copy in NICAP files; APRO Bulletin, May-June 1967, p. 2.)

Mid-Year, 1967; Manchester, England
Daytime. The co-pilot of a BEA Vanguard Airliner saw a fast-moving, disc-shaped object estimated to be nearly 100 feet in diameter flying to the right of the aircraft. (Weinstein, 1999, p. 35, from Good, 1996.)

Early June 1967; Khoper River, Russia
11:00 p.m. LT. While walking along the banks of the river M. Gavrilyuk and his wife saw a luminous object shaped like a half moon. The weather was clear and the real moon was shining in the sky. The object moved from the west to the south, passing above the moon and accelerating until it disappeared, leaving a faint trace. (Ref. 3)

June, No date, 1967; Fremont, OH
Evening. A pilot and his wife saw an object with amber to red body lights moving an estimated 100 mph at about 2,000 feet altitude. The object stopped, the lights blinked off and on three or four times, then it disappeared over the horizon in 5 seconds (rapid departure). (Stroud letter, 7/21/67, NICAP files.)

June 1, 1967; Santa Monico, Madrid, Spain
Time not reported. A yellow-orange disc with windows and three less (tripod landing gear) landed , leaving three holes and burned grass (physical traces) at the landing site. (Ballester Olmos, 1976, p. 11.)

June 1, 1967; St. Augustine, FL
8:12 a.m. EDT. A woman saw a revolving disc with peaked top for 2-3 minutes. It passed in front of a cloud and made a sound like a jet aircraft. (NICAP report form.)

June 1, 1967; Richmond, VA
11:30 a.m. EDT. A pre-teen boy and a 16-year-old girl saw a hubcap-shaped (disc) object with red and green lights (body lights) around the perimeter, white and golden at the bottom. The Volkswagen-sized object landed in a clearing in the woods. A slight buzzing sound was heard. The object took off fast ("like lightning") and disappeared. The young boy was so upset that he was taken to the hospital. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June f 1967, p. 7; unidentified newspaper clipping, 6/2/67, NICAP files.)

June 1, 1967 (approx); Warrensburg, MO
Witnesses in their car on the way home from College classes at Central Mo. State University in Warrensburg on Hwy. 13. They reported two lights cross in front of their windshield very, very rapidly.

June 1, 1967; Shaunavon, Saskatchenwan, Canada
5:00 p.m. MDT. A school-bus driver saw a circular, dull aluminum object that had a superstructure with eight circular marks or portholes around its midsection. Above that was a glass-like dome. The object paced the bus for 2 miles, maneuvering and hovering around it. The object apparently responded to headlights turned onto it (light reaction), rocking four times before it rose with a roar and Disc disappeared. (Clausen report, NICAP files; U.F.O Investigator, school bus Vol. IV, No. 1, May-June, p. 3.)

June 2, 1967; McKeesport, PA (BBU)
Clark and Smith. Conflicting data on whether to ID this as meteor. (Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; FUFOR Index)

June 2, 1967; Philadelphia, PA
10:20 p.m. EDT. A man saw a glowing orange disc for 8-10 minutes. The object moved slowly, then suddenly accelerated away. (NICAP report form.)

June 3, 1967; Extremadura, Spain
Two Spanish Air Force fighter pilots chased UFO, radios failed. Cat and mouse pursuit. Object shot straight up and disappeared (section II).

June 5-10, 1967: The Six-Day War (Office of the Historian)

> Israel launched a massive air assault that crippled Arab air capability. With air superiority protecting its ground forces, Israel controlled the Sinai peninsula within three days and then concentrated on the Jordanian frontier, capturing Jerusalem's Old City (subsequently annexed), and on the Syrian border, gaining the strategic Golan Heights.

June 5, 1967; Selkirk, Manitoba, Canada
1:00 p.m. CDT. A Mounted Policeman and a Royal Canadian Air Force squadron leader saw a silvery circular or slightly oblong object flying rapidly to the north with a wobbling motion. The object was visible for about 15 seconds. (Winnipeg Free Press, Manitoba, 6/29/67, copy in NICAP files; Winnipeg Free Press 6/7/67 with date of sighting indicated as June 6, copy in NICAP files; case reported to the University of Colorado Project).

June 5, 1967 - Letter to U Thant from McDonald

> In this letter McDonald thanked U Thant for making it possible for him to meet with the United Nations Outer Space Affairs Group on June 7, to discuss international scientific aspects of the problem of the unidentified flying objects.

June 5, 1967; Shamokin, PA
Evening. A school principal, teachers, and many elementary school students saw three objects for 1 1/2 hours. Two were high, and one was low near transmission lines. The sighting occurred during an area electric power blackout (EM effects). The lower object, joined the higher ones and all disappeared at high speed. The local newspaper ( reported damaged generators at Shamokin Dam Plant. (Cook report, NICAP files; The Shamokin Dam News.)

June 5, 1967; Uncasville, CT
9:20 p.m. EDT. A man saw three lights in triangular formation that hovered over a power station, emitted a brilliant blue flash, and moved away. Two of the lights were red and pulsating, and the third was a steady white. They were viewed through binoculars. (NICAP report form.)

June 5, 1967; Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada
10:30 p.m. PDT. Five neighbors saw a large saucer-shaped, orange-yellow object with distinct edges. The object flew into view, hovered for 2 minutes, tilted on edge, and took off at high speed. A similar object appeared in the same spot, behaved similarly, but flew off in another direction. The object was viewed through binoculars. (Letter dated 6/9/67, NICAP files.)

June 6, 1967; Itajuba, Brazil
1:30 a.m. LT. A mushroom-shaped object buzzed a car. Humanoid faces were seen through a window in the object. EM effects on the car were reported. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 14, No. 6; cited in Rodeghier, 1981, p. 35.)

June 6, 1967; Colonsay, Saskatchewan, Canada
8:40 p.m. CDT. A former World War II paratrooper and others saw an object with shiny, bright, white oval lights (body lights). It approached within 400 feet, stopped, glided from side-to-side, then sped away. (NICAP report form.)

June 6, 1967; Pine Grove, PA
11:55 p.m. EDT. A woman and her son saw a silvery disc-shaped object that flew two to three times the speed of a jet. (Witness letter to Cook, 7/12/67, NICAP files.)

June 7, 1967 - McDonald Presentation

> Dr. James E. McDonald, University of Arizona atmospheric physicist, gave a presentation on UFOs to the Outer Space Affairs Group of the United Nations. Secretary General U Thant expressed deep concern over UFO situation.

June 9, 1967; Extremadura Province, Spain
Time not reported. A Spanish Air Force jet trainer flying at 1,200 meters altitude encountered an unidentified object that played "cat and mouse" with the plane. The object speeded up and slowed down, and moved above and below the T-33. The aircraft's radio emitted static and ceased to function (EM effects) when the object was close to the plane. The object finally disappeared climbing vertically at high speed. (Good, 1987, p. 149; from Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 14, No. 3, 1968, p. 26.)

June 9, 1967; Pittsburgh, PA
9:35 p.m. EDT. Three adults and three children saw a fast-flying object with a large white light on top (body lights). The object also had lights around the edge like windows, which appeared to revolve. (Letter dated 6/20/67, NICAP files.)

June 10, 1967; Freeport, TX
6:30 a.m. CDT. A man saw four light sources for about an hour that moved fast, stopped, zigzagged, straightened, made right-angle turns and other maneuvers. One object emitted a red flash. (Texas NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files.)

June 11, 1967; Da Nang, Vietnam
Time not reported. An unknown number of witnesses saw a silvery cylinder for several minutes, reportedly chased by two Air Force F-102 interceptors. (Associated Press, New York Post, 6/15/67, NICAP files.)

June11, 1967; Harrisburg, PA
11:15 p.m. EDT. A woman saw a bright cigar-shaped object with a red light. The object hovered, accelerated straight up and disappeared. The red light turned green when the object ascended (color/motion correlation). (NICAP report form.)

June 11, 1967; Dorval, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
11:30 p.m. EDT. Two witnesses, including a graduate student in psychology at Harvard, saw an oval, dull gray object with three colored lights (body lights) and a glowing pink band around the middle. The object moved slowly at tree-top level from lake to shore, hovered, then moved behind trees, finally disappearing. It was estimated to have passed 100-150 feet away from the witnesses at eye level. (NICAP report form.)

June 13, 1967; Caledonia, Ontario, Canada
2:30 a.m. Three 3' to 4' tall beings, light colored clothing, helmets, moved around beneath cigar-shaped craft with windows. Physical traces found at site. (Hall, 1964-1967, pages 474-482, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence)

June 12-13, 1967 Meeting at Boulder, Colorado

> July 19 letter - lists participants, thirty four of the total of Air Force UFO Investigators that were asked to attend the Colorado Project meeting at University of Colorado, Boulder.
> Report on Meeting - found in book by David Saunders, "UFO's? Yes!"
> Trip Report - Report on UFO Investigator's Conference at the University of Colorado, 12 - 13

June 1967.

June14, 1967; Manchester, England
A group of International Sky Scouts in England saw a cigar-shaped object while engaging in a skywatch near London. In Manchester, five unidentified objects were observed making "gyrations and extraordinary maneuvers." (Baltimore Sun 6/26/67, copy in NICAP files.)

June 15, 1967; Caledonia, Ontario, Canada
2:35 a.m. EDT. Two people saw two stationary objects, one disc-shaped and the other cigar-shaped, on or near the ground in the vicinity of a factory for about 20 minutes. The cigar was described as being the size of a transport plane, and had four windows, light pulsating from inside, a large antenna with a red light, and other multicolored lights (body lights). Three occupants less than 4 feet tall, in light colored uniforms, and wearing "helmets" with four lights, were observed scurrying around outside the cigar. The objects rose about 30 feet, banked around a gypsum pile and disappeared to the southwest. Physical traces found at the site included a burned area, disturbed grass, and an oily substance. (Cuneo letter, 6/19/67, NICAP files; APRO Bulletin, Nov. - Dec. 1967, p. 4.)

June 18, 1967; Woodsocket, Rhode Island
The photo actually appears to be from a much earlier time period as it has a strange resemblance to an Adamski ship of the 1950s. Probable hoax.

June18, 1967; (Falcon Lake) Shoal Lake, Ontario, Canada
Evening. A family crossing the lake by boat saw a shiny, metallic-appearing oval object with a slight rise on top. The object was an estimated 30 feet in diameter and 15 feet thick. When the object approached the witnesses' boat, it took on an orange tinge. As the object descended, the tops of trees on the shoreline were illuminated. Twice the family approached the object, but retreated as the object swept toward their boat. No sound was heard. Others on shore were alerted during the 15-minute sighting, and one person reported static on the radio (EM effects). Trees with wilted leaves on top were later noted (physical effects). (Bondarchuk, 1979, p. 31-34.)

June 21, Los Angeles, CA
2:30 a.m. PDT (5:30 a.m. EDT). Two witnesses in a very barren area outside of the city observed two bright, cone-shaped objects, one after the other, that undulated, appeared to change to disc shape, and rose abruptly, the second joining the first in the sky. After hovering briefly, the objects vanished. (Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee report in NICAP files.)

June 21, 1967; Mechanicsville, VA
3:00 a.m. EDT. A woman saw a large lighted object with a rounded bottom and domed top that rose straight up from the woods into the sky with a roar like a jet. Trees in the woods reportedly were bent and broken (physical traces), all at the same height. (Heath letter 6/26/67, NICAP files.)

June 21, 1967; Kenmare, ND
10:45 p.m. CDT. Three boys and a policeman saw a hovering oblong object that had a row of lighted windows or ports. They viewed it through binoculars for about one minute. (North Dakota NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files.) [Kenmare, North Dakota, is located in the area of the Lima Flight Launch Facilities, Minuteman ICBM Complex, Malmstrom AFB, MT]

June 22, 1967; Danville, VA
9:30 p.m. EDT. A couple saw a central white light surrounded by alternating rows of revolving yellow lights or ports on a dark object. The object tipped 45 degrees, righted, hovered, and reversed direction before disappearing. (Letter dated 6/23/67, NICAP files.).

June 24, 1967; Austin, TX (BBU 11815)
3:12 a.m. Artist/UFO contactee Ray Stanford saw a solid, blue-white, elliptical object fly from NW to

NE and stop, seemingly in response to flashlight signal, for 1.5 minutes. Object then continued along its original path at high speed and disappeared behind clouds. (Berliner, Project Blue Book files, National Archives.)

June 24, 1967; Trenton, ME
10:00 a.m. EDT. Two people saw a silver-gray, hat-shaped object hovering over the ocean about 500 feet from the shore. The object emitted vapor at its base. Finally it ascended into a fog bank, descended again farther away (maneuvered), then moved out of sight. (Fowler, 1974, p. 349.)

June 24, 1967; Warrenton, VA
11:00 p.m. EDT. Two people saw three small objects and a large object that was white, blue, green, and red colored (multicolored lights). Finally the three smaller objects merged with the larger one and disappeared after about an hour. (Pickrell report, NICAP files.)

June 24, 1967

> During the evening hours of the 20th anniversary of the Kenneth Arnold sighting, numerous witnesses in Argentina, England, and Paraguay reported UFO sightings which garnered press attention. In Argentina many people, including pilots and control tower personnel, saw a squadron of UFOs in six provinces with estimated speeds up to 3,700 mph. (Unidentified clipping, 6/27/67, copy in NICAP files.)

June 24, 1967; Paso de los Libres, Argentina
At 10:00 pm in Paso de los Libres, policemen saw 8-10 bright lights that flew in formation over a military post at an estimated 15,000 feet altitude. (La Voz Del Interior 6/26/67, NICAP files.)

June 24, 1967; Asuncion, Paraguay
In Paraguay, Asuncion, many residents saw six objects in formation maneuvering over the city. Communications interference (EM effects) was reported by the airport control tower director. (Baltimore Sun 6/26/67,.copy in NICAP files.)

June 25, 1967; Harrisburg, PA
2:05 a.m. EDT. A couple saw a bright sparkling white light for 10-15 minutes about 10-20 feet above the ground, emitting a "low-pitched, constant droning sound." Dogs were barking and howling (animal reactions). The witnesses heard something like high-pitched voices coming from the object, As police approached, the object disappeared and the dogs quieted down. (Cook report, NICAP files.)

June 25, 1967; Wilmington, DE
9:30 p.m. A man saw a lens-shaped, metallic-appearing object (disc) with a "deck" and a "pole" (protrusion) at the rear. The object was estimated to be 100 feet in diameter, and had a 10-foot-thick black band around the rim. A red light that looked like an exhaust opening was visible. The red changed to green, orange, yellow, and back to red. The object passed over the house, turned about a half mile away, and came back over the house again before disappearing. (Phone call from witness, 7/20/67, NICAP files.)

June 26, 1967; Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii
8:40 a.m. HDT. A woman and her son saw a double disc (like one plate inverted on top of the other) that hovered and was observed through a 20x telescope. The object then moved rapidly to the east, returned, hovered briefly, then flew away rapidly to the south and disappeared into clouds. The sighting lasted 1-2 minutes. (Witness interviewed by Richard Hall who was visiting in Maui at the time; report in NICAP files.) :

June 27, 1967; Wichita, KS
It is difficult to say exactly what shape the object is.

June 27, 1967; Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
1:00 pm. CDT. A couple saw a glowing yellow object shaped like a large soup bowl (dome shaped). The object hovered about 300 feet over a service station, moved slowly, hovered again over a river, then disappeared below the tree line. (McPhillips report, NICAP files.)

June 28, 1967; Tehran, Iran
8:00 p.m. LT. Reportedly 10,000 people saw a bright round, glowing object three times larger than the full moon. It hovered, sped away, landed, and took off. (Tehran Yomiori, 7/1/67, NICAP files.)

June 29, 1967; Scotch Plains, NJ (BBU 11831)
1:30 a.m. Truck driver Damon Brown saw an oyster-shaped object 200 ft wide 25-30 ft thick with a huge red light at each end, one light on the bottom, and a row of blue lights along the bottom, which circled an aircraft, hovered, moved rapidly, then followed the witness' car for about 500 ft, veered S and departed at great speed. (Berliner)

June 29, 1967; Newington, CT
10:50 p.m. EDT. The 18-year-old daughter of an engineering instructor saw a luminous disc for 1 minute as it darted among clouds with abrupt motions. (Letter from witness' father dated 7/6/67, NICAP files.)

June 30, Rapid City, SD
2:00 a.m. MDT. Three patrolmen saw a large object with red. green, and white flashing lights (body lights) and windows that emitted light illuminating the ground. The object took off and hovered just above trees, exhibited jerky movements, landed again, the white light growing brighter as it neared the ground (luminosity/motion correlation). It then took off and flew away over a hill. (Rapid City Journal, 7/2/67, copy in NICAP files.)

> July 1967 - Memo Found
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> The most famous scandal began after Colorado Project (2) coordinator Robert Low wrote a private memorandum to the administrators of Colorado University back on August 9, 1966, to brief them on the project's aims. In July of 1967, Roy Craig, who did work very conscientiously as a researcher for the Colorado study, came across the memo and innocently showed it to project member, Dr. Norman Levine. Levine and another project participant, Dr. David Saunders, were appalled by a short passage on page five of that memo suggesting irregularities in the study's aims. During a secret meeting in early December with Hynek and James McDonald, they revealed its contents. McDonald, then a NICAP board member, made the memo public because it demonstrated in his mind a clear bias.

July, early, 1967; Taipei, Taiwan
Time not reported. Personnel at Yuanshan Observatory saw a red, cigar-shaped object that flew low and fast to the southwest. They observed it through a telescope. A news agency reported that citizens in southern Taiwan saw the object again later that evening. (Pacific Stars & Stripes, 7/6/67, copy in NICAP files.)

July 3, 1967; Saginaw, MI
12:05 a.m. EDT. Two people saw a large bright object that emitted four smaller objects, each with an attached ray of light (light beam). At a certain point, these rays of light disappeared, and the four objects sped off in different directions and disappeared after about 3 minutes. (NICAP , report form, 7/18/67.)

July 3, 1967; Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Dr. J. Allen Hynek stated: "best daylight disc photograph I have personally investigated. That says it all! Warren Smith and two of his friends were returning from a weekend prospecting trip when they

spotted the object. Smith grabbed the camera, and took two photos of the object. Definitely one of the best of the early days.

July 3, 1967; Nr. Richards-Gebauer AFB, MO
9:30 p.m. CDT. At least seven adults saw a highly reflective disc with three bright orange lights on the rim (body lights) approach from the northeast going on a southerly course. The object had a slight roll and pitch (oscillation) in its forward motion. It was visible for 3-4 minutes until it apparently exploded, dropping fragments to the ground. (Report submitted to University of Colorado UFO Study, copy in NICAP files.)

July 3, 1967; Durban, South Africa
Evening. Four people, including a retired U.S. Air Force major with missile tracking experience, saw an egg-shaped, bright orange, glowing light that hovered, moved erratically, and flashed. (Cape Argus 7/5/67, copy in NICAP files.)

July 4, 1967; Corning, CA
5:15 a.m. PDT. At least five witnesses from two independent locations saw an odd oblong, metallic-appearing object with a brilliant light on top and a smaller light on the bottom near the front (body lights). Two policemen and a businessman described it as a dark gray flattened sphere with a brilliant light beam on top directed upward, and a smaller and dimmer light on the bottom directed downward. A dark band circled the midsection. Two men north of Corning independently saw the object. The witnesses estimated a diameter of 50-100 feet. At first the object appeared to be hovering, then it moved slowly at a few hundred feet above the ground, finally picking up speed and disappearing from view to the south after being visible for about 10 minutes. (Corning Daily Observer, 7/6/67, UFO NICAP files; McDonald, 1968b, p. 74, reprinted in Vaughan, 1995, pp. 129-30.)

July 4, 1967; Shakhty, Russia
9:15 p.m. Docent Y. Krasuntsev and his son were resting near the Don River when they saw a half moon shaped object. They first noticed two luminous points that looked like artificial satellites. They moved to the southeast, making no sound. A shower of orange sparks flew out of one object and turned into a moon shape that went on flying. (Ref.3)

July 5, 1967; Harrisburg, PA
9:30 p.m. EDT. A woman saw a torpedo-shaped object with two bright white lights and three vertical lines of light toward the rear (body lights). The object was directly over the trees about 300 feet away, and as it approached two smaller red lights were seen. The object passed over the back yard about 40-50 feet off the ground, then turned 90 degrees to the south (maneuvered). The front end of the object raised, and it climbed up and disappeared over a stadium. The witness said that she was "petrified" and insisted that her name be kept confidential. (Cook report, NICAP files.)

July 6, Palmer Park, MD
9:30 p.m. EDT. A 13-year-old girl saw an oval object with pointed ends (ellipse), a dome on top, a red light at each end, and two rapidly blinking white lights in the center (body lights). It had what appeared to be a "tail" (appendage) on one side, and while hovering emitted light beams from top and bottom. [Compare to July 4, Corning, California.] The object moved slowly horizontally "tail first" making a buzzing noise, then shot straight up and disappeared after half an hour. (Telephone call 7/7/67, notes in NICAP files.)

July 6 or 7, Canyon Ferry, MT
Nr. midnight. A relative of NICAP member George Earley saw a bright cigar-shaped object with revolving lights of red, white, and blue, that hovered for 12 minutes (timed by watch). He looked away for a moment, and when he looked back the object was gone. (Letter to George Earley, 1/4/69.)

July 7, 1967; Kenora, Ontario, Canada

Evening. Air traffic controllers, while monitoring an eastbound Air Canada flight on radar, noticed an unidentified object moving at high speed toward Kenora. Later the same or a similar object was detected on the Kenora radar headed northeast. For three hours the object executed various maneuvers, including 180-degree turns, and twice followed Air Canada flights before resuming its northeast course and disappearing off the radar scope. (Good, 1987, p. 200.)

July 8, 1967; North Sea off English Coast
Time not reported. A ship captain and his crew saw a saturn-shaped object hovering over the sea. It then moved off until out of sight. (Letter from captain, NICAP files.)

July 10, 1967; Lizelia, MS (BBU 11869)
5:50 p.m. Golf pro Harold Washington (Capt., USMC Ret.) saw an object with a dome, the top gunmetal blue, the bottom the color of old lead, moving E, crossing the highway tilted upward to the right, then accelerated and disappeared into the clouds, with a swishing sound. (Berliner) (Air Force unexplained case, Project Blue Book files, National Archives.)

July 9,1967; Harrisburg, PA
10:25 p.m. EDT. Two boys, 12 and 14, saw a round object with red lights on top and bottom and two bright white lights on the front, (body lights). The object approached about 60 feet off the ground with a fluttering motion and making a humming sound. Witnesses beamed a flashlight at the object, and it directed a white light beam onto the witnesses (light reaction), and then reversed course and disappeared. (The Evening News, Harrisburg, 7/12/67, copy in NICAP files; Cook report, NICAP files.)

July 11, 1967; Lone Butte, British Columbia, Canada
Evening. Witnesses saw 13 objects in units of three, with red and green blinking lights (body lights). One was seen to be saucer shaped. The objects shifted, bobbed, and weaved in the sky (maneuvered). They made droning noises when hovering. Dogs, cattle and horses reacted (animal reactions). (Vancouver Sun, British Columbia, 7/27/67, copy in NICAP files.)

July 12, 1967; Irving, NJ
9:47 p.m. EDT. Three witnesses saw a solid disc with a thick rim and windows. Light was coming out of the windows. The object revolved and disappeared behind trees after 2-3 minutes. (NICAP report form.)

July 12, 1967; Bristol, VT
Bt. 10:00-11:00 p.m. EDT. Several witnesses saw a bright object with two sets of lights, some of them green (body lights). The object landed in a pasture about 500 feet from the witnesses. It appeared to grow in size, changed colors, and appeared to have landing gear. (Burlington Free Press, Vt., 7/14/67, copy in NICAP files.)

July 12, 1967; Orion, MI
Nr. midnight. A family saw two large orange; spheres that hovered over their driveway. One ball disappeared inside the other (objects merged), which then ascended and disappeared. (Pontiac Press, Mich., 7/14/67, copy in NICAP files.)

July 14, 1967; Palmerston North, New Zealand
1:30 a.m. LT. A youth saw a "ring of lights" (also described as a huge white oval light the length of a football field). The objects stopped (hovered) two or three times. It separated into smaller lights as it moved away. The lights were flashing and revolving. (Evening Standard 7/15/67, copy in NICAP files.)

July 14, 1967; Harrisburg, PA
10:30 p.m. EDT. Two couples, including an ex-military pilot, saw an orange ball (sphere) hovering at

low altitude, clearly visible beneath a heavy overcast. (See July 12, Orion, Mich., orange spheres and following reports.) The object suddenly ascended into the clouds. (NICAP report form.)

July 15, 1967; San Jose, CA
2:00 a.m. PDT. Two people saw two bright lights that flew in parallel emitting a humming sound. (California NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files.)

July 15, 1967; Harrisburg, PA
10:30 p.m. EDT. A couple saw an object with a red light on one end and green light on the other, with a row of revolving flashing white lights on the top (body lights). The object moved slowly at low altitude until lost behind trees. A short time later, an orange glowing object approached and ascended into the sky. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, 9/15/67, NICAP files.)

July 15, 1967; Enola, PA
10:30 p.m. EDT. About 50 witnesses reported seeing an orange-red ball (see July 12, Orion, Mich., and July 14, Harrisburg, Pa.) that hung over the WHP radio towers, moved toward a mountain, hovered again, then dropped out of sight behind the mountain. (Cook report, NICAP files.)

July 15, 1967; Silver Spring, MD
11:30 p.m. EDT. An MIT graduate and retired Army engineer saw a small cylinder (estimated 4 feet long and 1 foot diameter) made of material like clear plastic with lighted grillwork and an open top. Initially, the object approached in the sky as a red light. It descended slowly to within 6 feet of the street and about 50 feet from the witness, then rose to clear a nearby building and ascended into the sky. (Phone call from witness, 8/26/67, NICAP files.) [The description and motions for the most part fit exactly with those of a hoax hot-air balloon device common at the time, made of a plastic laundry bag or similar material with suspended candles or flares.]

July15, 1967; Kirkwood, MO
10:30 p.m. CDT (11:30 p.m. EDT). A chemist and other witnesses saw a luminous orange sphere (see above reports) at tree-top level. The object slowly ascended, then broke in half. Each half broke into two pieces and their light went out (multiple lights/objects). Another bright light sped over the trees 20 minutes later, and still another brighter light sped over the trees changing color from red to yellow to green 30 minutes later. An officer at Scott AFB said about 50 calls had been received about the lights. (Epstein letter, NICAP files.)

July16, 1967; Lovelock, NV
Time not reported. Three miners reported a honeycomb-shaped object with windows and with glowing lights inside. First seen on the ground (landed), the object then ascended vertically. No marks were found on the ground. (Reno Evening Gazette, Nev., 7/20/67, copy in NICAP files.)

July 16, 1967. 21:00 Kudepst, Russia
V.N. Chernyavski and his wife, with N. Ognevoy and S. Voronov, were close to the shore when they saw a yellow-rose disk-shaped object moving from west to east in the sky from the direction of the sea. It passed behind some clouds. The witness had the time to take a two-kopek coin from his pocket and he observed that the coin covered the object exactly when held at arm's length. (Ref. 30

July 17, 1967; Newville, PA
1:00 a.m. EDT. Three people saw a round object (10-15 feet diameter) with a bright orange hue. (See above reports.) The interior appeared to be partly visible, and a creature or being of some kind was seen within it. The object performed a variety of maneuvers, included pacing a car twice, hovering, and approaching a house. (NICAP report form and letter from Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee, 8/29,67, NICAP files.) [Note: There are three towns named Newville in Pennsylvania, one each in Bucks, Cumberland, and Lancaster Counties. The first is about 170 miles from Washington, D.C, and the other two are about 120 miles.]

July 17, 1967; Washington, DC
2:00 a.m. EDT. A witness saw a "blob" described as yellow and "rosy gold" (i.e., red-orange) that contracted and expanded in one spot until it disappeared after 10 minutes. (Phone call to NICAP)

July 17, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Evening. Two silver-suited humanoids emerged from a craft and entered the woods. They returned and drifted back into the craft. (Flying Saucer Review, Nov.-Dec. 1967, p. 31.

July 17, 1967; Sukhumi (Agudzeri), Russia
11:00 p.m. L.V. Antonova, an editor with the publishing house "Thought", and T.I. Dantseva, fellow of the Kurchatov scientific institute, observed a strange object along with four other people. The weather was clear at the time. The object looked like a flat disk with shining edge, flying at an altitude of some 350 feet at the speed of a propeller aircraft. (Ref. 3)

July 18, 1967; Rome, Italy
10:00 a.m. Drew Wright took this picture. "I had a terrible hangover from all the cheap red wine I had imbibed the night before, my first night in Italy. As I saw the "thing," some local boys were saying "il disco," and pointing skyward. I snapped this quick shot before it vanished. I never made it to the Sistine Chapel."

July 18, 1967; Amvrosiyevka, Russia
2:47 p.m. Student Y. Divak and a friend were fishing when they saw the reflection of a strange flying object in the water. Looking up, they saw a lusterless craft in the sky. It seemed to affect the sounds from the trains and from the nearby town. (Ref. 3)

July 18, 1967; Miami, FL
10:20 p.m. EDT. Seven witnesses saw an orange, yellow, and red (red-orange) glowing oval, apparently translucent, pass by at an estimated altitude of less than 500 feet. This was followed about 10 minutes later by a similar object that was at a somewhat higher altitude. The sightings lasted 1 to 2 minutes. One of the witnesses was a World War II flier. (NICAP report form, Stokesberry report, NICAP files.)

July 19, 1967; Webster City, IA
11:30 p.m. CDT. Two brothers saw a circular object with a large white light in the middle, two red lights and two green , lights along the outer edge (body lights). The shape was discernible only with binoculars. The object approached at low altitude, passed overhead, made a tight U-turn (maneuvered) and returned, hovered, and moved away slowly. (Letter : received 12/26/67, NICAP files.)

July 19, 1967; Enderby, British Columbia, Canada
10:00 p.m. PDT. A Pacific Western Airlines pilot flying at 14,000 feet sighted a pink object that zigzagged through the clouds, hovered, then disappeared. He reported the sighting to the Royal Canadian Air Force. (Vancouver Sun, B.C., 7/25/67, copy in NICAP files.)

July 20, 1967; Titusville, FL
9:15 p.m. EDT. A woman and her daughter saw a bell-shaped object with a dull metal finish and five square windows. An intense white light came from the inside. A humanoid with slim torso, an egg-shaped head, and long rubbery-looking arms was visible at one of the windows, and "shadowy movements" were seen in other windows. The object moved slowly past the witnesses' home about 200 feet away and 60-70 feet off the ground. (NICAP report form; Florida NICAP Subcommittee report, 8/11/67, NICAP files.)

July 20, 1967; Summerdale, PA
10:45 p.m. EDT. Three people saw a round green light hovering over the WHP radio towers. The light

turned red and descended to 200 feet above the ground. An intense white light came on and the red light disappeared. Finally the object moved away and disappeared behind the tree line. (Cook report, NICAP files.)

July 20, 1967; Jewfish Creek,  FL
11:30 p.m. EDT. A woman (Barbara Fawcett) driving alone saw a large light in her rear-view mirror apparently following the car. The burning yellow light seemed to be floating 6-8 feet off the ground, and it stayed over the road. She accelerated to 100 mph as the light overtook her car and seemed to a be about to land on top of it. As a car approached in the opposite direction, the object emitted a bright yellow glow that lit the road and then disappeared.

July 21, 1967; Jewfish Creek [Homestead?], FL (BBU)
2:30 a.m. Barbara Fawcett [Faucett?], 18, and her sister saw a yellow "jagged" object rise above a swamp and land on a hill. USAF investigators found a very large scorched area at the spot. (Vallée Magonia 858; APRO July 1967; FUFOR Index) Same as Pompano Beech, FL, Cat. 4. Dog in car fearful at low flying light (Woodward, The South Dade News Leader, 8/2/67, copy in NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Oct. 1967, p. 4; Sparks, 2001, from ' Vallee, 1969, p. 858; APRO Bulletin, July 1967.)

July 23, 1967; Popponessett Beach, MA (BBU)
Mr. And Mrs. McEnroe. (Hynek-CUFOS-Willy Smith files; FUFOR Index)

July 25, 1967; Garrison, ND
Round, blue-white object hovered near missile site, animals reacted. Object started, stopped, moved up and down; changed color to red when accelerating (section VI).

July 25, 1967; Garrison, ND
10:30 p.m. CDT. A farm family saw a luminous object that moved erratically, both horizontally and vertically, almost touching the ground at times. The object was round or top-shaped with a well-defined edge. It was blue-white when moving slowly and bright red at faster speed (color change/speed correlation). Animal reactions by dogs and cattle initially alerted the witnesses. An object of this description had been repeatedly sighted in the area near a Minuteman Missile site for 8-9 months. (Hall, 2001, pp. 212-13; NICAP Report Form and North Dakota subcommittee report, NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 2, Oct. 1967, p. 4.) [Near Minot AFB, Minuteman ICBM Complex]

July 25, 1967; Southern part of State, MI
11:30 p.m. EDT (10:30 p.m. CDT). A woman and several teenagers about 1,200 miles to the southeast reported a very similar phenomenon. They saw 5-6 objects radiating bright white lights "wobbling" over a field. When a plane flew into the area, the objects (lights) rapidly disappeared after turning bright red (color change/speed correlation). As the color changed, dogs in the area howled (animal reactions). (Stinson letter, NICAP files.)

July 26, Rowley, MA
11:15 p.m. EDT. A woman looked out her bedroom window when she heard a loud whining, whirring sound and saw a glowing orange object in the sky. Others in the neighborhood also saw and heard the object. Seven miles away to the northwest, the superintendent of a military school heard a loud intermittent whistling sound, but could not find the source. (Fowler, 1974, pp. 151-52, 349.)

July 26, Dauphin, PA
11:20 p.m. EDT. A woman saw a red light hovering near her house and illuminating the interior of her house. The color changed to white and then to rose, and the light seemed to rotate as the color changed. TV interference was reported (EM effects). (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, 10/4/67, NICAP files.)

July 27, 1967; Farmville, NC
12:30 a.m. EDT. Two witnesses saw an orange-yellow, "tri-level" object with lights coming from the upper area, apparently from within. The object appeared to be spinning. It hovered, crossed the highway, and was joined by three other objects (rendezvous). (Greenville Reflector, N.C., 7/28/67, copy in NICAP files.)

July 27, 1967; Newton, NH
1:00 a.m. EDT. Three people, including an electronics technician and former Air Force radar operator, and a laboratory technician and former Navy radar operator, saw an orange-red star-like light that began to move. Through a telescope they could see an elongated oval object with bright white lights at front and rear (body lights). Other red and white body lights were visible, a string of white lights along the side flashing in sequence. When a flashlight was shone at it, the object responded by reversing direction without a turn and flashing its lights back in the same sequence (light reaction). When a jet approached the object, its lights disappeared until the aircraft had passed (aircraft avoidance). Afterwards the object reappeared as a brilliant white oval. Additional signals were flashed at it, and the object responded in kind. After responding to a pattern of four light flashes, the object disappeared behind trees. (Fowler report, 8/14/67, NICAP files; NICAP report forms; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 2, Oct. 1967, p. 3; Fowler, 1974, pp. 152-55, 349.)

July 27, 1967; Alexandria-Leesville, LA
2:00 a.m. EDT. Throughout several states, distress calls were heard on Citizen's Band radio from a pilot whose plane reportedly crashed. The pilot said that a red glowing object with a bright glow toward the tail approached the side of the aircraft and then the tail, forcing the aircraft down. The Civil Aeronautics Board reported a plane down and the pilot killed, but to the northeast of this area and at 8:00 pm on July 27. No apparent follow-up investigation report. (Shreveport Times, LA., 7/28/67, copy in NICAP files.)

July 28, 1967; Gilroy, CA.
Oval object approached fire lookout tower, hovered, illuminated ground (section IX).

July 28, 1967; Pacheco Pass (Gilroy), CA
9:30 p.m. PDT. A state forestry employee at a fire lookout tower saw an oval blue-white light coming toward him at low altitude, a dark band visible around the middle (see July 4, Corning, Calif.). A bright white light also was visible on the top (body lights). The object alternately hovered and moved around, circling the fire tower. At one point it emitted a blue-white light beam which illuminated the ground. As the object circled the tower, the citizen's band radio emitted a variable pitch whining noise (EM effects), interfering with any effort to communicate. Finally the object accelerated and sped away leaving a comet-like trail behind it. (NICAP report form; U.F.O, Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 2, October1967, p. 3; Gillmor, 1969, case 28.)

July 29, 1967; Arnold, CA
1:00 a.m. PDT. Two witnesses saw an orange light "like a ball of fire" that approached from the horizon. It stopped (hovered), changed color to white, ascended slowly, changed direction (maneuvered), and continued ascending. After the color change, it moved in a "pulsating fashion as though leaping through space." (NICAP report form.)

July 29, 1967; Olympia, WA
9:00 p.m. PDT. A woman saw an oval light, sometimes silver and sometimes red and blue, that descended suddenly, hovered moved laterally, then descended until lost behind the horizon. A light ray (light beam) was seen between the object and the horizon before it disappeared. (Civil Defense report form, 8/28/67, NICAP files.)

July 30, 1967; Kernville, CA (BBU)
10:17 p.m. (PDT). George Petyak and wife Brownie in Kernville first sighted bright yellow star-like

light at about 65 degree elevation to the E, later joined by a second similar object appearing to try to "steer"□ the first onto a "defiinite course".□ A second independent observation from China Lake NAS where object was seen [visually and/or on radar] to the W over Walker Pass (about 20 mi distance) [towards direction of Kernville] was reported to Edwards AFB thus visual sighting lines intersected from opposite directions. Controller (Mr. Buckley?) at Edwards used RAPCON (Radar Approach Control) radar (or Boron AFS FPS-35 search radar.and confirmed visual reported by China Lake but tried to dismiss 100 knot (115 mph) target as merely civil aircraft that "frequently" fly over the area [but light aircraft try to avoid mountain passes]. Kernville witnesses reported by phone during sighting to Boron AFS ADC radar site (with FPS-35 long-range search radar) then Lt. Smith at Edwards AFB where RAPCON radar tracked unidentified target near Lake Isabella S (or SE?) of Kernville witnesses [by 5-10? mi] for "several sweeps" at about 10:30 p.m. PDT traveling S at 50-60 mph. Kernville witnesses reported one object in the E at about joined by the second object, both appearing like bright stars but moving in circles relative to actual star background in clear sky; used binoculars from time to time though which UFO appeared bright blue. First seen to their E but traveling S, disappearing suddenly in clear sky at 11:30 p.m. PDT in the direction of Lancaster [S to SSE] at about 50 degree elevation, estimated height about 30,000 to 40,000 ft. (Sparks; McDonald list; Saunders/FUFOR Index; Condon Rpt p. 122) 1 hr 15 [13?] mins 2 + 1? + 1? Witnesses RV, binoculars (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

July 31, 1967; Privilny farm, Kavkazkiy, Russia
9:15 p.m. I. Kosov, his wife and farmer P.I. Marchenko saw a dark red disk flying from the southwest to the northeast. The witness had time to count to forty-two before the object disappeared. (Ref. 3)

July 31, 1967; Churchville, NY
10:15 p.m. EDT. A witness driving a truck saw a round object with extended sides and green light underneath (body lights), on or near the ground. The witness shone the truck headlights on the object and saw two midget-like men (humanoids) in shiny black uniforms board the object, which took off straight up. (Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, N.Y., 8/3/67, copy in NICAP files; APRO Bulletin, July-Aug. 1967, p. 7.) (Hall, 1964-1967, pages 474-482, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence)

Late July or Early August, 1967; Wurzburg, West Germany
9:00 p.m. LT. A glowing, round, pale yellow object that sometimes pulsated, moved slowly and precisely in a pattern over a military facility was seen by many witnesses. The object rose vertically and hovered at high altitude when an aircraft passed by (aircraft avoidance), then returned to the original flight pattern. Radar contact with an unidentified object was reported. (Campbell letter, 8/31/67, NICAP files.)

Aug., No date given, 1967; Venice, CA
Daytime, PDT. A summer school class and teacher saw a disc-shaped object that was making a loud roaring noise. The object moved directly overhead, now making a sound like an "electronic police car siren." It moved in a corkscrew fashion over the school, hovered, making the roaring sound again. Witnesses went indoors as the noise was hurting their ears. (Amos letter, 9/26/68, NICAP files.)

Aug. 1, 1967; Chester, PA
9:00 p.m. EDT. The wife and daughter of a pastor saw three red, metallic-appearing, saucer-shaped objects with domes and portholes. Two were in the north, and a third approached from the north, brightened and changed color to white as it neared. It then flew at tree-top level and hovered at low altitude near the witnesses. Finally it climbed fast and disappeared. The object was estimated to be about the size of a two-engine plane. (WXUR News report, copy in NICAP files.)

August 2, 1967 - Letter - ET Study Would Open Floodgates

> " I am more convinced than ever that a positive program in extraterrestrial life or communications studies should not be tied to the UFO problem...I am convinced that we would really open the flood gates on UFO problems if the public thought that the Condon group was

> about to get involved in extensive research on extraterrestrial activities." - Brig. Gen. William Garland (NARA-PBB87-602)

Aug. 3, 1967; Caracus, Venezuela
11:30 p.m. LT. A 3-foot-tall being (humanoid) emerged from a hovering, luminous disc and took gravel samples. (APRO Bulletin, Sept.-Oct. 1967, p. 12.)

Aug. 3, 1967; Sawyer, ND
11:30 p.m. CDT. Two men saw a small white glowing object like a "light bulb" that flew from west to east, disappearing behind hills. The object reappeared at about 100 feet altitude, hovered over a wheat field and slowly landed. The light went out, then it reappeared and slowly rose to about 50 feet and sped off, reappearing briefly before disappearing for good after about an hour. (North Dakota NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP report form.) [Sawyer, North Dakota, approximately12 miles SE of Minot, North Dakota, is in the area of the Beta Flight Launch Facilities, Minot AFB, Minuteman ICBM Complex.]

Aug. 4, 1967; La Guaira, Federal District, Venezuela
Morning. A lawyer who was fishing from a boat saw a gray-blue, double-saucer (Saturn-shaped) object with a rotating ring around the circumference and triangular windows. The ring was red and blue. At first he saw the surface of the sea violently disturbed (environmental effects), then the object emerged from underwater, hovered just above the surface with water dripping off of it, then slowly moved off and up, suddenly accelerating into the sky until lost from sight. (El Universal, Caracas, 8/20/67, 8/28/67 copies in NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, March 1968, p. 5.)

Aug. 4, 1967; Stoke-On-Trent, Kidsgrove, Staffordshire, England
11:00 p.m. LT (7:00 p.m. EDT). Four witnesses saw a bright metallic-appearing disc with bright red dome moving from northeast to the south. Visible around the perimeter of the underside were 15-20 bright red rotating lights. The object changed direction to the west, stopped, hovered for a few seconds, then sped away to the west. No sound was heard.

Aug. 4, 1967; Syracuse, NY
9:20 p.m. EDT. Four people saw a bell-shaped object with a horizontal row of red lights around the top, a series of white lights near the middle, and white-green light coming from the bottom (body lights). A loud roar was heard at the beginning of the sighting. The object hovered, maneuvered, and eventually accelerated out of sight. (Lorczak letter, NICAP files.)

Aug. 4, 1967; Philpot, KY
Nr. midnight. A man saw an object the size and shape of a large can (cylinder). Following a "squealing sound" and a slight explosion, it went straight up with flame coming from the bottom (exhaust). The object leveled off about 50-100 feet off the ground and flew away to the southeast. A scorched area 20 feet in diameter was found in the bean field where the object was seen (physical traces), and a sample was sent to NICAP. Investigation found no evidence of a hoax. (Christol letter, NICAP files.)

Aug. 5, 1967; Eglin Air Force Base, FL
6:40 p.m. CDT. A man saw three whitish oval objects approach Eglin at high speed in a V-formation. They stopped abruptly, hovered over the base at the radar station, then accelerated out over the Gulf of Mexico. The departure course appeared to follow the path of a radio navigation beam. (Hunkins letter, NICAP files.)

August 5, 1967; Perm, Russia
8:50 p.m. Y.G. Solovyev, his wife and his son observed a ring-shaped object flying across the sky. An airliner flying at an altitude of 1,200 feet would have fit inside this ring. It was observed for over ten minutes in the western part of the sky. (Ref. 3)

Aug. 6, 1967; San Bernadino, Venezuela
Approx. 2:00 a.m. LT. Two sleeping witnesses were awakened by a small being with a large head (humanoid) wearing a "rubber suit." The being jumped out a window toward an object outside that had blinding, multicolored lights. Investigators found scrape marks and footprints (physical traces) at the site. (El Universal, 8/8/67, and El Mundo, 8/9/67, copies in NICAP files.)

Aug. 6, 1967; Wyoming Flats, PA
3:30 p.m. EDT. Six witnesses saw a shiny metal-like, saucer-shaped object about 3 feet in diameter descend from above high tension lines with a buzzing sound. The object gave off a red glow as it descended, landed, then shot back up and away to the east. Investigators found a 5-foot diameter burned area, but it was possibly due to a farmer burning brush. (Unidentified clipping and Bufalino report, 8/9/67, NICAP files.)

Aug.6, 1967; Mexico City, Mexico
8:17 p.m. LT. Airport control tower personnel and others saw 10 yellow-orange-red objects moving in close formation going south to north. The objects changed formation (maneuvered) as they passed over the airport. (Ramos letter, 8/8/67, NICAP files.)

August 8, 1967; Kislovodsk, Russia
8:40 p.m. An object shaped like a sharply outlined asymmetrical crescent flew over the mountain astronomical station of the Academy of Sciences. The object was slightly smaller than the moon, about twenty minutes of arc, with a color described as reddish by some observers, yellow for others. It flew from west to east about twenty degrees above the horizon, moving from the Big Dipper to Cassiopeia in about thirty seconds, at a uniform speed. The witnesses were A.A. Sazonov, a specialist in the ionosphere; V.A. Tsion of the Leningrad Polytechnical Institute, and seven members of a biological expedition. (Ref. 3)

Aug. 9, 1967; Grey Friars, Stattordshire, England
2:30 AM. A disc-shaped object about the size of a rugby ball was sighted by a married couple in Grey Friars. It flashed blue lights all around its rim, and seemed to be spinning in time with sound coming from it. It caused their dog to begin barking. The witnesses reported that they were too frightened to sleep after their encounter. Later that evening another close encounter occurred in Weston-on-Trent, England. The witness reported a "dull penetrating sound," then sighting a red light that moved up, down, and "all over the place." This witness's dog also whimpered, barked, and scratched at the door in response to the UFO. The noise persisted throughout the night, even after the UFO had gone. (Source: Roger H. Stanway & Anthony Pace, UFOs Unidentified Undeniable, p. 6).

Aug. 9 (?), 1967; Belye Krinitsy, Russia
3:00 p.m. Mr. Lytkiny and his wife were on vacation resting by the shore of a lake, when they saw a fast-moving oval object. It was milky white, with some small black rods arranged randomly on its surface. It suddenly moved sharply to the right and up, then to the left and downward. It then resumed its continuous path toward the Carpathians. A few minutes later a second object appeared and went through similar evolutions. (Ref. 3)

Aug.10, 1967; Harrisburg, PA
9:40 p.m. EDT. A top official with a telephone company saw a huge object, estimated 75 feet long, that was hovering about 125 feet over a field. It was an elongated, diamond-shaped object with white lights at each end, a red light on one side, a blue-green light on the other side (body lights), and a girder-type structure in the middle. The object began pacing the witness' vehicle, then crossed the highway and continued pacing on the opposite side before departing. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 3, Nov.-Dec. 1967, p. 3.)

August 11, 1967; Little Rock, AS
Orange hovering object chased by Air Force jets. (NUFORC)

Aug. 11, 1967; Churchtown, PA
11:00 p.m. EDT. Two people saw a cigar-shaped object with a row of lights along its length that flashed in sequence (body lights). The object seemed to be as big as an aircraft and maneuvered erratically. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, 9/7/67, NICAP files.)

Aug. 11, 1967; Enola, PA
Time not reported. Two men saw a glowing object, with a light beam, that moved slowly in a rectangular pattern at low altitude, then accelerated upward and out of sight. At one point the witnesses drove to within one-half block of the object. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, 9/7/67, NICAP files.)

Aug. 12, 1967; Ogema, WI
2:30 a.m. CDT. A couple saw a glowing object with a light beam for 2-1/2 hours. Barking dogs (animal reaction) alerted the witnesses. The object was hovering and the beam of light was directed toward a farm building near the witnesses. They heard sounds like someone walking during the sighting and a generator-like sound near the end. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, 10/27/67, NICAP files.)

Aug. 12, 1967; Barrie, Ontario, Canada
9:15 a.m. EDT. A man saw two dark-colored, elongated objects that hovered, started moving, banked, and accelerated, out of sight leaving a red trail. An aircraft passed beneath the objects during the sighting. (NICAP report form.)

Aug.14, 1967; Walnut Creek, CA
10:30 p.m. PDT. Four people saw a boomerang-shaped object with a white light on the front and a green light on the rear (body lights). The object was dull gray and apparently solid. It glided slowly along a low-altitude, horizontal path. (NICAP report forms.)

Aug.16, 1967; El Dorado Hills, CA
9:30 p.m. PDT. Two witnesses saw two saucer-shaped objects with flashing red and white body lights. The objects hovered in separate parts of the sky, suddenly accelerated out of sight leaving a "trail of light" on departure. (Sacramento Bee, Calif., 8/18/67, NICAP files.)

Aug.18, 1967; Mechanicsburg, PA
10:20 p.m. EDT. A woman saw a horizontal row of blinking red and white lights. They appeared to hover, and then moved off and disappeared behind a mountain. A high-pitched hum was heard that diminished as the object moved away. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, 9/7/67, NICAP files.)

Aug.19, 1967; Greensboro, NC
5:30 a.m. EDT. A man saw a sphere with triangular fin-like projections . The object moved erratically and appeared to "bounce," approaching the witness. At one point it made a U-turn in the space of its own diameter, before eventually moving off. (Witness letter, 8/23/67, NICAP files.)

Aug.19, 1967; Chambersburg, PA
9:45 p.m. EDT. Two men saw a white light hovering over a field and maneuvered their car to illuminate the area. In their headlights they saw a small creature (humanoid) with unusual hands and dressed in shiny clothing. A variably pitched whine was heard on the car radio (EM effects) during the sighting. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, 10/4/67, NICAP files)

Aug. 23, 1967; Hamilton County, IN
Landing report. Source and details unknown.

Aug. 23, 1967; Joyceville, Ontario, Canada

4:00 a.m. EDT. A man drove down a side road to investigate a green light he saw in a field. His headlights illuminated a large, metallic-appearing disc on or near the ground. It was shaped like an inverted bowl and had three legs. The witness saw three beings about 3-4 feet tall and wearing helmets (humanoids). They appeared to be gathering specimens. When the beings noticed the witness, they "flew" (floated) into the object and it took off silently at high speed. Burn marks and impressions (physical traces) were found at the site. Reportedly, the police at nearby Perth had a similar sighting. (Hall, 2001, p. 480; MUFON UFO Journal, August 1987, p. 19.)

Aug. 23, 1967; Porthill, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Staffordshire, England
11:00 p.m. LT (7:00 p.m. EDT). A bright yellow-white elongated oval object was observed hovering in the northeast sky, sharply outlined and solid appearing. The yellowish glow pulsated or flickered in brightness. A light beam extended upward from its center. The object bobbed up and down like a yo-yo, passing in front of a cloud at one point and remaining visible for 30 minutes. Means of disappearance not reported. (Stanway and Pace, 1968, p. 6.)

Aug. 23, 1967; Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
9:45 p.m. EDT (8:45 p.m. EDT). A commercial pilot saw a series of white lights that flashed on and off at 1-2 second intervals. Ground radar showed a target at the approximate location of the lights, and said that the object was in the sky and lower than 50,000 feet. The pilot lost sight of the lights after about a minute, but Halifax radar tracked the objects as they moved from 36 to 16 miles from the aircraft and the blips were still on radar after the aircraft continued on its way. The object also was reported by a separate ground witness. (Letter from witness, 8/31/67, NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 2, Oct. 1967, p. 1; Weinstein, 1999, p. 36, from Flammonde, 1976.)

August, 24, 1967; Wodonga, Victoria, Australia
About 5:00 PM local time. Ron Hyde was riding a motor bike along the Hume Highway. At a point some 10 miles south of Wodonga, he said that the area was illuminated by a bluish light which seemed to come from above. The light blinded him so he stopped. When his eyes recovered, he saw a disc-shaped object on the ground, some 100 feet away. Two 'men' were by the object. They seemed five feet in height, and wore a metallic type of overall, with some sort of helmet on their heads. Hyde took a step forward and so did the 'men.' One of the figures took a further two steps forward, lifted his hand and beckoned to Hyde. Hyde panicked; mounted his bike, and rode off. He heard a 'humming' sound and upon looking back while riding, saw that the object was following him at about a 150 feet distance. It finally shot off into the sky. (Sources: (1) Australian Flying Saucer Review (Vic.) No. 7 . December 1967. Back cover. (2) Australian Flying Saucer Review (Vic.) No 8. October 1968. pp4-5.)

Aug. 24, 1967; Cape Perry, Northwest Territories, Canada
Time not reported. (Beauford Sea) - Officials at Cape Perry Distant Early Warning radar site saw a large, translucent spherical object moving so slowly it was in the vicinity for 10 hours. It did not register on radar. The object was also reported by witnesses in a light aircraft. (Bondarchuk, 1979, p. 160.) [All features strongly suggest a large plastic research balloon. Local authorities often have no information about them, since these balloons drift for hundreds of miles.]

Aug. 24, 1967; Wodonga, Victoria, Australia
5:00 p.m. LT. A man riding a motorcycle was surrounded by bright blue-white light that illuminated the road. As he stopped, a bright lens-like (double convex) disc estimated to be 25-30 feet in diameter, with a dome on top descended within a few feet of the ground about 100 feet away. Two humanoids about 5 to 5.5 feet tall with round helmets and silver suits emerged. One stepped nearer the witness, who fled. The object, surrounded by a pinkish glow, followed the motorcycle flying about 100 feet off the ground. A humming sound was audible above the motorcycle's engine. The witness stopped again and the object stopped and hovered, the hum subsiding. After 30 seconds the color around the object changed from pink to brilliant red, and the object tilted up at a 45-degree angle, then shot away (color/motion correlation). (Hall, 2001, p. 480; APRO Bulletin, Sept.-Oct. 1967, p. 13; MUFON UFO Journal, Aug. 1987, pp. 10-20; Frola, 1990, p. 90.)

Aug. 24, 1967; Pultneyville, NY
9:25 p.m. EDT. A woman saw three bright white ovals or elongated objects, each the size of the moon, that moved over Lake Ontario in a V-formation. The objects suddenly ascended and accelerated out of sight. A "beeping" sound was heard during the sighting. (Hall letter, 8/28/67, NICAP files.)

Aug. 25, 1967; Paragould, AR
Early the following morning, witnesses in Paragould, Ark., saw three oval objects, two red and one white, that hovered, then moved in straight-line formation "in circular manner." Other witnesses reportedly heard a buzzing or humming sound. (Arkansas Democrat, 8/25/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Aug. 25, 1967; Catia La Mar, Venezuela
5:00 p.m. LT. A man on the beach saw precipitous movement of water out of which three huge plate-shaped discs emerged and streaked out of sight. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 5, March 1968, p. 5.) [Compare to August 4, Caracas, Venezuela, case.]

Aug. 25, 1967; Roswell, NM
5:25 a.m. MDT. A man with training in aircraft identification and his wife saw a bright white light and a blue glow with three vertical bands of lights (body lights) between them. The outside vertical lights, were red, and the middle one was white. The lights appeared to be on a cigar-shaped object with the white light at one end and the blue glow at the other. Estimated size was 100 feet in length. A whirring sound was heard during the sighting. The object approached at an estimated altitude of 500 feet, disappeared into a cloud bank and reappeared at closer range, hovered, and at one point approached the witnesses. (NICAP report form.)

Aug. 26, 1967; Eagle Lake, Allagash Waterway, ME
Campers saw glowing oval that beamed light down, engulfed canoe. Memory loss and abduction. (See section XIII bibliography, Fowler, 1990a.)

Aug. 27, 1967; Texas Creek, CO
Cat. 3. Oval on ground beside road; one driver walked toward it, flash of light knocked him out. (APRO Bulletin, Mar-Apr. 1969 [E,L]) 3 cars.

Aug. 28, 1967; Rivers, Manitoba, Canada
Time not reported. A couple reported that an object hovered over their car, followed them, then hovered to the rear of the car. The car was illuminated by light beams and was reported to heat up. A military investigation found no physical effects on the car or witnesses. (Brandon Sun, Manitoba, 10/4/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Aug. 29, 1967; Crewe, Cheshire, England
8:30 a.m. LT (4:30 a.m. EDT). Two witnesses saw an oval object with tall transparent dome approach from the west, slow and hover at an estimated 100-200 feet above them for about 30 seconds. Details of structure were observed on the underside. The object then moved ahead, "climbed at a fantastic speed" and disappeared. No sound was heard. (Stanway and Pace, 1968, p. 8.)

Aug. 29, 1967; North York, PA
Twilight. Five people, two of them adults, saw a round object with a dome. Soft red light was seen in the dome, and a string of white lights was visible around the bottom of the object (body lights). The bottom seemed to revolve around the dome. The object hovered over a field, tilted from side to side, and suddenly accelerated and ascended at high speed. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, 9/19/67, NICAP files.)

Aug. 29, 1967; Toledo, OH
Evening, EDT. A pilot was requested by Toledo airport control tower to check out an unidentified light.

He saw a large, bright orange light at 6,000 feet and estimated its diameter as 50-60 feet. The pilot chased the light but it eluded him over Lake Erie. (Phone call to NICAP from Walter Stroud, Toledo, 8/30/67, NICAP files.) ,

Aug. 29, 1967; Oka, Quebec, Canada
11:10 p.m. EDT. A man saw a round object with pulsating, multicolored lights around the circumference and a white light on top (body lights). The object moved slowly at tree-top level, retraced its path, hovered, and suddenly ascended. A light beam resembling a searchlight was emitted from the bottom of the object. A cylinder emerged from the top of the object and seemed to deploy a transparent sheath around itself and the object. A sound "like waves" was heard. The witness had physiological effects (not specified) afterwards. (Montreal Le Petit Journal, 10/1/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Aug. 30, 1967; Dneprodzerzhinsk, Russia
8:50 p.m. A round, bright, uniformly illuminated light yellow disk was seen describing a wide arc in the sky. It disappeared to the north-northeast. Mr. V.M. Chernov saw it through binoculars for a while as it went behind some clouds and reappeared, fainter and looking like a greenish star. There was no sound. (Ref. 3)

Aug. 30, 1967; Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, England
10:00-10:30 p.m. LT (6:00-6:30 p.m. EDT). Multiple independent witnesses had a complex series of UFO sightings. One witness gave a detailed description of an object first seen with unaided eye, then through a telescope. It moved vertically and horizontally, changing colors from white to red, orange, and green. Through the telescope it was seen as a disc with dome, a row of "ports" around its base, apparently rotating slowly. The object glowed a bright orange, but changed to brilliant white or silvery while hovering (color change/motion correlation). At one point the object emitted a light beam to the ground. Other sightings in the area featured "bright" or "brilliant," often red-orange objects that alternately hovered and moved around. (Stanway and Pace, 1968, pp. 29-34.)

Aug. 31, 1967; Cussac, France
Time not reported. Two small humanoids in black garb were seen. They entered a disc-shaped craft and took off. Cows were agitated (animal reactions) during the sighting. (APRO Bulletin, Sept.-Oct. 1967, p. 8)

Aug. 31, 1967; Bentilee, Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, England
9:30 p.m. LT (5:30 p.m. EDT). Two young women reported watching a large, silvery-white object shaped like an inverted soup bowl (dome-shaped) that approached and hovered over a high school for about 5 minutes. The object had body lights of various colors and evenly-spaced circles of light like portholes around the lower part. A loud "whooshing" wind-like sound was heard. At each side and above the altitude of the object were shiny flat discs that appeared to be revolving. As the larger object moved away with a rocking motion, its body lights went off, leaving a bright orange and a fainter white light. Dull moonlight and rainy conditions. (Stanway and Pace, 1968, pp. 10, 34-35.)

Aug. 31, 1967; Lewisberry, PA
8:35 p.m. EDT. A woman, her sister, and her children saw a dark gray, disc-shaped object with a row of white lights on the bottom (body lights). It moved toward them at low altitude, hovered over the yard, and slowly moved off until no longer visible. The object appeared to be spinning, and a red light was seen as it departed. Harrisburg airport control tower had reported an odd cloud the same day. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, 10/4/67, NICAP files.)

August-November 1967
UK. Hundreds of sightings in wave that peaked in October. House of Commons took interest in November.

Sept., 1967 (Date unknown); White Pine, MI
Cat. 4. Dog unaffected by hovering disc.

Sept., No date, 1967; Drumheller, Alberta, Canada
Time not reported. A couple saw an object like two saucers rim to rim (disc) that swooped down toward their car so that the witnesses expected a collision. Then it moved up into the sky and flew away. (Calgary Albertan, 10/18/67, NICAP files.)

Sept., No date, 1967; Taber, Alberta, Canada
Evening. A truck driver saw a green oval object with double decks (like two flattened bells, one above the other) hovering near the ground. It appeared as big as a truck and almost close enough to touch. Beeps were heard over the truck radio during the sighting and the engine died (EM effects). (Calgary Herald, 9/5/67, copies in NICAP files.)

Sept., No date, 1967; DeSoto, MO
12:30 a.m. CDT. Two couples saw five round objects with flashing, multi-colored lights. The objects circled and maneuvered rapidly in the sky. Barking dogs (animal reactions) first attracted the witnesses' attention to the objects. (DeSoto Press Times, 9/25/67, NICAP files.)

Sept. 17; Mechanix Illustrated Article

> "What Project Blue Book Will Tell Us About UFOs", by Lloyd Mallan, Mechanics Illustrated. Original article in pdf file. Text version also available for keyword search at html version.

Sept. 2, 1967; Bentilee, Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, England
9:15 p.m. LT (5:15 p.m. EDT). Several witnesses watched an orange disc with bright red glowing dome as it flew low overhead and apparently landed in a field about 400 yards away. No sound was heard, but one witness felt "wind" as it passed overhead. A fiery glow was seen in the field at the apparent landing site. Police were called, but the light disappeared. Later police and others saw a luminous object rise from the field, hover, then disappear "in a fraction of a second." A complex case with many facets. (Stanway and Pace, 1968, pp. 11,13, 40-43; witness interview transcripts 46i-46xii.)

Sept. 3, 1967; Rockport, MA
1:00 a.m. EDT. Many witnesses saw two yellow-orange lights that were stationary in the sky and blinking off and on randomly. Police radar reportedly suffered interference (EM effects) at the time of the sighting. (Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee report, 9/12/67, NICAP files.)

Sept. 3, 1967; Edina, MN
5:07 p.m. CDT. A man saw a silver sphere that approached an incoming aircraft on an apparent collision course. The object passed above the aircraft at close range and disappeared in the distance. It appeared to be about one-fourth the size of the plane and traveling twice as fast. (NICAP report form.)

September 4, 1967; Yevpatoriya, Russia
9:17 p.m. N.N. Pronin, senior editor with the "Mysl" publishing house in Moscow, accompanied by his wife, saw a white, crescent-shaped object fly over from the northeast to the southwest along a straight line at an altitude of about 2,500 feet. The object moved with the convex part facing forward. The weather was clear. (Ref. 3)

Sept. 5, 1967; Port Townsend, WA
2:00 a.m. PDT. Four witnesses saw a white, dome-shaped object come from behind a hill and appear to land on a golf course. A burned ring (physical traces) was found on the golf course next day. (Port Townsend Leader, 9/7/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Sept. 5, 1967; Nantwich, Cheshire, England

8:55 p.m. LT (4:55 p.m. EDT). Two witnesses saw a brilliant white oval, its light flickering, hovering in the northeast sky. After about 2 minutes, the object began moving, accelerated rapidly and disappeared in the west. No sound was heard. (Stanway and Pace, 1968, p. 14.)

Sept. 5, 1967; Waterford, CT
9:40 p.m. EDT. A man saw a dark, metallic-appearing, cigar-shaped object with a red glow at one end and a white light at the other (body lights). As the object crossed the sky, a bright white light flashed three times amid the red glow. (NICAP report form.)

Sept. 6, 1967; Meier, Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, England
9:50 p.m. LT. Several witnesses saw a vertically oriented "sausage-shaped cloud" in the eastern sky, behind which a light flashed for about 20 seconds at irregular intervals. A bright, glowing orange oval then emerged from the "cloud" and headed southeast at "fantastic speed." A light again flashed in the cloud for about 10 seconds, then stopped. Scattered clouds, dull moonlight. Mode of disappearance of the "cloud", not reported. (Stanway and Pace, 1968, pp. 14-15.)

Sept. 8, 1967; Newton, NH
10:30 p.m. EDT. Four people saw a Saturn-shaped object with two white lights on its leading edge. Pinkish lights were visible along its rim, and a red light on top (body lights). The object crossed the sky, returned, and crossed again, and apparently responded to lights flashed by witnesses (light reaction). These same witnesses had a similar sighting on July 27. (Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files; Fowler, 1974, p. 349.)

Sept. 10, 1967; Barcelona, Spain
5:35 p.m. GMT (1:35 p.m. EDT). Just before sunset, an airliner crew flying northbound at 16,000 feet watched a metallic, maneuvering cone, with point upward and with mist around its lower portion. The object turned, changed course, descended and approached the airliner, passing under its starboard wing at an estimated 600-700 knots and disappearing to the south after 2-3 minutes. (Hall, 2001, p. 130 from: Volunteer Flight Officer Network, report via United Airlines; McDonald, 1968b, Case #6, reprinted in Vaughan, 1995, pp. 127-28; MUFON UFO Journal, Sept. 1987, p. 19; London Daily Express, 9/11/67 and 9/14/67; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 3, Nov.-Dec. 1967 p. I.)

Sept. 10, 1967; Shepherdstown, PA
10:35 p.m. EDT. Two men in separate cars stopped and discussed their sighting of a bullet-shaped object with a flashing red light on each end (body lights) and a white glow on the bottom, that moved slowly across the sky at low altitude. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, 10/4/67, NICAP files.)

Sept.11, 1967; Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada
3:30 p.m. EDT. Six or more employees of a nuclear power plant saw a saucer-shaped object passing over the plant going east. The object hovered about 1.5 miles out over the lake and dropped something into the water. Reportedly the object returned two nights later and for the next five nights, the assumption being made that it was trying to retrieve the dropped object. (Bondarchuk, 1979, pp. 122-24.)

Sept. 11, 1967; Silver Spring, MD
9:30 p.m. EDT. A couple and their five children saw a flash of bright orange light, then resolved into a bright light seemingly mounted on an object about the size of an automobile. The object appeared to make a search of a park area, moving back and forth and in figure 8's, at about 200-300 feet altitude. The sighting lasted about 2 hours, until witnesses went inside. At one point, the witnesses said, they signaled with a flashlight and the light immediately moved toward them (light reaction). (Letter and visit to NICAP Office 11/8/68, NICAP files.) [Except for the reported light reaction, which easily could have been illusory, the report fits to a "T" with the motion pattern of a NASA instrument calibration aircraft with which NICAP was familiar, and it caused several other false UFO reports.

NICAP had access to its schedule. It is important to note that, except for some inaccurate size and distance estimates-a very common error-the witness reports of the phenomenon that they observed were sufficiently accurate to allow a definite explanation.]

Sept. 11-12, 1967; Kincheloe AFB, MI (BBU)
10:42 p.m.-12:01 a.m. A senior radar operator with 7 years experience tracked 17 unknowns in an 80-minute period. The unknown targets gave stronger, harder returns than a B-52 flying in the area. Most of the targets were tracked one at a time, hovering, slowing, speeding up, changing direction. In one of two instances when two were tracked at a time, two targets joined up and both went east at 2,000 mph. These passed overhead, but witnesses saw nothing. A B-52 pilot was alerted to a potential collision course with a target, but the pilot saw nothing. (McDonald, 1970.)

Sept. 12, 1967; Arlington, VA
12:35 p.m. EDT. A witness in the vicinity of Washington National Airport saw a silver disc with a dome (sombrero shape) hovering, then it banked and moved out of sight behind trees. (Phone call from witness, 9/12/67, NICAP files.)

Sept. 13, 1967; east Bridgewater, MA
10:53 p.m. EDT. A man saw a row of orange-yellow lights (body lights) with a vague form behind them. The object hovered, changed to one light, then returned to its original appearance. The lights were seen three separate times as the witness changed position and tried to get other witnesses. (Letter from witness, 9/15/67, NICAP files.)

Sept. 13, 1967; Southbridge, MA
Evening, time not specified. Multiple witnesses, including a pilot, saw a cigar-shaped object with a row of white lights (body lights) on the side. The object hovered and maneuvered around, and once appeared to approach an airport as if to land. (Southbridge Evening News, 9/14/67 and 9/15/67, copies in NICAP files.)

Sept.14, 1967; Kanagulk, Victoria, Australia
Night. A man saw an object shaped like an inverted bowl (dome-shaped) flashing red and white for 10 minutes. The object hovered, moved to another position, and hovered again. The man's car radio would not work (EM effect) during the sighting. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP files.)

Sept. 14, 1967; Washington, DC
2:20 a.m. EDT. A woman saw a bright, orange-yellow sphere that hovered and then sped away. The object was many times brighter than the moon and was seen for 10 minutes. (NICAP report form.)

Sept. 14, 1967; Rockville, MD
Unspecified time. A boy saw a bright sphere hovering near the moon. The sphere divided into three parts, two of which accelerated out of sight, and the third lingered, then sped away in a different direction from the first two. (Phone call from witness's father, 9/15/67, NICAP files.)

Sept. 14, 1967; Western part of State, VA
4:00 p.m. EDT. A man onboard a plane enroute from Atlanta to Pittsburgh saw a flat object that appeared orange at long range and white when closer. The object moved past the plane in the same direction of travel, but at much greater speed. (Report from Colorado NICAP Subcommittee, 9/26/67, NICAP files.)

Sept. 14, 1967; Barstow, CA
7:50 p.m. PDT (10:50 p.m. EDT). A man saw n a green light in the sky that sometimes appeared white. It circled, zigzagged, moved up and down (maneuvered), and appeared to circle an aircraft. (NICAP report form and letter, NICAP files.)

Sept. 15, 1967; Winsted, CT
7:50 p.m. EDT. Two witnesses saw a red-orange, clam-shell-shaped (disc), fuzzy object move across the sky. The object stopped and hovered, then moved away. (NICAP report form.)

Sept. 15, 1967; Winsted, CT
8:50 p.m. EDT. Separate witnesses in Winsted reported seeing a large glowing, pulsating object hovering nearby and several small beings with large heads (humanoids) moving around it. The object's light dimmed when cars approached. (Report in NICAP files; Gillmor, 1969, p. 347.)

Sept. 17, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais State, Brazil
Time not given. Two witnesses reported that a saucer with portholes landed on a soccer field. (Beings seen in association with the object were over 6 feet tall, hefty, used breathing apparatus, and had bulging eyes. Physical traces were left by the object. (Baltimore Morning Sun, Maryland, 9/25/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Sept.18, 1967; Cannock, Staffordshire, England
9:00 p.m. LT (5:00 p.m. EDT). A family had several sightings of red lights like glowing coals beginning about 8:30 pm. At 9:00 pm, two red lights glided in front of a full moon, disappearing behind nearby rooftops. When silhouetted against the moon, the lights were seen to be attached to a larger object. The body lights were positioned near the bottom center. The object was grey and shaped like a "saucer upturned on top of a disc" (lenticular disc). In a direct comparison, the diameter of the object was 3-4 times that of the moon (1.5-2.0 degrees of arc). (Stanway and Pace, 1968, p. 15.)

Sept. 18, 1967; Sault Ste. Marie, MI
6:00 p.m. CDT (7:00 p.m. EDT). A woman saw a flat, round (disc-shaped), dark-colored object with a band of light around its circumference. The object landed in a field, ascended, then moved out of sight. No traces of the landing were found in the field. (Evening News, Sault. Ste. Marie, 9/20/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Sept.19, 1967; Belgogradskaya, Russia
7:40 p.m. A witness named A. Serdyukov, who was traveling with a group of communications technicians, observed a luminous half-moon rising high in the sky directly in front of them. It descended rapidly, leaving a cone-shaped tail. The men stopped their vehicles to watch it. After about forty seconds the half moon appeared to swing in the sky, becoming smaller in size, as its color turned to red. It assumed a drop-like shape and stopped, hanging in the sky for a minute, after which it seemed to dissolve. (Ref. 3)

Sept. 20, 1967; Bucknall, Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, England
8: 30 p.m. LT. At twilight, with a clear sky and bright moon, seven witnesses watched a large, bright silvery oval move slowly overhead, stop, and hover. Two (possibly three) smaller bright round silvery objects emerged and sped off in different directions. One dropped vertically and one moved back in the general direction the parent object had come from. The parent object then moved away slowly and disappeared in the distance in the direction of Leek, Staffordshire (Stanway and Pace, 1968, p. 16.)

Sept. 20, 1967; Leek, Staffordshire, England
Around 8:30 p.m. Three witnesses saw a very bright round, slightly oval object "bright as a car headlight" hover overhead in the clear sky for about 30 seconds. The object then began moving away slowly toward the east, suddenly accelerated, stopped abruptly and hovered again for about 15 seconds. Finally it accelerated and shot away to the east at "fantastic speed" and disappeared into distant clouds. (Stanway and Pace, 1968, p. 16.)

Sept. 21, 1967; Barcelona, Spain
12:30 a.m. Small beings (humanoids) with large heads and white garb were seen moving toward a

brilliant round object on the ground. Their car was lifted (mass displacement) and witnesses were in shock. (Ballester Olmos, 1976, p. 12.)

Sept. 23, 1967; Amherst, MA
1:37 p.m. EST. A geology professor saw an elongated, silver object and then a second similar object about 5 degrees from the first. The objects flew straight, parallel paths at steady speed, no sound, no wings, and no change in brightness over 40 seconds. They disappeared into low cumulus cloud and never emerged. (Hall, 2001, p. 161; letter to Raymond E. Fowler, Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee Chairman, copy in NICAP files; Fowler, 1974, p. 349.)

Sept. 23, 1967; Mount Holly Springs, PA
9:35 p.m. EDT. A policeman saw two lights, one was stationary. The second light moved toward the first, and the two merged. The resultant single light hovered, then divided, with one light moving away and the other remaining motionless. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files.)

Sept. 24, 1967; Minot, ND
10:30 p.m. CDT. A podiatrist and his wife saw two disc-shaped objects with domes on top. They first appeared as a string of lights flying at high altitude. The string of lights split up and dove below 10,000 feet. Then the two discs separated, one moving away to the north-northeast and the other to the southeast. (North Dakota NICAP Subcommittee report, received 11 /7/68, NICAP files.) [Minot AFB Minuteman ICBM Complex]

Sept. 25, 1967; Tavigny, Buret, France
Daytime. Two hemispherical objects with flat bottoms were seen by a woman to emerge from some mist. The objects were about 65 feet in diameter, and had a 5-foot-thick rim around the bottom, and a chrome-like surface. At one point, a small red ball of light came out of each object. One of the objects flew around a house and the other seemed about to land, then both rose and flew off. (Haines, 1994, p. 84, from UNICAT #629.)

Sept. 25, 1967; Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Night. Five policemen saw a white light that moved at low altitude over the highway ahead of a pursuing police car. The object suddenly stopped, then veered and accelerated away. (Toronto Telesram, 9/25/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Sept. 28, 1967; San Mateo, CA
3:24 p.m. PDT. Two witnesses saw six silver discs that moved rapidly across the sky, entered clouds, emerged with a 7th disc, then moved off until lost in clouds. (Letter from witness, NICAP files.)

Sept. 29, 1967; Bt. Zaporoje and Volgograd, USSR
Time not reported. An airliner encountered an unidentified object flying above the plane. The aircraft's engines stopped (EM effects) and then started again when the object disappeared. (Weinstein, 1999, pp. 36, 50.)

Sept. 30, 1967; Lakewood, CO
9:45 p.m. MST. A couple and their children saw a hat-shaped object (disc with dome), an "antenna" extending from the top that moved steadily in level flight across the sky, hovered, and dropped three fireballs. (Colorado UFO Project report form, NICAP files.)

Early Oct. 1967; Sukhumi, Russia
Noon. Engineer V.N. Chechyanov and his coworkers saw a strange object in the clear blue sky for half an hour. It hovered for a while, then moved along the shore, rose and disappeared. A man who watched it through binoculars reported that the object was shaped like a triangle, with no fuselage and no tail, and was the color of aluminum. (Ref. 3)

Oct., No date, 1967; Glencoe, Ontario, Canada
Night. Three adults and their children saw a cluster of unidentified red and white lights that seemed to be spinning as they apparently paced the witnesses' car. The lights then hovered over the farm when the car stopped, and then moved away. (London Free Press, Ontario, 10/12/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Oct. 2, 1967; Rockford, IL
Time not reported. A policeman, an FAA specialist, and another man saw an unidentified silver-white, egg-shaped object. (Omaha World Herald, Nebraska, 10/3/67, NICAP files.)

Oct. 2, 1967; Melville, NY
7:30 p.m. EDT. An aircraft company engineer and his children saw a white disc with rectangular windows, and a white light on top (body lights). A white light beam from the bottom illuminated the ground. The window lights blinked in sequence. The object hovered at low altitude, then moved slowly off. The witness tried to follow in his car. When he blinked his headlights, the lights on the object blinked out in sequence (light reaction). (Hall, 2001, p. 161.)

Oct. 2, 1967; Ipswich, MA
8:30 p.m. EDT. Four witnesses who were together plus two other single, independent witnesses saw red, greenish blue, and white lights (body lights) apparently on an oval object that gave off a yellowish glow. At times the object glowed red all over. It hovered, spun, and moved up and down slightly. Dogs were barking (animal reaction) during the sighting. (Massachusetts NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files; Fowler, 1974, p. 350.)

Oct. 4, 1967; Nova Scotia, Canada - Shag Harbor Crash/ Retrieval Incident
Evening, ADT. From early evening until 11:30 pm, numerous independent witnesses observed unexplained aerial activity. Near Sambro at 9:00 pm, the captain and crew of a fishing boat saw four brilliant red lights in a box formation that appeared to be on or just above the water. Occasionally one would flare up so bright that it would cause an afterimage in their eves. The objects also were tracked on ship's radar. Between 11:00 and 11:30 pm, northwest of Briar Island, the captain and crew of a fishing vessel saw a brilliant white light the size of the moon. As they watched, three brilliant yellow lights emerged and formed a triangle around the larger light. The satellite objects then moved across the sky and back at high speed. Observations also were made by other vessels. Lower (southwest) portion of Nova Scotia, opposite Maine. Sambro is about 12 miles southwest of Halifax. During this same time interval 5 miles southwest of Weymouth, in the general direction of Briar Island, a policeman and three game wardens saw an orange-colored light just above the tree line moving silently and slowly with spark-like objects emanating from the light. At about 11:20 pm just west of Shag Harbor, teenagers in a car saw an object flying low, flashing four lights, one after the other, in a straight line. It appeared to be slowly descending at a 45 degree angle. When next seen, the object had impacted the water's surface 200-300 yards offshore. It drifted on the surface showing a pale yellow light. Boats were sent out to rescue passengers from a presumed downed airliner, but searchers found only a dense yellow foam. (Ledger and Styles, 2001, pp. 14-17, 21-44.)

Oct. 5, 1967; Johnson City, TN
10:15 p.m. EDT (11:15 p.m. ADT). Multiple witnesses reported an object with blinking multicolored lights, three portholes, and a prism-like component on the bottom that emitted light rays. The object hovered, moved slowly, sometimes rising and falling, and ascended. (Johnson City newspapers of 10/5/67 and 10/17/67, copies in NICAP files.)

Oct. 6, 1967; Vandenberg AFB, CA
7:00 PM. Vandenberg AFB radar detected a very large stationary object some miles over the Pacific off the Northern California coast. Later, radar detected numerous small, but strong, targets traveling eastward in irregular flight. The location and time of Case #35 was listed in the Condon Report as "South Pacific, Fall 1967." Dr. James McDonald looked into the case but I couldn't find any record of his actual findings and comment.

Oct. 10, 1967; Bow River Forest, Alberta, Canada
Time not reported. A forest fire lookout saw an oval object with a rim around the circumference and a green light on top. The light rotated, and when the object moved it turned white (color/motion correlation). The object hovered, then moved off and disappeared emitting four blue flames as it departed. (London Evening Free Press, Ontario, 10/16/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Oct. 10, 1967; Leek, Staffordshire, England
7:00 p.m. LT (3:00 p.m. EDT). Three witnesses using 7 x 50 binoculars saw a yellowish oval with a small dome on top, a yellow light rotating around the dome. The object also had one red and two green body lights that pulsated off and on. As the lights pulsated, the color of the object changed from yellow to white. At 7:30 p.m. a similar object shot across the sky, stopped and joined the first object (rendezvous). Both objects were gradually obscured by clouds. (Stanway and Pace, p. 16.)

Oct. 11, 1967; Aldersyde, Alta, Canada
7:50 p.m. MDT. A woman reported that a dark oval object with a dome on one side circled above her car. The car's electrical system went dead during the sighting (EM effects) and restarted after the object departed. The witness felt cold (physiological effects) during the sighting. (Unidentified clippings from Calgary newspapers, copies in NICAP files; Rodeghier, 1981, p.37)

Oct. 11, 1967; Unitah Basin, UT
8:30-9:00 p.m. MDT. Many people, singly and in groups, independently reported seeing a brilliant reddish-orange object moving south to north. It was described as a large, flat-bottomed dome (hemisphere) with pulsating red, green and yellow lights (body lights). A man driving a truck into the mountains reported that a luminous orange object approached and hovered over a truck, changing to green and blue. Its light illuminated the ground as bright as day. The object followed the truck then departed at high speed. (Salisbury, 1974, p. 55-61.)

Oct.12, 1967; Roanoke, VA
6:37 p.m. EDT. A man saw a bright, blue-white sphere hovering over a mountain. The object moved laterally when an aircraft approached it (aircraft avoidance), then accelerated and sped away. Witness had seen similar objects before. (NICAP report form.) .

Oct. 12, 1967; Dubuque, IA
6:30 p.m. CDT. Seven children saw a silver, egg-shaped object with legs that appeared to be preparing to land in the yard where the children were. The object moved off when the children approached. It was estimated to be the size of a picture window. Reportedly a similar object was seen several hours later over a nearby town. (Stars 6t Stripes, 10/15/67, NICAP files.)

Oct.13, 1967; Bt. Elnora and Mirror, Alberta, Canada
1:50 a.m. A locomotive engineer reported that his freight train was paced by an unidentified object for 30 miles. The object once came within 100 yards. was seen to be flat on the bottom with a dark dome-like structure on top (domed disc). It was estimated to be 40-50 feet wide and 15-18 feet tall. The underside was circled by brightly colored, blinking lights of red, yellow, orange, and blue-green (body lights) that seemed to be recessed into the object (not protruding). The bottom center had a large white light about 10 feet in diameter. A vapor-like light trailed the object. The engineer called the attention of other railroad employees to the object. Possible EM effect noted on radio. (Keyhoe and Lore, 1969a, pp. 10-11.)

Oct.14, 1967; Ouray, UT
7:45 p.m. MDT. Two men in a car saw a sharp-edged, bright orange object shaped like a "haystack on fire" (hemisphere), flat on the bottom, that rose from on or near the ground emitting blinding light as their car approached. It moved at "terrific speed" and circled across the face of the nearly full moon, blotting out a fraction of the moon for a second. No sound was detected. The object ascended vertically

and disappeared. (Salisbury, 1974, pp. 53-55.)

Oct. 17, 1967; Edmonton, Canada
1:50 AM. The object was sighted one mile N of Elnora by several of the train's crew. Elnora is about 35 miles SE of Red Deer. Engineer William (Ben) Benwick): "If I'd had a sling-shot, I could have knocked it down". It was an unidentified flying object that Benwick and other crew members of the CNR 443-North speed freight say followed them early that Friday morning. Mr. Benwick, of Calgary, said the object flew alongside the train at a distance of about 100 yards. On one occasion, he said it dived toward the train and came much closer. At first he had been reluctant to report the incident to a newspaper. "I thought everybody would take me for a nut," he said. He told The Journal that the train was going at about 50 mph at the time and that the UFO followed along. When they stopped at Alix to drop off a car, it stopped also and "Just hung there." It then followed the train all the way into Mirror. Benwick described the UFO as being a little more than the length of a boxcar in diameter, about 40 feet. It had colored lights around the rim which flashed red, green, orange, and yellow. Its top cone was black, and underneath there was a circle of glowing light, about 10 feet in diameter. "When we got to Mirror, I told the operator there about it, and he asked what I had been drinking. I told him: 'There it is, right in front of you,' and he just said: 'My God'." The CNR operator at Mirror, Larry Mazure, later told Mr. Benwick that the UFO hovered about 15 miles east of Mirror for two hours more before it left. The same night, Mrs. David Soppit, who lives about five miles west of Mirror, reported to The Journal that she had heard a humming or whirring noise, and when she looked out the window she saw an extremely fast moving light in the sky. The following night, the engineer of another freight train, Hubert Schmidt, also reported the sighting of a UFO.

Oct.17, 1967; Holmeschapel, Cheshire, England
6:00 p.m. LT (2:00 p.m. EDT). A truck driver on the M6 Motorway watched a dark circular craft moving parallel to his path for 5-1/2 miles as he drove at 35-40 m.p.h. He stopped and got out to better observe the object, which was disc-shaped with a rim around the center and had illuminated portholes. He heard a whirring sound and rush of air and saw what appeared to be exhaust flames issuing from the rear portion of the rim. Finally the object turned and, with a "sliding" motion, moved across the Motorway, accelerated, and departed at "incredible speed" back in the direction it had come from. (Stanway and Pace, 1968, pp. 17, 44-46.)

Oct. 17, 1967; Somerset County, NJ
9:20 p.m. EDT. A policeman and another man saw red and green lights in a square pattern that glided, hovered, ascended, then divided into two groups which moved off. A popping sound, like fireworks, was heard during the sighting. The object or group of lights once approached when a spotlight was shone at it (light reaction). (Plainfield Courier-News, N.J., 10/18/67, NICAP files.)

Oct.17, 1967; Roosevelt, UT
10:00 p.m. MDT. A couple saw a large orange, ball of light that hovered over a corral. It was joined by a second orange ball (rendezvous), and they flew away together to the east. (Salisbury, 1974, Appendix B, Table 1, case 54.)

Oct.17, 1967; Berkeley, CA
10:04 p.m. PDT (11:04 p.m. MDT). A woman saw an egg-shaped object which swooped down, skimmed over rooftops, stopped, retreated, then fell to the ground. Initially it appeared like a balloon with orange fire at one end and seemed to rotate and wobble. When stopped, it became a ball of fire that expanded as if about to explode. When it retreated it diminished to a bright light, then to a flowing ash before falling. (Letter from witness, 10/23/67, NICAP files.) [Very probably a flare or candle-carrying hoax balloon, often made from a laundry bag, which were common at the time.]

Oct. 18, 1967; Pyatigorsk, Russia
6:00 p.m. Astronomer Z. Kadikov, from Kazan Engelgardt observatory, saw a bright object in the northwest. It was a crescent with sharp edges and pointed horns, yellow in color with a pale bluish tail,

moving at about 1.5 degrees per second. It became smaller as it flew and was eventually reduced to a point. Finding other witnesses, Kadikov was able to triangulate the phenomenon. He estimated it may have been about fifty miles above the earth and some 1,800 feet between the "horns," flying at about three miles per second. (Ref. 3)

Oct. 18, 1967; Lake Charles, LA (BBU)
9 p.m. John Herbert [and Sonnier?] saw a bright, fiery ball flash 4 times while moving E, just above tree tops. (Berliner; FUFOR Index)

Oct.19, 1967; Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada
9:45 p.m. MDT. Five teenagers saw a disc with two white lights at one end and a red light at the other (body lights). The object appeared to be spinning. It swooped down from high altitude, leveled off, and moved away at high speed. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP files.)

Oct. 20, 1967; Milledgeville, GA
4:36 a.m. EDT. Two police officers reported that a bright red ellipse followed and illuminated the interior of their patrol car. Later police sightings that morning very possibly or probably were astronomical. (Hitt, 1999.)

Oct. 21, 1967; Blytheville AFB, Arkansas (BBU)
6:16 a.m. 2 control tower operators and an observer at the S end of the runway saw 2 dark oblong table-latter shaped objects with 7 ft long exhaust at about 1,200-1,500 ft height fly E to W, tracked by RAPCON radar at a distance of 2 miles, make a turn to the SW when they disappeared. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 6, case DD-3)

Oct. 22, 1967; Newnan, GA
4:30 a.m. EDT. Two police officers saw a ball of white light flying at treetop level. They stopped to get a fix on it, then tried to approach it, but it apparently outdistanced them so they turned back. The object then reversed course and began following them. Some sightings during this period appear to have been of astronomical objects, but in this case the object gained on them, caught up, began climbing vertically and emitted a bluish light beam that illuminated the roadway, then "zoomed up into the sky." (Hitt, 1999.)

Oct. 22, 1967; Maritimes, Nice, France
3:38 p.m. LT. Two witnesses saw a metallic-appearing sphere with a dark central band. The object crossed the sky quickly in a zigzag pattern. (Report from local investigator, NICAP files.)

Oct. 22, 1967; Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Evening, CDT. Two real estate salesmen saw three brilliant, 2-3 foot diameter, pulsating red lights floating over a field, apparently body lights on a larger craft. A car stopped with six people who also saw the lights. Two similar objects (apparent craft with body lights) appeared, one illuminating the low cloud cover as it descended, and took up positions relative to the first object (rendezvous). The three objects then silently moved away in formation, changing positions to form a triangle. Through binoculars, they could see the shape of the craft behind the lights against the lighter background of the sky, resembling rectangular masses of black glass. Dipping and bobbing, the formation approached power lines, lighting the lines with a red glow as they flew by. They moved to a TV tower area, now appearing as three pulsating orange-red lights. After 5 minutes, the objects broke formation and flew away to the northwest in single file. Physical traces, including small footprints, were found in the field at the site where the object had been seen hovering. One witness reported a bad headache, leg ache, burning on the face, chills, and other physiological effects suggestive of exposure to ionizing radiation. (Bondarchuk, 1979, p. 47-50.)

Oct. 22, 1967; Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Canada
7:45-8:00 p.m. CDT. Two witnesses saw three lights that were about 4 feet in diameter. The two outer

lights were orange/amber and blinked or flickered. The center light was a bright red inverted teardrop shape that moved up and down at regular 2-3 second intervals. The lights were seen intermittently for a half hour as they followed a truck, appearing to descend to within 3 feet of the road surface. The truck made a U-turn, and the lights reversed their direction so the truck was then following them. The lights moved away and blinked out. A few minutes later, one of the witnesses saw a dark object the size of a locomotive in a field. (Clausen report, NICAP files.)

Oct. 22, 1967; Milledgeville, GA
Night. Two groups of policemen about a half-mile apart, while in radio communication, saw a glowing orange-yellow, cylindrical object rise from near the ground about one-quarter of a mile away from one of the groups. The object ascended from a pecan grove between the two groups. One group of police saw the object between them and a higher elevation tree-line about a mile away. The object rose and sped out of sight. Its shape was compared to an old-fashioned water-tower tank. (McDonald letter, 12/1/68, Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files.)

Oct. 22-28 (exact date unknown), 1967; Lancashire, England
4:00 a.m. LT (12:00 midnight EDT). Interference on VHF radio (EM effects) caused a witness to go outside where he saw a cigar-shaped metallic object with an incandescent glow and portholes, and heard a whirring sound. Other witnesses included police officers. (Unidentified newspaper article, copy in NICAP files.)

Oct. 23, 1967; Bristol, Avon, England
4:50 a.m. LT. A woman saw a cigar-shaped object, slightly narrower at one end, with a blinding blue light. Hovering near it were three separate, smaller orange and yellowish lights or objects. All hovered for 15 minutes except for one, which left and returned. It rose into low clouds when an airplane neared (aircraft avoidance). (Hennessey report, NICAP files.)

Oct. 23, 1967; Carlisle, PA
1:30 a.m. EDT. A man saw a silver egg-shaped object with a light blue ring around the center. The object hovered and then flew away, the blue ring changing color to bright pink (color change/motion correlation). (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report and NICAP report form.)

Oct. 24, 1967; Hatherleigh, Devon, England
4:00 a.m. LT. Two policemen saw a bright cross-shaped light that moved at treetop level with witnesses it in pursuit. The object appeared to land behind some trees, but took off before witnesses could reach the site, though they estimated approaching to within 40 yards of the object. The object was later observed to rendezvous in the sky with a similar object. The same or a similar object was seen by other policemen this day and the following day. (Unidentified newspaper clippings and letter from local investigator, NICAP files.)

Oct. 24, 1967; Castine, ME
6:45 p.m. EDT. A man saw three oval orange lights in step formation which ascended by constantly repositioning the bottom light to the top, the bottom light fading out and then appearing in the top position. This cycle repeated and the formation ascended. (Letter, NICAP files.)

Oct. 24, 1967; Newfield, NY
9:30 p.m. EDT. A disc-like object with a knob and antenna (protrusions) on top approached in a tilted down position. Two humanoid figures and control panels were visible through windows. The object then tilted back and shot out of sight. Hand-held radios had static during the sighting (EM effects). (Hall, 2001, p. 458, from: APRO Bulletin, Sept.-Oct. 1967, p.10; Gillmor, 1969, pp. 376-78, case 38.)

Oct. 25, 1967; Hooks, Hempstead, UK
4:30 a.m. LT. A truck driver saw a domed disc that hovered ahead of his lorry, and felt pressure on his eardrums (physiological effects). (Flying Saucer Review, Nov.-Dec 1967, p. 6.)

Oct. 25, 1067; Wentworth Valley, Nova Scotia, Canada
3:15 PM. Raymond Putnam, rear brakeman on "The Cabot" with Canadian National Railways, was travelling between Halifax and Moncton. He opened the upper half of the door on the left side of the last car, to get a breath of air and glanced up the side of the train by Wentworth Station and saw over the trees a UFO. At first he though it was something falling from the sky because there was green vapor billowing from the top of it that he later thought might be the exhaust end of the object when it was in flight. The UFO was tracking alongside the train at treetop level, negating Putnam's first impression that it was falling. The brakeman tried to watch it but at this point it was giving off such a terrific light or radiation that although it was daylight he had trouble looking directly at it. He put his hands up to cover his face and peered through his fingers, first with one eye, then the other. When he looked away, he had difficulty believing what he was seeing and would look again to reassure himself that he was not imagining it. Fascinated, Putnam continued to watch the UFO as it tagged along beside the train and sometimes just behind it, but still off to the side. Sometimes it would swoop upwards to the tops of the mountains a bit away from the train then would come back to it as the train clacked through more moderate terrain. As it drifted away it seemed to bank, like an aeroplane, "at a 45-degree angle with its rear-top end to the left and later rolled on to a quarter turn so the flat sides were up and down." Suddenly a jet dove down from a high altitude and converged on the object, coming up on it from behind and directly toward the "exhaust end" of the UFO. The object leveled out and a short thin exhaust issued from behind it. Strangely now the object began to elongate turning into a cigar shape, then a cigar shaped cloud, then a long cloud. The cloud/UFO accelerated away to the west and to the left of the sun with the jet in hot pursuit. Two other witnesses. 35 mins. Medical effects. (MUFON's Nova Scotia Director, Steve MacLean, Don Ledger) [See detaied report linked below]

Oct. 25, 1967; Otradnoy Stanista, Russia
4:05 p.m. Witness N. Savrasov, an advanced geography student, and his mother-in-law were able to observe two spherical objects flying from the northwest to the southeast. The largest object was yellowish, cloudy. The smaller one, which seemed to be pulling it, appeared metallic. (Ref. 3)

Oct. 26, 1967; Wales, United Kingdom
7:00 a.m. LT. Two men saw two cross-shaped objects hovering in the sky for 20 minutes. (From Hennessey, NICAP report form.)

Oct. 26, 1967; Middlesex, England
7:10 a.m. LT. Two couples saw a soft glowing orange ball (sphere) that changed to long star shape (cross shape) which disappeared leaving a black ball with pinpoints of light on each side. The object hovered for 2 minutes, then crossed the sky and disappeared. (Hennessey report received 12/11/67.)

Oct 26, 1967; Rock Hill, SC
Dusk, EDT. Two women saw a silver bell-shaped object with red revolving lights at the top (body lights) and an apparent row of windows around the upper portion. When the object moved, the lights turned blue (color change/motion correlation). Before it departed the object appeared and disappeared several times while apparently following the car. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP files.)

Oct. 26, 1967; Newton, NH
9:30 p.m. EDT. Four witnesses saw a dark object with two horizontal rows of red lights, a green light, and a white light (body lights). The object circled, hovered, reversed direction (maneuvered) and emitted a humming sound. Dogs in the area barked and whined (animal reactions) during the sighting. (Fowler, 1974, p. 350.)

Oct. 26, 1967; South Dorset, UK
11:25 p.m. LT. A former BOAC airline pilot and photo interpreter saw a transluscent object with a center chamber and four "fuselages" that changed position relative to the center. The object had a long thin projection in front and three together at the rear. It descended at high speed until it was 200-300

feet above the ground about one-quarter of a mile away. As the object hovered for 22 minutes, the fuselages (each estimated as 75 feet long and grooved along the bottoms) moved into a cross shape. The object rotated 90 degrees and remained motionless. The translucence of the object made it take on the color of the sky, and it changed hue as clouds passed over. The object then returned to its original configuration and sped off. Two dogs with the witness were extremely distraught (animal reactions). (Hennesey report, NICAP files; Good, 1987, pp. 61-63; Keyhoe and Lore, 1969b, pp. 35-37; Flying Saucer Review, Jan.-Feb. 1968, p. 3; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 3, Nov.-Dec. 1967, p. 3 and Jan.-Feb. 1968, pp. 4-5.)

Oct. 26, 1967; Portland, UK
Cylinder with four arms over nuclear plant, A-R.

Change in Air Force Regulation, AFR-80-17 (C1)

> The University of Colorado (2) under a research agreement with the Air Force, will conduct a study of UFOs. This program (to run approximately 15 months) will be conducted independently and without restrictions.

Oct. 27, 1967; Over Atlantic Ocean NE of Jacksonville, FL
3:00 a.m. EDT. The pilot of a Piper-Twin Comanche, plus two pilots and a passenger on board, saw a " bright light, then visible as six huge, round, bright-white lights in a horizontal row on a darker object (body lights). It approached on a collision course, and was seen to be a gray equilateral triangle with a triangular opening at its center. The object made an un-banked 180 degree turn, then took off and disappeared in a flash. (Haines, 2000, pp. 58-59.)

Oct. 27, 1967; Parshall, ND
3:00 a.m. CDT (4:00 a.m. EDT). A waitress driving home saw a large, round, revolving object with alternating triangular areas of coloration. The object was low and moving horizontally an estimated two blocks away. As it paced her car, she saw 2-3 white streaks of light (light beams) coming down vertically from the object. Her car gave the impression of having flat tires or of having rocks hitting the bottom of the chassis. A second witness, a police officer, saw a low-altitude, bright round light like a welding-torch which illuminated the ground. The object moved slowly with vertical oscillations, and changed color from blue to green-white. It departed vertically, disappearing in 5 seconds. [Parshall, North Dakota, is located near the (H) Hotel Flight Launch Facilities Minot AFB ICBM Complex]

Oct. 27, 1967; Max, ND
3:30 a.m. CDT. A milk truck driver reported a round, spinning red object that followed his truck for about an hour. At one point it hovered silently over his truck. Finally, as it was hovering over a field, it turned blue and raced away (color change/motion correlation). (Hall, 2001, p. 188; MUFON UFO Journal, Oct. 1987, p. 19; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 5, March 1968, p. 3; McDonald letter, 12/19/68, Donald E. Keyhoe Archives files; Keyhoe and Lore, 1969a, p. 6.) [Max, ND is located in the (D) Delta Flight Launch Facilities Minot AFB Minuteman ICBM Complex]

Oct. 27, 1967; Hampshire, England
2:20 p.m. LT (10:20 a.m. EDT) A man saw a black, mushroom-shaped object being chased by two aircraft. The sound of the aircraft attracted the witness's attention. The black object turned without banking and climbed steeply into a dark cloud (Unidentified newspaper clipping and NICAP report form.)

Oct. 27, 1967; Weston Coyney, Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, England
7:15 p.m. LT (3:15 p.m. EDT). A witness saw an object dropping vertically from the sky. The object stopped about 100 feet above the ground and hovered. Its shape was like "squared off" spinning top with a dark band around the center. The top section pulsated from bright to dull orange every few seconds, while the bottom section remained a constant red. The glow from the object lit up the sky around it. A soft humming sound could be heard, and a gray "vapor trail" was visible behind it. The

witness felt a cold sensation all over his body. After about 10 seconds, the object 5 accelerated and sped out of sight to the north in about 30 seconds. (Stanway and f, Pace, 1968, p. 18.)

Oct. 27, 1967; Parshall, ND
Sphere rose, paced car, which began steering hard. Object hovered near missile base, shot straight up out of sight in seconds (section V).

Oct. 28, 1967;  Tunbridge Wells, Kent, UK
Cat. 3. Triangular object with bright white lights ahead. Slowly rose and moved away; car could then be restarted. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 14, No. 3; See Rodeghier, 1981, p. 37 [E,L]) car.

Oct. 30, 1967; Holland, MI
4:00 a.m. EST. A policeman saw a bright orange half-moon (hemisphere) shaped object that was three times the size of the moon. The object hovered, but moved off when the witness approached, disappearing behind trees. It reappeared briefly and then moved out of sight. (Holland Sentinel, 10/30/67, copy in NICAP files.)

Oct. 30, 1967; S. Allentown, PA
7:10 p.m. EST. A woman and her son saw two luminous globe-shaped objects with red, green, and white body lights, at first moving slowly, then maneuvering rapidly as if in a "dogfight." At one point they joined together and appeared as a single object, and the body lights went out. After 3-4 minutes the objects "zipped away" and disappeared. (NICAP report forms and letter.)

Oct. 30, 1967; Boyup Brook, Western Australia, Australia
At about 9:30 PM local time. A Mr Spargo was travelling alone, in his car, on the Mayanup to Kojonup road, at a speed of about 60-65 miles per hour. He was approached by a lighted object from the sky. Spargo noted that a beam of light came from a 'tube' which came from the object, and immersed the car. Almost immediately, the car stopped 'dead.' However, there was no feeling of deceleration felt. The vehicles motor, lights and radio went off. There was no noise associated with the object. The 'tube' seemed two to three feet in diameter. It was not uncomfortable to the eyes. After a period, which he estimated as five minutes, the tube of light closed off, and the object disappeared. His vehicle was suddenly going at 60-65 miles per hour again, with no feeling of acceleration. The object was only seen from underneath, but he estimated its diameter as 30 feet, and said it was about 100 feet up in the air. It glowed iridescent blue. (Sources: (1) Transcript of 1967 interview between Spargo and Dr Paul Zeck, a Perth psychiatrist, obtained by Keith Basterfield. (2) Australian Flying Saucer Review (Vic.) No. 8. October 1968. p.18.)

Oct. 31, 1967; Bournemouth, Southampton, England
8:50 p.m. LT. A man and his family saw two dull red metallic objects shaped like a spinning top or discus. They traveled parallel in the sky, joined together and separated twice before, disappearing into a cloud after about 15 seconds. (NICAP report form, received from Hennessey 11/30/67.)

Oct. 31, 1967; Stoke-On-Trent, Werrington, England
10:35 p.m. LT. A witness saw through a window a glowing orange-red, cigar-shaped object hovering low in the sky, a bluish-green area visible on its underside. It was a clear, starry night. The brilliant light from the object tended to conceal its outline and illuminated his room like the full moon. After about 7 minutes, the object accelerated and sped away, its front portion increasing in brightness until it appeared white (luminosity/motion correlation). (Stanway and Pace, 1968, p. 18.)

Nov. 2, 1967; Ririe, ID
9:30 p.m. MST. Two Indian youths in a car saw a disc with a transparent dome on top and multicolored lights along the rim (body lights). The object hovered in front of the car which stopped (EM effects). Two occupants were seen in the craft. One occupant got out and entered the driver's seat of the car. The car either followed the craft or was towed into a field where one witness got out and ran off for help,

followed by the second occupant, while the other frightened youth stayed in the car with the first occupant, who tried to communicate with him. The second occupant returned, and the two re-entered the craft, which rose and departed, a yellow flame-like light coming from the bottom. (Hall, 2001, pp. 480-82; Keyhoe and Lore, 1969a, pp. 31-32; Keyhoe and. Lore, 1969b, pp. 23-27.)

Nov. 3, 1967; Verner, Ontario, Canada
10:45 p.m. EST. While driving, a couple and their children saw an oval light that moved alongside the highway, crossed over it, crossed back and went out of sight. The object was described as turning on itself or turning sideways (rotation), like the beaters of a mix-master. (NICAP report form.)

Nov. 4, 1967; Greenfield, CA
12:35 a.m. PST (2:35 a.m. CST). Two women saw a bright circular object about 100 feet in diameter hovering 100-150 feet above a house at an angle. The object made a sharp turn, shot out flames, and disappeared after about a minute, leaving a cloudy yellow luminous trail. (California NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP report form; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 5, March 1968, p. 3.)

Nov. 4, 1967; Fort Riley, KS
5:00 a.m. CST. Multiple witnesses saw four bright lights that hovered, moved off, changed direction (maneuvered), and went out of sight. An Army unit was dispatched to investigate at the request of local police. (Topeka Capital-Journal, Kans., 11/5/67, NICAP files.)

Nov. 5, 1967; Alderwood Manor, WA
5:35 p.m. PST. A witness saw a bright orange oblong object that passed overhead, maneuvered, hovered, and descended. It produced a humming sound. (Washington State NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files.)

Nov. 5, 1967; Fordingbridge, England
Just before midnight. A diesel lorry (truck) driver experienced engine and radio failure (EM effects) and saw a glowing green, egg-shaped object, with a whitish dome or projection underneath, hovering 10 feet over the road. A car coming from the other direction was also stopped. The object rose to about 40 feet and sped away. (Flying Saucer Review, Nov-Dec. 1967, p. 4; London Daily Express, 11/7/67, copy in NICAP files; Hennessey report, NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 5, March 1968, p. 3.) (See Section VI, UFOE II [E,R,L])

Nov. 6, 1967; River Avon, Hampshire, England
1:30 a.m. GMT. A man driving a diesel truck noticed his headlights dimmed and then failed (EM effects). He stopped, his engine still running, and saw a large purplish-red oval object (estimated 80 feet long) moving across the road ahead at telegraph pole height, emitting a humming sound. The object hovered, and after a few seconds started to move and sped away. The witness noticed a pungent burning odor. Another car going in the opposite direction was also stopped and experienced both engine and headlight failure. (Randies and Warrington, 1985, pp. 105-07.)

Nov. 6, 1967; Treysa, Federal Republic of Germany
3:30-5:45 a.m. LT. Five UFOs were reported hovering over Hartdurg area. Two of the UFOs were approximately 15 to 20 feet in diameter and three were approximately eight to ten feet in diameter. All of the UFOs were of a red and white color with a green fringe. Witness photographed the UFOs on color film and submitted the unprocessed film to the Military Police. (NARA-PBB92-607)

Nov. 6, 1967; Kazan, USSR
Night. A luminous red Saturn-shaped object hovered for 7-10 minutes spinning on its axis, then accelerated and sped away. (Vallee, 1992, p. 194.)

Nov. 8, 1967; Charleston, SC
4:00 a.m. EST. A policeman saw a bright oval light with a red light on one end. It hovered at low

altitude, moved back and forth (maneuvered), then disappeared. The officer tried to close in on the object but could not. He had just finished talking to a couple who claimed an object had followed them. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP files.)

Nov. 8, 1967; Ramsgate Harbor, England
5:05 p.m. GMT. A large unidentified object was seen on radar. It was stationary (hovering) at first, then accelerated to 5 miles/second flying in a semicircle near the harbor, then shot off the scope. (Hennessey report, NICAP files.)

Nov. 8, 1967; Elsinore, CA
Cat. 3. Red-orange disc, witness felt pressure on head and shoulders. (Gilmore , Case 39, 1969, p. 380 [E,R,L]) truck and car.

Nov. 9, 1967; Miass, near Chelyabin, Russia
A white cigar-shaped object with some black dashes at one end was seen moving through the sky by I.S. Lunyanov. It was flying toward Zlatoust. (Ref. 3)

Nov. 9, 1967; Nr. Erin, TN
11:45 p.m. CST. Two nurses driving home from a Waverly, Tennessee hospital stopped for a traffic light in Erin, Tennessee. While stopped they saw a large UFO approach and land on the highway in front of them. Without the driver "feeding gas or anything" the car began to move of its own accord until it stopped a mere thirty feet or so away from the semi-transparent craft. Inside the craft there were at least five small figures looking at them. The women felt completely unafraid and transfixed. The craft rose up and moved away and the women began eagerly to follow it. It "led" them to a rural road where they saw it land. The lights on their car went out. The next recollection was of the object high in the sky leaving them, but they perceived no time lapse nor did they ever check the time. (MUFON Sympap 81, p. 23)

Nov. 10, 1967; Wabash, IN
2:00 a.m. EST. A woman heard a sound like a sonic boom and went to the window to investigate. She saw a glimmering, white-green-yellow egg-shaped object hovering in the northwest. The object was the apparent size of two full moons (about 1 degree of arc). The witness went to another window seeking a better view of the object, but the view was obscured by trees. When she returned to the original window, the object had disappeared. (Witness notes and NICAP report form.)

Nov. 11, 1967; North Olmsted, Ohio
At 9:05 p.m. EST, the Olmsted FAA (Cleveland) Air Traffic Control Center tracked an object on ARSR radar for 1 1/2 hours. The object was first detected at a point 20 to 25 miles north of Erie, Pa. The object traveled at about 50 mph in a straight line towards Buffalo, New, York. The object was a definite, primary target and was in a place they didn't ordinarily pick up targets. The object vanished approximately 10 miles from Buffalo. Radar at Buffalo also tracked the object. (Dan Wilson)

Nov. 13, 1967; Nr. Reed Park, Springfield, OH
4:00 a.m. LT. Described as a 30' diameter orange object. When witness shown spotlight on it it changed to a pinkish object and came towards him. Witness became frightened and fled, called police. (NARA-PBB90-354)

Nov. 14, 1967; Liepaya, Russia
A large, luminous object shaped like a hemisphere hovered low over the ground. It moved away quickly with a fiery light that was painful to the eye. There were several witnesses. (Ref. 3)

Nov. 15, 1967; Yerecoin, Western Australia, Australia
About 6:30 PM. Alan Pool, aged 43, was mustering sheep in his landrover, when he heard a 'humming' noise. The sound increased in volume, and he saw an approaching object, coming from the east, which

then stopped only four to five feet away from the vehicle. The humming noise was now very loud and he felt vibrations from it. The object looked like an inverted saucer shape, some 12-20 feet in diameter, with four 'windows.' Its height was five to six feet. It was metallic grey in color, and hovering a few feet above the ground. He spoke at the object and heard his words repeated back to him, in his own voice. There were no electro-magnetic effects to this vehicle. He then went to open his vehicle's door, and as he did so the object rose into the air vertically. In the next two to three seconds that it took him to get out of his vehicle, the object had disappeared from sight, but the humming noise was still audible. The total duration of the event was 10 seconds from the time he had first seen it to when it disappeared. The weather was reported to be cloudy, with a slight drizzle of rain, and with strong winds. (Sources: (1) The West Australian (Perth) newspaper dated November 17, 1967 pp 1 &13. (2) Australian Flying Saucer Review. No. 8. October 1968. p.13.)

Nov. 15, 1967; Sasnava, Russia
4:30 a.m. V. Treychis observed a round object in the sky for thirty-five minutes, twenty degrees above the northeast horizon. It seemed to measure 300 feet in diameter. It was very bright and tongues of flame were visible. (Ref. 3)

Nov. 15, 1967; Florence, Italy
2:30 p.m. LT. The pilot and crew of a British European Airways plane flying at 27,000 feet had a 10-minute encounter with an object that passed over them at about 50,000 feet. The object first appeared star-like, then as it neared was seen to be delta-shaped with a notch in the shortest side, and similar to a streamlined F-111. It was aluminum colored (silvery), very bright, with no shadows and estimated to be two to three times the size of a normal aircraft. (Roth Volunteer Flight Officers Network report, NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 4, Jan.-Feb. 1968, p. 3.)

Nov. 15, 1967; Fort Simpson, NW Terretories, Canada
7:11 a.m. PST. A weather observer at a local airport saw a spherical object glowing blue-green that moved across the sky, made a 90-degree turn, slowed down, turned around, and resumed its original flight path. The object then made another 90-degree turn and continued until lost from view behind clouds. (Letter from witness, NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 4, Jan.-Feb. 1968, p. 3.)

Nov. 15, 1967; Carlisle, PA
8:30 p.m. EST. Two women saw an oblong object which had white glowing lights in front and back (body lights). It traveled slowly eastward, passing in front of the moon, eclipsing three-fourths of the moon. The object then gained altitude and disappeared. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report and NICAP report form, NICAP files.)

Nov. 15, 1967; Harrisburg, PA
10:00 p.m. EST. Several witnesses saw a shiny metallic-appearing ball with small discs positioned to each side. The object swayed, descended with rays of light (light beams) becoming visible, stopped, turned, and ascended (maneuvered). The small discs seeming to play tag during the ascent. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report, NICAP files.)

Nov. 15, 1967; Summerdale, PA
Bt. 10:50 and 11:15 pm. Multiple witnesses saw a white ball of light, possibly with red blinking lights on the side, bounce around over WTPA TV towers for 2-10 minutes. (Pennsylvania NICAP Subcommittee report and NICAP report forms, NICAP files.)

Nov. 17, 1967; Winona, MN
5:20 p.m. CST. A man saw a metallic-appearing saucer that had a large canopy (dome) on top and a smaller one underneath. The object was trailing a long stream of white fire (exhaust) with wispy black smoke behind that. It emerged from clouds on a downward path and then moved back up into clouds (maneuvered). Once it seemed to hover. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP files.)

Nov. 18, 1967; Kingston, Jamaica, west Indies
8:00 p.m. LT. Four people saw two red lights (body lights) on an object with a row of windows below. The object circled, approached the witnesses, tilted, circled, and sped off. (Letter, NICAP files.)

Nov. 19, 1967; Calgary, Alberta, Canada
5:45 p.m. MST. While walking home, a 14-year-old boy saw a silver-grayish object with flashing , multi-colored lights (body lights) around the center. The object was making a high-pitched sound. He ran home, discovered that 45 minutes of time was missing, and an abduction was revealed under hypnosis. (Bondarchuk, 1979, pp. 83-88.)

Nov. 19 or 20, 1967; Burlington County, NJ
Bt. 3:30-4:00 a.m. EST. A police officer, who is also a private pilot who has tracked aircraft with NORAD, saw a bright circular object about 50 feet in diameter that traveled under the cloud deck at an estimated 1,000 mph. (Letter, NICAP files.)

Nov. 20, 1967; Roosevelt, UT
10:00 p.m. MST. A man saw pulsating, rotating , red, green, and amber lights about 100 yards away. A shadowy round area could be seen below the lights. With night binoculars, no aircraft shape could be seen. The 5 object/lights flew slowly, then sped up. (Salisbury, 1974, Appendix B, Table 1, case 58.)

Nov. 21, 1967; Sofia, Bulgaria
5:10 p.m. LT. An unknown number of witnesses saw a slowly moving, high altitude object emitting a pale blue light over the city. First it looked like a large ball, then it stopped directly over Sofia and had a trapezoid shape. The object resumed its round shape (like an open parachute or balloon). It had a green light in the shape of an arch over the top, which created a greenish halo with sharp, fiery ribbons. After sunset, the object glowed with a silvery-blue color, then orange, before disappearing over the horizon. Scientists ruled out a balloon (moving against the wind) or a satellite. (U.F.O. Investigator, 5 Vol. IV, No. 4, Jan.-Feb. 1968, p. 3.) [Possible high-altitude plastic research balloon]

November 22, 1967 - Saunders Gives Copy of Low Memo to Keyhoe

> Dr. David Saunders (University of Colorado UFO project under AF contract [2]) gave copy of the "Trick-would-be memo" to NICAP's Donald:Keyhoe. Keyhoe told McDonald but apparently did not give him a copy. (See Dec.12 meeting) (Sparks)

Nov. 23, 1967; Zagreb, Yugoslavia
Picture taken by Farcich Zoran, near Zagreb.

Nov. 24, 1967; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2:30 p.m. Three small white-clad figures (humanoids) were seen around a disc that had a dome and red body lights. Physical traces were found at the site. (APRO Bulletin, Nov.-Dec. 1967, p. 3.)

Nov. 25, 1967; Mikhaylovka, Russia
Midnight. V. Rogov was listening to the radio inside his home when a bright green light called his attention outside. He saw an object flying at great speed across the sky. It disappeared like a meteor but it then reappeared on the same trajectory. It was round and flat, with bright edges. The phenomenon lasted ten minutes. (Ref. 3)

Nov. 27, 1967; Fayette County, IN
9:00 p.m. The object was observed by four witnesses at a rural home. The object dropped down near three other witnesses in a car on a rural road northwest of the Philco-Ford Manufacturing Plant. The object was larger than a house. It was a silver, domed disc with masses of red lights pulsating in an erratic fashion underneath it. The witnesses in the automobile stopped and observed windows inside the dome with computer lights behind these. The witnesses fled the scene, tearing down the gravel road

at high speed. The duration of this sighting was ten minutes. (Don Worley files)

Nov. 28, 1967; High River, Alta, Canada
Cat. 3. Elongated blue-green object, sound like a "jet motor", flew by, after which lights, radio worked normally. (CUFOS report: See Rodeghier, 1981, p.39 [R,L] car).

Nov. 28, 1967; Rockport, MA
7:15 p.m. EST. Three witnesses saw a row of 8-10 revolving white lights and a parallel upper row of yellowish lights (body lights) apparently attached to a curved surface of an object concealed behind the lights. (Fowler, 1974, p. 350.)

Nov. 29, 1967; Quinan, Nova Scotia
2:00 a.m. AST. A man saw an object the size of a car with a rounded back, a pointed end, and two or three lights (body lights). It descended and landed in a clearing in woods for about 5 minutes. When the witness called out, the object took off quietly with flame and lights. While the object was on the ground, there was a sound like several radios on full blast all at once, contrasting with the quiet take-off including discharge of flame. (The Vanguard, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, 12/6/67, copy in NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 4, Jan.-Feb. 1968, p. 6.)

Dec. 1, 1967; Coarsegold, CA
Time not reported. A man saw 12 objects displaying green, blue-green, yellow, red, and white lights (body lights). One of the objects appeared to be about 100 feet in diameter, and there was reference to a falling leaf oscillatory motion. The witness said that a farmer had reported landings in the area. (Phone call, NICAP file memo.)

Dec. 3, 1967; Ashland, NE
2:30 a.m. CST. A police patrolman (Herbert Schirmer) saw a hovering, bright aluminum, elliptical object estimated to be 15 feet tall and 20 feet wide with flashing red lights inside. The object rose to about 50 feet off the ground, then emitted a loud twanging noise followed by a beep which got faster, louder, and shriller. The object then shot up and disappeared in 3 seconds. While rising, it emitted a red-orange light beam toward the ground. Under hypnosis, the officer recalled EM effects on his vehicle, meeting with beings, and being on the craft. (Hall, 2001, p. 530-32, from: Blum and Blum, 1974, pp. 109-121; Gillmor, 1969, pp. 389-91; Story, 1980, pp. 318-19.)

Dec. 3, 1967; Wakaw Area, Saskatchewan, Canada
7:45-10:00 p.m. CST. Numerous witnesses in several small towns saw four white or orange objects that appeared and disappeared over a 2-hour period. One object seen close up was orange, then white, and had a dome. It was estimated to be 30 feet in diameter and 15 feet high. Its light illuminated the area beneath it. Wakaw and the other towns are about 50 miles northeast of Saskatoon in south central Saskatchewan. (Saskatoon UFO Club report, NICAP files.)

Dec. 4, 1967; Newfield, NY
1:30 p.m. EST. A couple saw two round convex (disc-like) silver objects with windows around the rim. Their size was estimated as 15-20 feet in diameter and 5 feet thick in the center. The objects hovered at about 100 feet, separated, came back together and disappeared. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP files.)

Dec. 6, 1967; Harrisburg, PA
9:25 p.m. EST. A woman saw an object with a hump (dome) on top and a "window effect" on the underside showing soft white light, and pulsating blue lights on each end (body lights). The object came toward the witness's car, crossing in front of it at 150 feet distance and 100 feet above the ground. (NICAP report form.)

Dec. 7, 1967; El Paso, TX

Early evening. An attorney saw a shiny gray cylindrical object with legs and body lights on the underside. The object hovered at 200 feet, then moved away across the mountains. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP file; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 5, March 1968, p. 3.)

Dec. 7, 1967; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
8:00 p.m. CST. An 11 and a 4-year old saw a large red object that emitted a small fiery object about 8 inches in diameter with many swirling colors, especially green, pink, and white. The small object left a long streak behind it as it circled around the children at a distance of 18-24 inches and then disappeared. The larger red object disappeared at the same time. Similar reports were made to the police and to the Space Engineering Department at the University. (Report from Saskatchewan UFO club, NICAP files.)

Dec. 8, 1967; Deputy, IN
12:30 a.m. EST. A woman reported a large bowl-shaped orange object that levitated her, and she suffered unspecified physiological effects. She had a time confusion and later reported visits by small beings and physical marks left on her body (suggested abduction). (Ridge, 1994, p. 24.)

Dec. 8, 1967; Idaho. Falls, ID
7:40 p.m. MST. A 15-year-old girl saw a very bright white illuminated circular object (disc) the size of a car hovering over her house. The object tilted and rotated so she could see a transparent dome on top with two humanoid figures inside. It appeared to wobble as it moved away, and in the distance the light dimmed and turned orange. (Hall, 2001, p. 459, from: Keyhoe and Lore, 1969a, pp. 29-30.)
Idaho Falls Disc

Dec. 11, 1967; Chico, CA
Night. Two women saw a hat-shaped object with a rounded top (domed disc), a glowing light in the center of the underside, and a series of blinking white and green lights along the rim (body lights). The object maneuvered at high altitude, circling, starting and stopping, and bobbing up and down like a yo-yo. Reportedly a similar object was seen 2 hours earlier at low altitude by other witnesses. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP files.)

December 12 Meeting

> Important event regarding University of Colorado UFO project (2) under AF contract takes place. At this December 12 meeting, Dr. David Saunders, Norman Levine and Robert Low's Administrative Assistant, Mary Lou Armstrong were surprised to hear that James McDonald knew about the Low Memo, apparently from Donald Keyhoe, so they decided to give him a copy so he would at least know for certain exactly what it said and not have to rely on hearsay. McDonald briefly mentioned the memo in his own lengthy 7-page critique of the Project sent to Low himself on Jan 31, 1968, and this is what got Saunders and Levine fired a week later, on Feb. 8, 1968. (Sparks)

Dec. 12, 1967; Grand Rapids, MI
Exact time not given. A woman and four others saw three silvery-white, oblong objects that were flat on the bottom, hat-shaped on top (domed disc). One was larger than the other two. The two smaller objects disappeared when a jet came near (aircraft avoidance); the larger one disappeared when the jet got even closer. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP files.)

Dec. 12, 1967; Bt. Ithaca & Auburn, NY
6:45 p.m. EST. A woman driving with a child in the car reported that a disc with dome, red and green square windows, and white light from underneath passed near the car illuminating its interior and forcing the car off the road. The object hovered nearby at telephone-pole height. The car experienced EM effects (engine and lights failure). A humming sound, and "voices" were heard. The two cities are about 40 miles apart. (Syracuse Herald-Journal, N.Y., 12/21/67, copy in NICAP files. Case investigated by Ted Bloecher and J. E. McDonald, report in NICAP files.)

Dec. 13 , 1967; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
2:00 a.m. MST. A motorist reported that a dome-shaped, metallic-appearing object with body lights around its edge hovered about 150 yards away. The car lights dimmed and the engine sputtered (EM effects). The witness's flashlight would not work during the sighting. (Rodeghier, 1981, p. 39.)

Dec. 13, 1967; North Granby, CT
5:10 p.m. EST. Three members of a family saw multiple cloud-like rings with dark centers that appeared from behind a storm cloud. They moved into a tall vertical formation, then suddenly accelerated away. The number of objects was estimated to be 8-10, and they were observed for 10 minutes. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP files.)

Dec. 14, 1967; Clinton, MI
11:30 p.m. EST. Two aircraft pilots in a car saw a triangular object with a red light at each tip (body lights). It hovered, approached at low altitude, changed course (maneuvered) while overhead, then moved off at high speed. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, NICAP files; U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 4, Jan.-Feb. 1968, p. 6.)

Dec. 15, 1967; Saxon, WI
1:00 a.m. CST. Three men driving to Saxon saw a rapidly spinning sphere with a white light on top and on the bottom, and red and green lights around the equator (body lights). The object approached at low altitude, hovered over a nearby field. While hovering, a smaller sphere discharged from the bottom, and it discharged a smaller sphere, which then discharged a yet smaller sphere These small spheres hovered momentarily one beneath the other, then returned to their original positions within each other and into the original object, which then sped out of sight. (U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 4, Jan.-Feb. 1968, p. 6.)

Dec. 22, 1967; Millersburg, OH
Time not reported. A silvery disc with multicolored body lights revolving around its perimeter buzzed a car. (UFO Fact & Comment, Goodyear UFO Society, Akron, OH, Jan. 9, 1968.)

Dec. 24, 1967; Belmont, MA
Night. Eight witnesses saw 6-7 lights move across the sky one after the other (procession), spaced 30 seconds apart and each following the same path. Their brightness was comparable to Venus and their color was orange. Small twinkling lights, dropping vertically, seemed to fall from several of them, and some of the main lights dimmed or went out while some flew off over the horizon. (Haines, 1994, p. 44, from UNICAT #302.) [Apparent "fireball procession"]

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NORTH AMERICAN REPORT ON RECENT UFO CASES AND RESEARCH

Speaking at the July 29, 1968, House of Representatives symposium on UFOs, Dr. James E. McDonald supported the extraterrestrial hypothesis, but added a proviso: ". . . if the UFOs are not of extramundane origin, then I suspect that they will prove to be something very much more bizarre, something of perhaps even greater scientific interest than extraterrestrial devices."

Map of sightings for 1968, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database (Pending)
Map of Sightings for 1965-1969, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" database

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This is a twelve-page chronology of UFO incidents and events for 1968. Our thanks for these chronologies must go to our documentation team: Richard Hall (the original 1968 chronology from UFOE II), William Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), and Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns). Last, but not least, our thanks to Jean Waskiewicz who created the online NICAP DBase (NSID) that helped make it possible to link from the cases to the reports themselves.

Earlier last year, on September 18, 1967, Condon, Low and Saunders had met for the first time in many weeks. As a result of his reading of the memo, Saunders was deeply concerned about the negative approach to the UFO problem. Saunders was led to believe that if by chance the Extra Terrestrial Intelligence (ETI) hypothesis was substantiated, the announcement would be sent by Condon directly to the Air Force and the President, and never be allowed to go to the public. This troubled him, because Saunders had been given a clear understanding that the report would go first to the National Academy of Sciences, then to the public and Air Force simultaneously. Saunders felt he could not let the problem drop. Another meeting was agreed to. At this point, Keyhoe suddenly sent word that NICAP was going to take a strong stand against the Condon committee and no longer would supply material and reports. The reason, Keyhoe said, was a new speech made by Condon at the Atomic Spectroscopy Symposium at Gaithersburg, Md., on September 13, 1967. A report of the new Condon speech had already reached Dr. McDonald in a letter from a colleague at the University of Arizona, William S. Bickel, assistant professor of physics on the campus. The rest was all down hill, but the Condon Report later tried to say they couldn't get cooperation, as excerpts inserted in the chronology will demonstrate.

The USAF-Sponsored Colorado Project for the Study of UFOs - Michael Swords

As the Colorado UFO Project prepares to announce the failure to find anything of substance to UFOs and the need to close the Air Force Project Blue Book, other studies, such as the secret NSA document below, and later the RAND document (Nov. 27), give a more accurate report..

**Francis Ridge**
**NICAP Site Coordinator**

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Blue Book sighting lists for 1968 by month

SECRET NSA Document on UFOs - 1968 Draft

> Document released by the National Security Agency, prepared in 1968, entitled UFO HYPOTHESIS AND SURVIVAL QUESTIONS. "It is the purpose of this monograph to consider briefly some of the human survival implications suggested by the various principal hypothesis concerning the nature of the phenomena loosely categorized as U F O."

Early 1968; Canon AFB, NM
1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. On one particular night glowing objects were spotted beyond the fence line of the base and in the distant perimeter. The staff at the Air Force Base pretty much ignored these lights on the first night, wondering if it was just someone playing around, or not thinking a whole lot about it. On the second night a couple of Military Security Police were up on the flight line when they observed an object above them and as they watched they saw a white beam of light came down from the object. The beam of light stayed and moved around the flight line. The Security Police were in a position to challenge the beam of light, and when they came near to it ... it skirted them. The light almost matched the Police Officers moves. The Police challenged the light on three different occasions only to have it move around them. (Brian Vike, HBCC UFO Research)

Jan. 2, 1968; White Horse, Yukon, Canada
Bright pulsating yellow-orange object nearby, heat felt. E-M effects on snow mobile. (UFOI, May-Jun 1968, p.3; Star, Jan 4).

Jan. 13, 1968; Carlisle, PA
Large round white object, at times reddish, emitted smaller objects that maneuvered independeptly. (UFOE II, Hall, 414)

Condon Report Plays Down Russian Cooperation

> Condon wrote to (Prof. Feliks) Zigel (Moscow Aviation Institute) to explore the possibility of cooperation between the reported Soviet and Colorado projects. Condon's letter was transmitted to Prof. Zigel as an enclosure with a letter from Dr. Frederick Seitz, President of the U. S. National Academy of Sciences, to Academician M. V. Keldysh, President of

the Soviet Academy of Sciences for subsequent transmittal to Zigel. The letter was mailed on 16 January 1968; as of 31 October 1968, no answer had been received. (Condon Report)

January 19, 1968; Russian DOD IIR Mentions UFOs

Department of Defense Intelligence Information Report (206 pages) includes information on Russian Commission set to study Unidentified Flying Objects. (See pages 89, 90, 206) (John Greenewald, Black Vault) See complete http://www.blackvault.com/documents/ufos/DIAUFOTO79.pdf

January 20, 1968; Russian Documents

"Fantasy or Reality? (Unidentified Flying Objects)"

Jan. 20, 1968; Vermillion, SD

Round orange-red object hovered near ground, moved abruptly to position behind car, road illuminated; made repeated passes at car (Section XII, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence).

Jan. 24, 1968; Fayette County, IN

10:15 p.m. Two orange, glowing saturn-shaped UFO. Motor sound. Twenty minutes. Approaching from distance, objects hovered over woods across road, then one seemed to land while other moved over house. Three women terrified and got bibles and prayed. No landing indications in frozen ground. (Browning) (Worley files)

January 31, 1968

At the December 12 Colorado Project meeting, Saunders, Levine and Low's Administrator, Asst Mary Lou Armstrong were surprised to hear that McDonald knew about the Low Memo, apparently from Keyhoe, so they decided to give him a copy so he would at least know for certain exactly what it said and not have to rely on hearsay. McDonald briefly mentioned the memo in his own lengthy 7-page critique of the Project sent to Low himself on Jan 31, 1968, and this is what got Saunders and Levine fired a week later, on Feb. 8, 1968.

January 31, 1968; Hypothesis About Flying Plates

Hypothesis About Unidentified Flying Objects found in newspaper account, Russian document.

Feb. 1, 1968; Criacao do Cabrito, Azores

Serafim Vieira Sebastiao, a watchman at the Azores Air Station, saw "an oval object with a metallic gleam, topped by a glass tower with a small balustrade on which two beings were standing." There were two other figures inside the tower. When he shone a light toward it, a cloud of dust surrounded the witness, the craft vanished, and he fainted. Investigation by American military authorities. (Magonia #904; FSR 68, 5)

Feb. 4, 1968; Redlands, CA (BBU)

7:20-7:25 p.m. (PST). Numerous witnesses Tetzlaff and others saw a 50-60 ft circular object with 7 lights on the bottom, 8-10 lights on top alternating in color, head NE [or ENE] for about 1 mile at about 300 ft altitude, hover, jerk forward, hover, shot up vertically, hover, wavered to the NW, climbed in altitude slightly, then shot off to the NW at high speed, disappearing. (Hynek UFO Exp app. 4; FUFOR Index)

Feb. 9, 1968. Groveton, MO (BBU 12235)

3:20 [4:20?] a.m. Mr. R. W. Bland noted animal disturbance drawing his attention to a 100 ft circular object about 300 350 ft away hovering about 20-25 ft above ground, lighting up ground, trees, cows, etc. Object had 7 yellowish-green lighted portholes about 2-2.5 ft wide in the center of each concave side (?), and made a whirring [or pulsating?] noise. Disappeared to SW at 45° (?) elevation without tilting. Witness alluded to disappearance of cows in the past. (Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 193-5)

February 9, 1968

Dr. David Saunders and Dr. Norman Levine, members of Air Force-sponsored Colorado UFO project, fired by Dr. E. U. Condon for alleged "incompetence" in controversy over project management (Section XV, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence).

Second Week of February, 1968 - Analysis Ran on Ubatuba Fragments

Dr. David Saunders: "During 'the second week of February, 1968, Roy Craig [a physical chemist on Dr. Condon's UFO Investigation staff] flew to Washington to run the Neutron Activation Analysis [of the magnesium fragment] at the FBI Laboratory. We learned that he had some interesting results. The sample actually was not pure magnesium, but the pattern of impurities was very odd. "

Feb.13, 1968; Missoula, MT

Luminous elliptical object followed car for 30 minutes, moved back and forth across road, made sharp turns and unusual maneuvers, suddenly disappeared (Section IV, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence).

Feb.19, 1968; Bengough, Saskatchewan, Canada

Witness felt "tingling sensations"; domed disc with ports maneuvered around farm, emitting high-pitched whine. Dog cowered in snow, cattle bolted (Section I, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence).

Feb. 21, 1968; Winsted, CT

12:12 a.m. Ms. Cecilia Brewer and five companions were driving home from work between Barkhamsted and Winsted and heading west when their car's engine started to miss and they encountered a silvery domed disc-shaped UFO on the left side of the highway in a forest clearing. The object was at a distance of about 150 feet, and had a cone of white light coming from the bottom of the object. It also had a green lit, rectangular window in the dome. They stopped to watch the UFO before it flew away, the total duration of their close encounter being around 15 minutes. (Source: Donald A. Johnson, *Flying Saucer Observer*, citing Lawrence Fawcett, APRO field investigator).

Early March, 1968 - Klass' Book Released

"UFOs -- Identified!", written by Phillip Klass was published.

March, 1968; Nr. Berezovsky, Russia

Alleged crash/retrieval on the web, and earlier shown on the History Channel. Shows footage of the alleged crashed UFO near Berezovsky (Sverdlovsk region) in 1968 and related alleged KGB documents.

March 3, 1968; Syracuse, NY

6:15 a.m. Nick Sgouris, while driving to work, observed a luminous, cigar-shaped object, about 20 m long, showing numerous multi-colored lights. The car almost stopped as the object flew low overhead, and the witness was briefly paralyzed. (Magonia #905; APRO Bulletin 67)

March 3, 1968; Northeastern and Central United States

About 9:50 P.M. (CST). Hundreds of people reported fiery objects streaking across the sky, some showering sparks, leaving bright trails. Zond IV Soviet satellite reentry and decay (Sagan and Page, 1972, 155-161).

March 4 (3rd ?), 1968; near Medina, New York

Nick Sgouris, while driving to work observed a luminous cigar-shaped object about 20 meters long, flying low over his car. Witness was briefly paralyzed. (Reference: Passport to Magonia, by Jaques Vallee, page 356, gives date as March 3, 1968, and TheUFO Evidence, Volume II, by Richard Hall, page 274, gives date as March 4, 1968.)

March 6, 1968l Amarillo, TX (BBU)
5:30 to 5:45 a.m. CST approx. A manager of a truck stop at Highway 287 and Pullman Switch Road saw a stationary object in the sky that looked like the edge of a plate. The object then tilted and took on the appearance of a top view of a plate and sped rapidly away to the east at around a 30 degree angle upward and disappeared into the clouds. The observer estimated the diameter of the object between 30 and 70 feet. At around 6:20 to 6:30 a.m. a 39 year-old woman, a USAF nurse, a Major Hottinger, driving to work at the Amarillo AFB, on Eastern Street near Highway 287, heard a noise like a wind tunnel or tornado. She stopped her car and got out and looked around. She then saw a circular object in the sky to the east at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet. The object was estimated to be 50 to 60 feet in diameter. The Major drove east on Highway 287 with the object preceding her. After driving about 3 miles she stopped at the Shelly Truck Stop at Pullman Switch Road. She went inside and ask the manager to come outside and look at the object. The manager got into his car to follow the object with Major Hottinger following in her car. She continued to watch the object until she turned off Highway 287 north onto Spur Road and went to the South Gate of the Amarillo AFB where she works at the hospital. At around 7:00 a.m. A/1C Joseph F. Winfield was on duty at the South Gate of Amarillo AFB when he saw to the NE a yellow light or object with a red flashing light on top drop from a dark cloud, make a right angle turn, travel horizontally and then go straight back up into the cloud. Winfield estimated that the object was about 700 to 800 feet in altitude and the size of a semi-trailer. This last one was in sight for approximately 5-6 seconds. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index, Dan Wilson)

March 7, 1968; Madison, OH
Time not given. CE, one witness (Robbin) No details. (SL-12)

March 19, 1968; Beallsville, OH
Time not given. CE-2, one witness (Wells). No details. (APROB-16)

Spring of 1968; Aurora, IL
Evening. An oval shaped light, red at the front (the direction of travel at the time), yellow in the middle and blue at the back was observed for a few passes, then moved off, silently and quickly to the north without gaining altitude, getting smaller until it was out of sight. But it wasn't over. Two interceptor jets came out of the west and roared over the witness heading north toward where the object disappeared. Jets were below 500 feet and on afterburner. (Brian Vike, Director, HBCC UFO Research)

April 4, 1968; Cochrane, WI
Object glowing orange while standing still, bright red while moving, hovered over car, heat, "weightlessness felt". (CUFOS report, see Rodeghier, 1981, p.40 [E,L] two cars.

April 11, 1968 - Condon Committee Seeks Help From Other Nations?

> According to the Condon Report, the cooperation of the Department of State was enlisted to seek information about UFO programs of the governments of other nations. On 11 April 1968 the cited air gram (see link above) was sent to various American embassies over the signature of Secretary of State Dean Rusk: (Condon Report)

May, 1968; Centralia, IL
Evening. Several minutes. Several strange occurrences. Strange glow moved (1:00 a.m.) E-M effects (stopped clock), burned trees, brood son vanished 9animal effects). Later in the month a hat-shaped UFO was observed by two men. Object had portholes illuminated by white light. Running lights (red and white) on each end; high-pitch whine. (SL, Sept 72)

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May 14, 1968, LOOK Magazine Article

"Flying Saucer Fiasco" by John Fuller, reporting internal controversy in the Colorado UFO Project and the Low "trick" memo.

May 17, 1968; El Infiernillo Observatory, Chilian Andes
The scientific research facility involved with this photographic case has been set up in the high Andes primarily as a Cosmic Ray measuring installation. It is described as part of the University of Chile and is run by the department of Physical Sciences and Mathematics. The operators of the observatory apparently began observing a "series of luminous phenomena" starting in October of 1967. The "phenomena" are described as "star-like" and of magnitude zero to +1. They were "mobile" but also stopped or hovered. When hovering [the ultra-careful scientists said "static"] , they were photographable. The photographs showed a bright "focus" [looking to me suspiciously like a disk] surrounded by Fresnel Rings [caused usually by light diffraction]. The significance of these Fresnel patterns is beyond the author of this thumbnail, but perhaps a physicist can tell the rest of us. The observatory staff logged around a dozen instances of these "phenomena" which they were nervous about calling UFOs , but seem to fit that description. A not-terribly-great copy of one of the photos is attached. {Mike Swords: Sources: Prof. Gabriel Alvial. "Unusual Photograph from 14,000 Feet Andean Observatory", Flying Saucer Review March/April 1969; and "From a Laboratory in the Cordilleras Comes Documented Cases", INFO Journal 1 (4), Spring 1969; and J. Antonio Huneeus. " A Historical Survey of UFO cases in Chile", MUFON 1978 Symposium.}

May 20, 1968 - Air Force Manual 55-11
AF Operational Reporting System Document

May 27, 1968; Punta Gorda, FL
Domed-disc, green-blue glow, below tree-top height, landed. (CUFOS report, see Rodeghier, 1981, p. 41[E,L] car.

Summer of 1968; Viet Nam
In 1968, when I was an Intelligence Officer, I briefed General George S. Brown, at 7th Air Force Headquarters in Saigon, Vietnam about UFOs near the DMZ. General Brown states in a Department of Defense transcript of press conference in Illinois, October 16, 1973. "I don't know whether this story has ever been told or not. They weren't called UFOs." They were called enemy helicopters. And they were only seen at night and they were only seen in certain places. They were seen up around the DMZ in the summer of '68. And this resulted in quite a little battle. And in the course of this, an Australian destroyer took a hit and we never found any enemy, we only found ourselves when this had all been sorted out. And this caused some shooting there, and there was no enemy at all involved, but we always reacted. Always after dark. The same thing happened up at Pleiku at the Highlands in '69." Thanks to General George S. Brown, USAF Chief of Staff and later Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. (George Filer)

June 1968: Air and Staff College, UFOs and Extraterrestrial Life
Darrell L. Stanley, FR 66348,1931 - Captain, USAF. A Thesis Submitted to the Air Command and Staff College of Air University in Partial Fulfillment of The Requirements for Graduation June 1968. Thesis directed by Lieutenant Colonel Dale E. Downing, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. (CUFON)

June 1968; The UFO Problem: Time For Reassessment
Strength Through Knowledge, Air Command and Staff College, by John R. King, Major, USAF. A Thesis Submitted to the Air and Staff College of Air University in Partial

Fulfillment of The Requirements for Graduation, June 1968 (CUFON)

June 4, 1968; Punta Arenas, Chile
Cylinder above airliner.

June 13, 1968; Canadian Research on UFOs

Dr. Craig visited Dr. Peter M. Millman in Ottawa on 13 June l968. Dr. Millman's major responsibility is as Head of Upper Atmosphere Research of the National Research Council of Canada, but he also manages the study of UFOs in Canada. Until the spring of 1968, the study of UFO reports had been handled by the Department of National Defence in Canada; it was transferred then to the National Research Council. Very few field investigations are carried out; emphasis is mostly on the maintenance of a central file of the reports that reach the government from the public. (Condon Report)

Jun. 14, 1968; Mendiozaca (Argentina)
3:00 a.m. Jorge Yaru, 35, saw a strange light outside and a bright object, the size of a bus, 30 m away. It had yellow, green and red lights at the bottom. As he approached, the object rose suddenly, hovered for 40 min, and left at high speed. (Magonia #908; LDLN 95)

June 14, 1968; Nr. Cabañas, Pinar Del Rio, Cuba
After midnight. Several bursts of machine gun fire were heard coming from a location in the vicinity where militia member Isidro Puentes Ventura was on guard duty. At dawn, Puentes was found unconscious by an Army patrol and taken to a hospital in Pinar Del Rio, where he remained in shock and unable to speak for six days. Removed to the neurological ward at the Naval Hospital in Havana, Puentes was diagnosed to be suffering from emotional trauma, remaining in shock for another week. At the site where Puentes had been posted, Cuban and Soviet intelligence investigators found forty-eight spent cartridges and fourteen bullets apparently flattened by impact, as well as equally spaced indentations in the ground, indicating that a heavy device had landed. When Puentes recovered consciousness he reported that he had come to within 150 feet of a brilliant round object on the ground, with a dome and several antennas on top. (Timothy Good, "Beyond Top Secret" quoting Jacques Vallee)

June 16, 1968; El Choro, Argentina
Night. Chief of Provincial Police German Rocha and Police Major Niceforo Leon observed a round object with a vivid blue light. It landed, left a strange, powerful odor, and burned grass and shrubs. (Magonia #909, FSR 68, 5)

June 18, 1968; La Guardia, Catamarca, Venezuela
16:25 GMT. Jorge Raul Scassa was flying a Cessna 182 from Villa Dolores, Argentina to the Province of Catamarca in Venezuela. He sighted an object looking like an over-turned soup plate with a cupola on top. The object was greyish-blue with no windows, its diameter was about 30 meters. The object was at the same altitude than the aircraft, 7,500 ft, and at a distance of 100 meters (330 ft). It disappeared by flying to the North at a fantastic speed. There was a possible VHF interference when the object approached the aircraft in front. (Source : Dr Richard F. Haines Files, Case 63)

June19, 1968; Cabreria, Argentina
Night. A settler, Romulo Velasco, 25, saw a bright object land. From it emerged a strange "tall, slim being" who came toward the witness, who fainted. (Magonia #910, FSR 68, 5)

June 21, 1968; Miramar, Argentina
A man riding his bicycle encountered a large object, 50 cm above the ground. The top part was spinning, and it cast a vertical beam of red light toward the ground. Calcinations traces were found by police. (Magonia #911, LDLN 95)

June 25, 1968; Bouchard, Argentina
1:05 a.m. Jorge Ribles, electrician at the Carmal Chemical Plant, noticed that the engines were at a standstill, while the countryside was lit up with intensive reddish light. Another man, 52-year-old Jose J. Rociski, fell unconscious as a vivid light enveloped him. He was unable to move his left arm for three days, and suffered from pain and extreme nervousness. (Magonia #912, FSR 68, 5)

July, 1968; Southlands, TN
Crash/retrieval report by one witness. (Source: RUEGG, unknown)

July (18?), 1968; Strongsville, OH
7:00 p.m. Walter Rogers was ten years old at the time, waiting for a group of other youngsters for the wagon which was to take them on a hayride. A very bright metallic silver disc, reflecting sunlight, descended as if going down a flight of steps, then went strait over the nearby farm field very fast. Viewed about 10 seconds. (Page 31, Regional Encounters: The FC Files, Ridge)

July 1, 1968; Ricardone, Argentina
4:00 a.m. Raul Calcedo met two giants, almost 3 m tall, in Ricardone. He fled in terror, in spite of a strange power that tended to make him stay. (Magonia #913, FSR 68, 5)

July 1, 1968; Botucatu, Brazil
12:30 a.m. Three boys saw an object, about 8 m wide, 350 m away. It had a large tripod under carriage and a ladder reaching down to the ground. These devices were retracted, and the object rose a few meters, then flew off at high speed. (Magonia #914, FSR 68, 6)

July 2, 1968; Cofico, Argentina
8:15 a.m. A boy, Sola, saw, a few meters away, a strange being, about 2.10 m tall, hovering in the air, his body emitting a peculiar glow, near a bright, unknown object. (Magonia #915, FSR 68, 5)

July 2, 1968; Sierra Chica, Argentina
11:25 a.m. Oscar H. Iriart, 15, saw two men of normal height, with short, white hair and red clothes, semi-transparent legs, motioning to him. Near them was an elliptical, silvery machine, 2 m long, 60 cm high, with three 50 cm legs. The men gave him an envelope with a childish message and flew off. The witness's horse and dog were paralyzed for several minutes. The boy arrived home "like a madman." (Magonia #916, FSR 68, 5)

July 6, 1968; La Habra, CA
Cigar-shaped object hovered, two circular objects beneath it rose and entered parent object which then took off. (UFOE-II,415)

July 7, 1968; Seattle, WA
Eight ovals near Cherokee-6

July 8, 1968; Warren, OH
Object darted back and forth near Cessna 172.

July 11, 1968; Eielson AFB, Alaska (BBU)
At 3:00 a.m. local time, Eielson AFB tower personnel observed an orange round object at a low altitude about 18 miles south of the base. The Fairbanks Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) was contacted by the tower personnel and they reported radar returns south of of Eielson AFB. The object was observed visually for 25 minutes before it faded from view. (Dan Wilson)
(McDonald list; FUFOR Index, Sparks csatalog)

July 15, 1968; Columbus, IN
3:00 a.m. UFO emitted beam-like searchlight to ground. Also narrower red beam or ray in center. (See

drawing. UFOs: A New Look, pg. 44)

July 16, 1968; Andacollo, Argentina
National police officers saw disc with blue light nearby, moving slowly. (Flying Saucer Review Case Histories, Supplement 18; see Rodeghier, 1981, pp. 41[E] jeep.

July 16, 1968; Nr. Indianapolis, IN
11:00 p.m. 15 minutes. Two men in a car stopped to rest in a field after long drive. While driving into the field, with headlights on only long enough to avoid obstructions, they encountered a light. Shortly after, a large crimson red object hovered over trees. (MUJ, issue and page unknown)

July 22, 1968; Mendoza, Argentina
1:20 a.m. Entities observed. Ms. Adela Casalvieri, night nurse at the Neuropsychiatry Hospital, heard a loud penetrating humming noise outside in the hospital courtyard. Going out to see what it was, she observed a saucer-shaped landed object only 20 meters away. It was brightly luminous and sitting in the middle of the courtyard. A luminous red beam came from the object and struck her, and she found that her legs were paralyzed. Putting her hands up to her face for protection she now found she was completely unable to move. She remained immobilized for a number of minutes until the red beam was extinguished. At this time the object ascended vertically, then flew off rapidly to the south barely clearing the wall that surrounded the courtyard. Before it disappeared she was able to observe several human-looking figures through square portholes that encircled the craft. These beings moved back and forth, passing each other, and were visible from the waist up only. Landing gear imprints were found at the landing site and several small potted trees had been burned. Mrs Casalvieri had first-degree burns on her face and hands, and parts of her nurse's cap and clothing were singed. In addition, her watch, which had stopped at 1:30 a.m., was found to be radioactive, as was her ring. (David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, *HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports*, case 1968-89, citing G. J. Gianza Paz & A. M. Baragiola).

July 25, 1968; LaPastora, Argentina
Silvery, spinning top hovered near road, rose quickly and sped away; engine restarted by itself. (Flying Saucer Review Case Histories, Supplement 18; see Rodeghier, 1981, p. 41 [E] car.

July 26, 1968: "UFO Project: Trouble on the Ground"
By Philip M. Boffey in Science magazine, reporting on the internal problems of the Colorado UFO Project.

July 29, 1968: House Science and Astronautics Committee Symposium on UFOs
Chaired by Rep. Edward Roush (D-Ind.). Witnesses included Robert M. Baker, Robert L. Hall, James A. Harder, J. Alien Hynek, James E. McDonald, and Carl Sagan.

July 29, 1968; McDonald Statement on UFO
Statement submitted to House Committee on Science and Astronautics (see above) at July 29, 1968, Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects, Rayburn Bldg., Washington, D.C., by James E. McDonald, Senior Physicist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Professor, Department of Meteorology, The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. (CUFON)

July 29, 1968; La Atalaya, Spain
Object like upside-down bowl, glowing underside, flew low over road, landed. (Flying Saucer Review Case Histories, Supplement 13, Feb.1973, p. 14. [E,L] car.

July 30, 1968; Claremont, NH
Dome-shaped object hovered low over ground, grayish light beam cast sharp shadows; humming sound, dogs reacted strongly (Section I, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence).

July 31, 1968; Plaine-des-Cafres, La Reunion Island
9:00 a.m. Luce Fontaine, 31, a farmer, was in a clearing when he suddenly saw an oval object, 25 m away, less than 5 m above ground. It had a clear center, dark-blue ends, two protrusions on top and bottom, and measured 5 m in diameter, 2.5 m in height. In the object stood two beings, 90 cm tall, wearing coveralls. A violent flash and a blast of hot air were noted as the object vanished. (Magonia #917, LDLN 96)

Late Summer, 1968; Lake Norman, NC
Domed UFO near nuclear plant.

Department of Defense IIR,1 August 1968
Argentina, Alleged activities of USAF and CIA Regarding UFOs (Source: La Razon, local newspaper of Buenos Aires) See pages 44-47 of 206 of http://www.blackvault.com/documents/ufos/DIAUFOTO79.pdf

Aug. ??, 1968; Fayette County, IN
11:00 p.m. Object, humming sound, 5 mins. Dark football shaped object hovered 200 ft. over barn and projected bright bluish beam into cornfield. Moved off south still projecting fan shaped beam over countryside Witnesses 1? (Selby) (Don Worley files)

Aug. 7, 1968; Buff Ledge, VT
Dual abduction of male and female summer camp staff members. Independent recall of event years later (Section XIII, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence).

Aug. 12, 1968; Mercedes, Argentina
8:00 p.m. A woman staying by herself at a house on the outskirts of Mercedes heard a buzzing sound and her dogs began barking. Looking out she saw a brightly lit object that gave off bright flashes of light, sitting on the ground. Smaller lighted objects emerged from the object and hovered above the treetops. At one point one of the lighted objects silently approached the house. The witness then saw a second object on the ground from which the figure of a man wearing a brilliant silvery outfit was seen to emerge. Suddenly there was a brilliant reddish blue flash and the whole scene disappeared. The next day several ground traces were found in the same area where the objects were seen. (Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1968, case #6, citing Richard Heiden, quoting R. Banchs).

Aug. 12, 1968; Gloucester, MA
8:15 p.m. EDT. A golden-white globe surrounded by a dark ring that looked like the planet Saturn flew over Gloucester. (Raymond E. Fowler, case investigation report dated August 15, 1968; Raymond E. Fowler, UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors, p. 354).

Aug. 16, 1968; Hamilton, OH
11:00 p.m. Large group of people saw a UFO approach, beam lights down which reflected off Greenbriar Lake. (See drawing. UFO's: A New Look, g. 43)

Aug. 16, 1968; Fayette County, IN
10:30 p.m. Slowly moving round white ball projecting white beam of light onto fields and woods as it moved south. One witness (W. Stanton) No sound. 9.5 mins (Don Worley files)

Aug. 18, 1968; Cluj, Romania
Round silver object flew overhead, reversed direction, three photos taken. Object finally shot upward out of sight (Section VII, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence).

Aug, 22, 1968: Zanthus, Western Australia, Australia
Aircraft VH-RTO was flying a charter run between Adelaide and Perth. Was at 8000 feet, 190-195 knots, tracking 270 degrees magnetic. Gardin saw a UFO and woke Smith. Ahead of the aircraft at the

same level and 50 degrees to the right of Smith's seat, Smith said "I saw, a formation of aircraft. In the middle was a large aircraft, and formatted to the right and left and above, were 4 or 5 smaller aircraft. "Kalgoolie DCA advised them there was no traffic in the area. Then radio communications were lost. "Main ship split into two sections still maintaining the same level, and the smaller aircraft then flew out left and right…At this time there appeared to be about 6 smaller aircraft taking turns of going out and coming back and formatting in the two halves…Sometimes the two halves joined and split, and the whole cycle continued for 10 minutes…smaller craft had a constant cigar shape…At 0950 GMT the whole formation joined together as if at a single command. Then departed at a tremendous speed… departed in about 3 or 4 seconds, diminishing in size till out of sight." Weather was fine, no haze above 5000 feet, 2/8 alto stratus to the south. Immediately after the departure of the objects radio communications resumed. (1. The West Australian 24 Aug 1968 p.13. 2. NAA file series A703 control symbol 580/1/1 part 10 pp 145, 160, 218-223. 3. Flying Saucer Review 24(5):9-10 4. 5. The Daily News, Perth, 23 Aug 1968. 6. Interview with Gardin 2011, by Keith Basterfield.) [Not in RAAF summary]

Aug. 22, 1968: Kalgoorlie, Australia
5:40 PM local. Aircraft VH-RTO was flying a charter run between Adelaide, South Australia and Perth, Western Australia, piloted by Smith and Gardin. At the time of the incident it was at 8000 feet, flying at 190-195 knots; tracking 270 degrees magnetic. Gardin saw an object and woke up Smith. Ahead of the aircraft, at the same level as the plane, and 50 degrees to the right of Smith's seat, Smith said, "I saw a formation of aircraft. In the middle was a large aircraft, and formatted to the right and left and above, were 4 or 5 smaller aircraft." Kalgoorlie Department of Civil Aviation advised them there was no known traffic in the area. Then radio communications with DCA Kalgoorlie was lost. "Main ship split into two sections still maintaining the same level, and the smaller aircraft then flew out left and right...At this time there appeared to be about 6 smaller aircraft taking turns of going out and coming back and formatting in the two halves...Sometimes the two halves joined and split, and the whole cycle continued for 10 minutes...smaller craft had a constant cigar shape...At 0950 GMT the whole formation joined together as if at a single command, then departed at tremendous speed...departed in about 4 or 4 seconds, diminishing in size till out of sight." The weather was fine, no haze above 5000 feet, 2/8 alto stratus to the south. Immediately after the departure of the objects, radio communications resumed. (Sources: (1) The West Australian (Perth) newspaper, dated August 24, 1968. p.13. (2) RAAF file series A703, control symbol 580/1/1 part 10. pp. 145, 160, 218-223. (3) The Daily News (Perth) August 23, 1968).

Aug. 27, 1968; Lins, Brazil
Early. Maria Josa Cintra, who worked at the Clemente Ferreira Sanatorium, was awakened by a noise. At the front door was a "foreign-looking" woman of normal height, wearing light-colored clothes, and a headdress exposing only her face. She spoke in an unknown language, and handed Marie a mug and a glass bottle covered with beautiful engravings. Maria filled them. The woman said something such as "Rempaua," and went out to a pearl-shaped, bright object that took off with the sound of wings. (Magonia #918, FSR 69, 1)

August 28 1968. Castille & Leon, Spain
7:30 pm. Retired policeman Pedro Aylsgad Galvez was coming from the fields at dusk when he saw a light as bright as the sun giving off many colors. The object, apparently somewhat larger than a truck tire, came lower and emitted a beam of light upwards, made a strange maneuver 500 m away at a height of 300 m, swooping over the countryside with the beam, which hit Pedro, blinding him and causing his hair to stand on end. As this happened Pedro felt a strange "attractive force". The object then stabilised and descended , spinning and showing what looked like widows lit from the inside. The thing then stopped spinning and landed 400 m away. Pedro could now it was shaped like two deep plates, rim to rim, with four long windows and four smaller ones on top. Three small objects were thrown to the ground from the thing's center, re-entering it a minute later. The object then rose, projected a powerful beam of light upwards and flew away in seconds. No traces were found. Another person saw the start of the descent from the other side of a hill. There were other sightings of strange

objects in the area; the witnesses included a priest. (Ballester 1976 p15 case 66 citing LDLN 110 p12 + *Stendek* 7 p5 both citing investigation by Felix Ares de Blas, Bernard Labro Begule and David G Lopez and Danyans 1968. p230)

Aug. 31, 1968; Mendoza, Argentina
Early. Three witnesses, among them two Casino employees, stated that they observed five dwarfs, with oversized heads, who emerged from a landed craft and traced undecipherable signs on the ground. (Magonia #919, Le Figaro Sep. 2, 1968)

Fall, 1968: Point Isabel, OH
No time given. One witness (Abbott), humanoid report. (SRUFOS)

Sept. 1, 1968; Mendoza, Argentina
Huge circular object hovering nearby, three small humanoids. (Flying Saucer Review, Nov. 1968; see Rodeghier, 1981, p. 43 [E,L] car.

Sept. 8, 1968; Evansville, IN
3:00 p.m. Single witness (confidential). Lady and her son were driving and talking. Her son didn't see the object and because she thought it was an advertising gimmick she never brought his attention to it. In fact, there was a loaded camera within reach. The object is best described as looking very detailed like a long burner in a gas furnace, horizontal to the observer. It didn't look to be very far away (1/4 mile or more) and the witness said it didn't look big enough to hold an upright man. (See drawing, Regional Encounters: The FC Files, pg. 27)

Sept. 15, 1968; W. of Cross City to 12 miles W. of Ocala, Florida (BBU 12498)
9:30 p.m. [12:31 a.m.?] Missionary pilot Ray [Jay?] Cole, flying a Twin Beech C45H twin engine utility plane at 9,500 ft heading 120° at 200 mph true airspeed, with a pilot passenger Ray Rushing, saw a white [?] light with pale green light flashing less than once per sec at their flight level, moving up and down vertically by about 500-1,000 ft for 15 mins maintaining distance then turned right about 10° climbed at a 15° angle until vanishing when 12 miles out from Ocala. 2nd light, very bright white also flashing pale green and at about 5,000 ft height, then suddenly appeared on a collision course, made a 90° turn at about 2 miles away and 500 ft below, then descended and receded to about 15 miles away and disappeared with distance to the W of Ocala. Later, ground radar said a target was following them [?]. (NARCAP; Berliner)

Sept. 17, 1968; Nellis AFB, NV (BBU)
1 a.m. 2 air traffic controllers including supervisor saw nocturnal light. (Hynek UFO Exp ch. 5, case NL-3)

Sept. 20, 1968; Wichita Falls, TX
Police officer saw a huge ball of fire falling directly downward. Other officers said the ball appeared to be 20' in diameter. NARA document mentions UFO "crash" and references "Moon Dust".

Sept. 30, 1968; Louisville, KY
1:00 a.m. Commercial pilot, Dogie Stockmar, and four passengers observed a light source with 2-3 beams toward ground. One beam was longer than the others. Lights pulsated. At first it seemed like a bright star, then began moving west. It then dropped down to plane's level, then descended to a restricted area near the Louisville airport and went out. (Phone call to NICAP)

Oct., 1968; Bt. Boston Bar and Yale, B.C.
3:00 a.m. The first sighting took place in the Fraser Canyon between Boston Bar and Yale in an area where the Canyon is quite deep. <snip> There was no other traffic on the road at the time and as the witnesses were driving along, one said "what is that strange light in the canyon below". They pulled over and both got out and looked down into the canyon. What they saw was very strange as there

seemed to be a fog or mist in the canyon and inside the fog they could make out a luminous, sort of translucent oval light source that was probably several hundred feet long and hovering above the Fraser River. (Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research)

Oct. 9, 1968; Lins, Brazil
6:20 a.m. Doribio Pereira, 41, municipal employee, suddenly observed a golden, cigar-shaped object, and a figure armed with a flashing weapon that immobilized him. Three beings were standing on a platform under the craft, and another figure appeared to be using a keyboard inside the transparent top part. The object took off rapidly, leaving the witness in a state of shock. (Magonia #920, FSR 69, 1)

October 15, 1968 - Condon Report Completed

Oct. 24, 1968; About 30 miles NW of Minot AFB, ND (BBU)
3:30 a.m. (CDT). USAF Minot AFB ground radar tracked unidentified object correlated with orange glow and radioed it to the attention of the USAF crew of B-52H bomber (call sign JAG 31) on a 290° heading at 2,000 ft as a UFO target at 1 o'clock position to the NW at 24 miles, then 15 miles at 3:35 a.m. At 3:52 a.m., Minot radioed the B-52H that base weather radar was also tracking target now at 1 o'clock position and 3 miles from the B-52H. At 3:58 Minot requested IFF transponder identification from the B-52H and the B-52H radio transmitter failed for 4 mins. B-52H crew saw and radar tracked bright red-orange object [?] at 9 o'clock position at 35 miles then 1.25-1.5 miles, traveling at 3,000 mph [?]. UFO landing for 45 mins at location "AA-43." UFO sightings at Minuteman ICBM nuclear missile sites N, O, J [?], and M Flights, 91st Strategic Missile Wing, including strange EM effects such as security alarms activated at outer and inner rings around silo, outer [silo?] door opened and combination lock of inner door moved. Witnesses included Maj. Bradford Runyon, Capt. Robert Salas, S/Sgt Bond, S/Sgt Smith, et al. (Project 1947; Kevin Randle; Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 137-9 [misdated as 1966]; etc.)

Oct. 26, 1968; Greenfield, IN
10:00 p.m. Witnesses: Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Foster. While driving near Greenfield, they saw UFO come to rest on road about two miles ahead of them. It rose up and landed two or three times, and when the car reached the landing site on the road, car lights went out for half a minute or more in each place. (Letter to NICAP)

Oct. 30, 1968; Rossville, GA
Circular object hovered, four star-like objects darted away in straight lines , then returned, one disappeared over horizon. (UFOE-II, 415)

Oct. 31, 1968: Colorado UFO Project final report

Submitted to secretary of the Air Force for review by the National Academy of Sciences.

Nov., 1968; Kent, IN
Abduction report. First investigated by Bay Area (CA) Subcommittee, then turned over to Indiana NICAP Subcommittee. (Ridge files)

Nov. 1, 1968; Los Monegros, Spain
Orange disc approached car, landed, after UFO took off, car and watches operated normally. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 15, UFO No. 1; see Rodeghier, 1981, p. 43 [E,L] car effects, watches stopped.

Nov. 2, 1968; France
3:55 a.m. During a thunderstorm, a medical doctor was awakened by his crying 14-month-old son. He

saw two luminous objects outside his house, and observed them coming close together and merging about 180 m away. A vertical beam of light was aimed at him for a second as the object tilted, and then the display vanished with a flash, leaving a slowly dissolving cloud. Persistent nightmares and various physiological phenomena were later recorded. (Magonia #921, 1)

Nov. 17, 1968; Grey, South Australia, Australia
About 9:10 PM local time. Three people, travelling in a vehicle, saw a light in the western sky, which was lost to view behind trees. As they approached Rendelsham Cutting, the light reappeared until they reached the location of Grey. One of the witnesses, once home; plus another person, watched the light for an additional thirty minutes. The light appeared to be reddish/white, and attached to 'something.' [Note by Keith Basterfield. At 1968-11-17 at 1140hrs UTC, the planet Venus was visible, low down, in the west-south-west. It is possible this was the cause of the sighting] (Source: South Eastern Times, newspaper, dated 18 November 1968.)

Nov. 20, 1968: Hanbury, UK
5:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Milakovic were driving to Hednesford when they suddenly saw a brilliant object rising from a held to the left and hovering above a house. It appeared to "quiver like a jelly." Several figures were seen on the deck of the craft for about five min, then it left with a jerky motion. (Magonia #922, FSR 69, 1)

Nov. 22-27, 1968; SE and NW U.S.
Flurry of sightings primarily in the southeastern and northwestern United States.

Nov. 22, 1968: Biloxi, MS
Domed disc descended, flew over shrimp boat, hovered briefly, shone light down on boat, then took off straight up out of sight (Section IX, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence).

Nov. 22, 1968: Albany, GA
Oval object beamed light down on car, electrical system failed. After it departed rapidly straight up, electrical system resumed functioning (Section VII, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence).

Nov. 22, 1968; Fleury-d'Aude, France
9:00 p.m. A dozen witnesses saw a lens-shaped object surrounded with a blue glow, making a noise similar to that of a jet and emitting flashes, which landed in a field briefly. It suddenly took off and was lost to sight at the horizon. (Magonia #923, France-Soir Nov. 24, 1968)

Nov. 23, 1968; Newton, GA (BBU 12567)
8:05 p.m. Witness Mr. Jones, an accountant, saw collimated beam 5-6 ft wide come down from a point about 200 ft ahead and 75 ft off the ground illuminating trees after car radio faded to static. Beam retracted slowly like a ladder to a fuzzy scintillating main light, oval-shaped yellowish-white about 100 [or 120-150?] ft wide, which then changed to brighter reddish-orange, rose vertically disappearing in less than 15 secs. Car restarted spontaneously. (Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 189-191)

Nov. 25, 1968; Marcellus, NY
Object with red blinking light on top within 100' of car; made second car pass; E-M effects again. (Keyhoe and Lore, 1969b, pages 40-41. [E,R] car. Dog in car stressed as domed object was seen.

Nov. 26, 1968: Bismarck, ND
Pilots saw two luminous objects join up, hover about 10 seconds, then speed out of sight in seconds. Confirmed by Air Force radar (Section III, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence).

Nov. 26, 1968: Lake Cyprus, FL
Four bright, oval objects paced aircraft. Pilot turned plane toward them, objects formed vertical stack,

shot up and out of sight (Sections III, X, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence). Radar confirmed UFOs.

> November 27, 1968, The RAND Document, "UFOs: What to Do? - George Kocher
> Fran Ridge: At first, RAND denied this document even existed. Later it stated that this 41-page paper was originally produced as an internal document and was not prepared for or delivered to any of RAND's clients.

Nov. 27, 1968: Belcourt, ND
Round object with body lights hovered, shone red light beam to ground. When officer shone flashlight at object, it immediately blacked out (Section V, Vol. II, The UFO Evidence).

Nov. 28, 1968; Nakhon Phanom (NKP), Thailand
At 9:56 a.m. local time, Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base (RTAFB) Ground Control Approach (GCA) reported two low and slow moving objects approximately 13 NM south of NKP. Contact was lost when objects were 9 NM west of base. Sightings were confirmed by Invert radar. NKP Command Post was informed that the sightings "definitely were not ghosts." (Dan Wilson)

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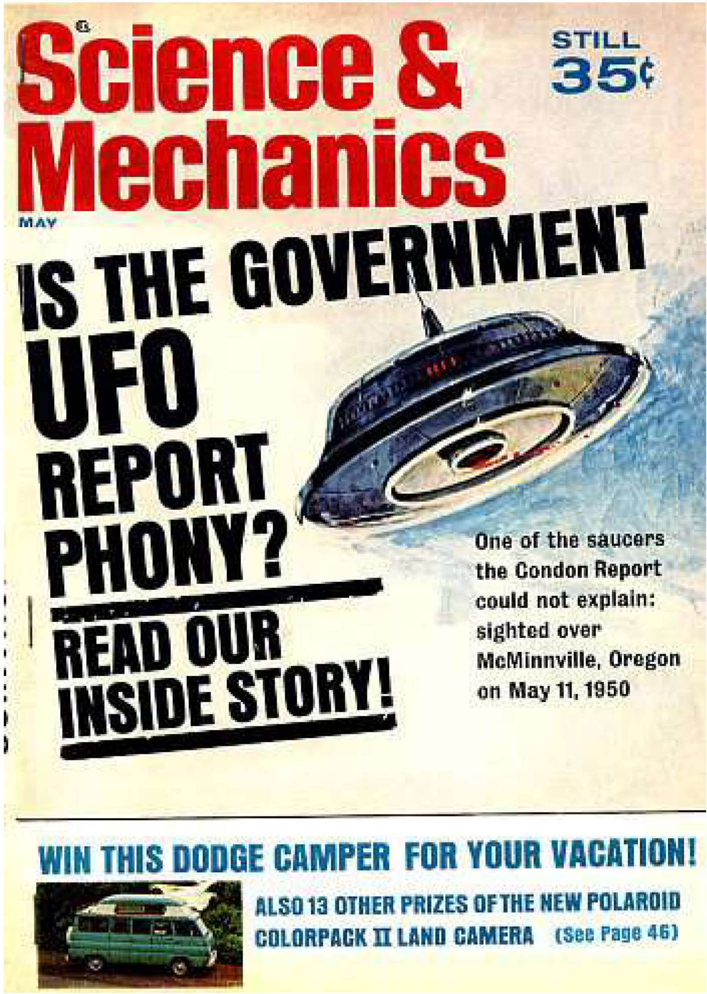
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This chronology (now 6 pages) includes UFO incidents and related events for 1969. Our thanks for these chronologies must go to our documentation team: Richard Hall (the original 1969 chronology from UFOE II), William Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), and Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns). Last, but not least, our thanks to Jean Waskiewicz who created the online NICAP DBase (NSID) that helped make it possible to link from the cases to the reports themselves. The latest reports come from Mike Swords.

On. December 17, 1969, Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans, Jr., announced the termination of the two decades of operations of the highly visible AF investigation of UFO's, Project Blue Book. This was only the announcement date, not the actual termination date, but the AF release was worded in such a way as to suggest immediate termination of BB. In fact BB did not terminate until Jan. 30, 1970, at 3:30 p.m. EST, as NICAP found out and published in the May 1970 UFO Investigator (p. 3a).

In the last year of its official existence, Blue Book received 146 UFO reports of which only one received the unidentified classification. For the 22 years that the Air Force investigated UFO's it received nearly 15,000 reports of which some 587 were classified as unidentified. (Air Force press releases listed the total number of 701 unidentified in the statistical summaries of yearly totals. But today only about 587 are listed by UFO sighting date and location in the declassified monthly indexes.) Due to diligent research, the number of "unknowns" has doubled from that 701 figure to more than 1,600 in Brad Sparks' revised catalog, and may reach as high as possibly 3,000 to 5,000, based on estimates of the late Dr. James McDonald and Sparks.

Towards the end the BB files received fewer and fewer military cases. The Air Force's position was that UFO's were no longer seen by the military simply because they were trained observers who cannot be fooled by such things. Historically, however, that was not true and did not explain why so many military observers in the past saw and even instrument-tracked UFO's. In reality, the trend in the BB files reflected the changes in UFO reporting channels. The Air Force had started shifting military reporting of UFO's into operational reporting channels such as those set up under AF Manual 55-11 of 1965 (now AF Instruction 10-206), and many classified regulations, which bypassed BB.

All seemed dead on the UFO front, but major events were just a few years away. The UFO debate was rapidly dying out in 1969 in the wake of the Condon Report and the closure of BB. NICAP and APRO catastrophically lost members, down from roughly 14,000 for NICAP and 8,000 for APRO to just a few thousand.

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Blue Book sighting lists for 1969 by month

Jan. 3, 1969; McDonald Less Alone: UFO's Get Official Recognition
Tucson, Arizona Daily Citizen. "There is no conclusive evidence about 'flying saucers.' Most men of science, therefore, have expressed either disdain or disinterest in the subject. The handful of bona fide scientists who did want to speculate on UFOs found themselves in the uncomfortable company of pseudo scientists, commercial cultists, pulp booksellers and crackpots. Last December's issue of the respected Journal of Aeronautics and Astronautics changed all that."

Jan. 1969; The Truth About the Condon Report - NICAP UFOI
Source: The U.F.O. Investigator, Vol. IV, No. 9. Special - Published by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) A larger evaluation by numerous scientists and technical advisers was released later. The conclusions of the Colorado University UFO project were fully negative, as NICAP predicted.

Sometime in 1969; Paris, TN
Witness was driving back to college with roommate. It was a clear, dark, starry night. They suddenly saw a long streak of light coming down from the top of the windshield. The sparks of light looked

similar to holding a piece of metal to a grinding wheel.

Jan. 5, 1969; of Viña del Mar, Valparaíso, Chile
4:00 a.m. A glowing object rose to the surface and floated on the ocean off the coast. The surface of the sea boiled and there was an odor of sulphur in the air. (Carl Feindt, UFOCAT PRN 83747)

January 8, 1969; NAS Letter to Secretary of the Air Force
National Academy of Sciences President Dr. Frederick Seitz letter to Secretary of the Air Force, stating that the NAS review panel "unanimously approved" the Colorado University (Condon Committee) report.

January 9, 1969: University of Colorado "Condon Report" publicly released

January 11, 1969; Press Conference
At National Press Club, Washington, DC, with Donald Keyhoe, NICAP director; Richard Hall, N1CAP Assistant Director; Dr. James E. McDonald; and Dr. David R. Saunders disputing conclusions of the Condon Report.

Jan. 17, 1969; Crittendon, VA (BBU 12607)
3:25 AM. A 30 Year old Test Facility Mechanic (civilian) – National Aeronautics and Space Administrator working at NASA Langley Field, Virginia witnessed a UFO from his bedroom window (17/0824Z). The sighting lasted 2 minutes. The sky was clear except for haze effect when looking at lights at night. The Observer was awakened by a sound similar to the hum of an electric motor or a transformer that was in the process of going bad. Upon looking out the bedroom window the observed sighted several amber lights that were arranged in an elliptical fashion. (One was blinking). It appeared to have a slow forward up and down motion except when it made a left banking turn. COMMENTS: The most likely stimulus was a helicopter with an unusual lighting system, However, a check of the 4 airports in the areas revealed that 3 definitely did not have any helo activity in the area and the other had destroyed flight records for that date and was therefore unable to say if any helicopter activity originated from their airfield that night. It is also possible that a light aircraft such as an aerial advertiser, the Goodyear blimp, or an aircraft doing infra-red photography many have been the stimulus for the sightings. However, because it has not been definitely established tht an Aircraft of this type was in the area, The sighting is being carried as unidentified. Cigar – A cigar would not have the same proportion unless it were a stubby or blunt cigar one third as wide as it was long, The ends were half round instead of kind of pointed as a cigar would be. It was very much larger than a cigar and it was lighted all around the bottom with an incandescent-amber looking type of lighting with one of these blinking. These lights were glowing through glass or some semitransparent material. Speed: 30 mph. Distance: 100 feet. Sound: Like that of an Electrical Transformer or motor. (U.S. Air Force Project Blue Book File, NARA T1206, Roll 0082, Crittenden, Virginia, January 1969; retrieved at fold3, John Chace "Unidentified")

Jan. 25, 1969; Plattville, IL
12:30 & 1:00 AM. (See drawing link above) A couple was driving home. She had picked her husband up after he had injured himself on a construction project and he was asleep in the front seat. She saw a bright light ahead of her and approaching. As it neared, it was revealed to be like a giant "ice-cream cone" traveling round end first. They were very near home, on the last roadway in fact. The object came to a halt over their landlord's house nearby. It then hovered at treetop level and reoriented itself with the point of the cone upwards. The thing was tremendous, perhaps between two and three stories high. It had a surface consisting of "paneling" each slab of which was the same bright white illumination. At the "bottom" [around the circular end of the cone], was a wide strip of multicolored lights, sparkling like jewels. The bottom "flat" area was mainly open and when the object tipped, it revealed a large dull light within and walls the color of iron ore. At one point, a panel on the surface swung out and closed again without anything else noticeably happening. All this of course was bizarre

and mystifying but the worst was yet to come. The car engine died and the lights went out. The car rolled to a stop. The wife also noticed that all the outdoor farm security lights were out as well. And then...the front end of the car began to rise off the ground! "I thought: it"s going to pull us up inside it !" She frantically tried to restart the car, shouting as she did so. This woke up her husband to what was probably the strangest situation he ever had to rapidly adjust to. [the car was, by the way, a Chrysler Imperial; no lightweight]. He was nearly blinded by the brilliance of the object but recovered to try to help his panicking wife--himself ineffectively trying to restart the car. Both of them then felt the car lowering, ending in a final quite noticeable "bump" as the front end hit the road. The object rose and flew away to their northwest [they had been facing north]. The car was able to be restarted, and the farm security lights came back on. The couple drove the short distance to their landlords' home and told the story. The lady of the house said that she had seen a very bright flash of light that illuminated the interior of her house; however, none of the lights in her home were affected. To those who may be interested, a diagram of the object, "cleaned up" from the witness' drawing, has been attempted by this reporter (Michael Swords) and is appended to this case. Plattville stands as one of the best "mass-displacement" cases in the literature [due to multiple credible witnesses and some degree of corroberation] and is one of a handful of incidents which make researchers wonder if some sort of control or unexpected counteraction of gravity is possible with these objects. [Mike Swords; Reference: Fred Merritt. Narrative and report of investigation of the case (with J. Allen Hynek) , undated c.1973, Hynek/CUFOS files].

Feb. 1, 1969; CSM Response to Colorado Report

Dr: Roscoe Drummond, syndicated columnist, in Christian Science Monitor (response to University of Colorado report): "I find it hard to escape the conclusion that there are too many unexplained and presently unexplainable unidentified flying objects from too many credible and responsible witnesses to banish the subject from public concern."

Feb. 1969: "UFO's: Yes" - David Saunders

Dr. David Saunders, David & R. Roger Harkins. "UFOs? Yes!: Where The Condon Committee Went Wrong: The Inside Story released. Saunders was an ex-member of the Official Study Group." (Cleveland, Ohio: The World Publishing Company, February, 1969)

Feb., 19, 1969: 14 miles south of Norseman, Western Australia, Australia

At an unknown time, a 43 year-old, company representative was driving alone when he saw what appeared to be another car's headlights. Cresting a rise in the road, he then saw a glowing blue-white light, 'hovering' at tree-top height. The light then followed the vehicle, as he accelerated to 80 miles per hour. After two minutes he stopped the car and got out. The object then veered away. The witness, a Mr Rose, had left the car door open, and the car was filled with leaves and dust, when the object sped away. The Department of Civil Aviation advised that there were no known aircraft in the area at the time. (Source: The West Australian (Perth) newspaper dated 21 February, 1969. p.8.)

March 4, 1969; Atlanta/ Elmer, MO

6:40 AM. William Overstreet, a rural postal carrier, was rounding a curve in his truck. About 1/2 mile to his right there was a large reddish colored object traveling 50 feet above the ground. He judged it as 100 feet in diameter. It hesitated briefly, and then made for his vehicle. It took up position in the air over the road, traveling in his same direction slowly. As he closed the distance, a strong white light came from the bottom of the disk and shown on the road. This beam was the full diameter of the object at the top but narrowed to an 8-foot diameter spot as it hit the street. * This beam was extremely hot, and it affected the driver. Also, when the beam shot down, the whole object changed colors. It became bright blue with a red aura about it. There was also a yellow band around it which gave the impression of small racing lights as if the thing were turning. The great brightness made it difficult to see any details, if there were any. His radio was breaking up though not completely out. But when he got right to the edge of the light beam, the radio did quit, and the truck's motor did also. His vehicle then rolled slowly forward as the object moved a small bit further along. Once away from the beam, the radio started again and he was able to restart the truck. The object gradually moved away, once flashing mightily as it crossed a power line. It had changed back to red, as it cruised along in synchronization with the contours of the ground and went out of sight. He said: " I had never believed in them too much until I saw this. Now I know that there is something to these UFOs. I don't know why it was there or where it was going. Neither do I know what it was after I saw it, but I don't care about being that close to another one." (Mike Swords; references: Letter, William Overstreet to NICAP, March 29, 1969; and NICAP case investigation form and collection of correspondence and news articles on the case by Ted Bloecher [NICAP files] and "E-M Effect on Truck in Missouri", APRO Bulletin May/July).

March 6, 1969; Lancaster, MO
Light beam shone on road ahead of car, dog reacted. Witness drove beneath domed disc, car motion slowed. Eye irritation (Ref. 1, Section 1).

March 10, 1969; Westhope, ND
Disc with dome passed overhead, stopped, emitted light beam onto road, illuminating police chief's car. Finally ascended, flew away to south (Ref. 1, Section V).

March 11, 1969; Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Erratically-moving color-changing object hovered in front of car. Witness felt paralysis. (Ref. 3, Supplement 6; see Rodeghier, 1981, p.45 [E] car.)

March 14, 1969; Thailand (BBU)
Flight surgeon, crew of KC-135, observed huge black cylinder hovering, inclined in vertical position. Fighter aircraft sent to investigate, object disappeared (Ref. 1, Section II).

March 17, 1969; Lake Havasu, AZ
Cessna 150 encountered 15-20 oval objects.

April or May 1969; Gulf of Mexico
The event occurred while the "British Grenadier" was sailing through the Gulf of Mexico. The UFO (like an arrowhead) appeared directly above the ship at exactly noon on the first day. It just seemed to appear as nobody saw it arrive and it remained above the ship for the next 3 days. E-M effects

> April 1969: "The Condon Report and UFOs" by Dr. J. Allen Hynek
> Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, called the report: "a strange sort of scientific paper [that] does not fulfill the promise of its title. . . . [It] leaves the same strange, inexplicable residue of unknowns which has plagued the U.S. Air Force investigation for 20 years."

April 3, 1969; Southern UK
7:38 P.M. Bright fireball meteor traveling south-southeast to north-northwest, leaving long trail, sparks.

> April 14, 1969: "The UFO Report: Condon Study Falls Short" by Robert Baker
> Reviewed by Robert M. L. Baker Jr., this half-million-dollar, 965-page report (Condon Report) probably represents the ultimate case against the UFO "cult" in fact, it was to be the last scientific word on that controversial subject. But, paradoxically, the report contains some evidence suggesting that the UFO phenomenon should be studied further. (Scientific Research, April 14, 1969, p. 41) (CUFON)

April 14, 1969; Hill City, KS
Multicolored object came within 100', hovered. (Ulysses, Kans., News, April 24, 1969; CUFOS report, dated as April 19 [E] car)

April 23, 1969; Silver Spring, MD

Dogs, cats and horses reacted to object.

May 11, 1969; Pembroke, Ontario, Canada
2:00 AM. Chapeau/Ile aux Allumettes, Quebec [there is some confusion about the location of this event, and it is sometimes labelled for the town across the river, Pembroke, Ontario]. The dog was making a howling racket. The husband and wife were awakened and saw about 600 feet away in their farm field a bright light source. The man went outside noting that the source was so intense that it was easily casting shadows. The thing was hovering, apparently, 15 feet or less above the ground. The light switched off, but he could still hear a purring sound. This purring seemed to recede into the distance and all was back to normal. Before the switch-off the husband thought he could resolve the structure of the object into a dome-shaped object with a flat bottom. The following day, the man went out to the location where he judged the disk to have been and found "three circular depressions, equally spaced to form a triangle with a rectangular depression one to two inches in depth near the midpoint of the base of the triangle". A guess to explain this would be three "landing legs" and a hatchway which extended out of the object to press into the earth. Now, at this point it must be admitted that the various references describing this case don't agree. What has just been described was the most conservative of them [by J.Allen Hynek], but it is probably not the most accurate. Landing trace expert, Ted Phillips, says that yes such a trace was there but it was only one of four such markings. Phillips describes the circles as 32ft, 28ft, a 28 1/2ft half-circle, and a 9ft circle. The first was most like Hynek's with a true external ring [2ft 6in wide] of depressed grass and the three "pod-marks" arranged in the center grass. The second was similar, with again three internal marks in a perfect triangle. The half-ring had a rockpile placed at the centerpoint. The small circle was entirely of depressed grass. As Phillips is a trace specialist, this is probably fairly accurate and everyone else is dealing with second-hand newsprint. One element of the newsprint may have been true, however, in that some burning was allegedly evident. This caused samples to be taken and sent to the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests for testing. This apparently did happen but the report came back that nothing unusual was found. As a post-script to the case, less than a month later, and less than 15 miles away [at Meath,Ontario] another large [33ft] annular ring trace was found that had occurred overnight. In this case the affected ground would not grow plants for three years. [Mike Swords; References: a) Ted Phillips. Trace Catalog; and b) J.Allen Hynek. The UFO Experience; and c) Lore and Keyhoe. Strange Effects from UFOs (1969); and a more sensational presentation in Saucers, Space, and Science 56: 1969 ("Farm Invaded by Flying Saucers"). ]

May 31, 1969; Memphis, TN
C1 reported by Baird. No details available. (MUFON Skylook 8, 6)

June 5, 1969; St. Louis, MO
4:00 p.m. This radar/visual was "written off" as a meteor and observed by three air crews. Four dart-shaped objects witnessed by American Airlines Flight 112, a 707 heading east at 39,000 feet, a United Airlines flight eight miles to the rear at 37,000 feet, and a National Guard jet four miles further at 41,000 feet. Objects were tracked on FAA radar at St. Louis. The pilot of the National Guard plane later claimed the UFO formation had approached his craft almost "directly ahead" before altering its course abruptly and ascending quickly at the last moment. Two radar paints confirmed. (NICAP UFOI Feb 1972)

June 15, 1969; "Erase Ridicule", Dr. James E. McDonald
McDonald asks U.N. to begin study of UFOs. Tucson, Arizona Daily Citizen, by John Riddick, Citizen Staff Writer

June 19, 1969; Docking/Bircham Newton, UK
E-M effects on car, static electricity; bluish object shaped like inverted mushroom hovered overhead. Took off at high speed (Ref. 1, Section IV).

July 13, 1969; Van Horne, IA

11:00 PM. (See link above for photos of crop circle). A high school girl was having her cousin [a beautician] over for a visit and a sleep-over. The two young women were still up when they heard a sound outside. Looking out their window, they saw an object above the field across the road. It was less than a mile away. The thing appeared to be a gray metallic disk, non-luminous, but with a orange-red band of light around the circumference. This light enabled the girls to see the shape clearly: like "a shallow inverted bowl with a curved bottom". The object was "clean" [no protrusions nor individual lights]. The object came directly over the farmhouse, its vibrations rattling the bedroom windows. [The parents were asleep already and did not awaken]. The girls felt that the disk was "the size of an automobile" and was rotating counter-clockwise as it rose and sailed away. The next morning they told the one girl's parents what had happened but were not believed. That morning however, the father was out walking the fields and came across a forty foot diameter circle of dried out soybean crop, which had not previously been there. This area was not only a "perfect" circle but in the proper location for the sighting of the UFO. The appearance of the affected crop was "all of the leaves of each plant were hanging wilted from the stalks" as if, the UFO field researcher hypothesized, "they had been subjected to intense heat". The spot was apparently the result of a "near-landing" rather than an actual touch-down, as the plants were not broken off nor crushed. A fine aerial photo of this circle has been made and is attached to this report. The UFO community was on the scene relatively early, with the APRO investigator taking the photos and soil samples, and Walt Andrus of MUFON/APRO interviewing the daughter [the only early interview of the cousin was by news persons]. As was almost universally the case APRO dropped the ball on the analysis of the samples and reported only that the plants were dry, shriveled, and not radioactive.  Dr. J. Allen Hynek even visited the site and was later quoted: "I still don't know what the hell this thing is all about... It looked as though a big heater had been held six feet above the ground". Neighbors of the family contributed the remarks that their dogs were making a racket that evening. Van Horne stands as one of the best "landing effects" cases on record. This is because it has multiple witnesses, an immediate corroberation of the trace by someone who knew exactly the state of his farm fields, no desire for publicity [in fact a parent who blocked almost all of it], no motivation [in fact, a loss of valuable crop], multiple, early-on-scene investigators with good track records for straight-shooting, and a fairly large and mysterious effect. On some scales of rating "trace" cases, this might be #1. [Mike Swords; References: a). APRO UFO Report Form (case field investigation), undated but c. September 1969 (Hynek/CUFOS files); "Saucer Near Landing In Iowa", SKYLOOK #23, October 1969; "UFO Over Iowa Bean Field", APRO Bulletin, July-August 1969: Kevin Randle, "The Iowa UFO Landings", Official UFO Fall 1976; [news note] DATA-NET V(9): September 1971; Al Swegle, "Sight UFO Over Benton County Farm", Cedar Rapids Gazette, August 15, 1969.]

July 18, 1969; Apollo 11 Sighting
Object apparently not the S4B. Buzz Aldrin recounts encounter. Brad Sparks is convinced this is debris, a piece of mylar covering for the LM, that came off when attitude control rockets blew it off when the controls kept misfiring.  It's trajectory and timing and size and shape all fit.

July 20, 1969; Apollo 11 Lands on Moon

Aug. 5, Raleigh, NC
Shiny object approached, hovered over road ahead of car. (Letter from B.C.M., dated Aug. 7,1969, in NICAP files [R,L] car).

Aug. 31, 1969; Stover, MO
Flock of turkeys react to orange-red hemisphere or domed disc.

Jan. 6, 1969; Leary, GA
7:15 p.m. Jimmie Carter sighting reported the in 1973. One document is hard to read but the sighting was investigated by the International UFO Bureau, Hayden Hewes. Exact date not known. A copy of the 1973-filed report to NICAP on a form 97 is we provide in the main link above. Apparently explained away as a barium cloud from an Eglin AFB rocket launch, which demolishes Sheaffer's

forced Venus theory. (Hewes, Ridge, Sparks)

Oct. 1969; Dr. Thornton Page's Review of The "Condon Report"

Included by Dr. Page in first reply letter, reprinted from American Journal of Physics, Vol. 37, No. 10, 1071-1072, October 1969. In defense of the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis he stated, "How can we logically reject this theory when we accept theories of rotating neutron stars to explain pulsars? Of course, a better theory might be devised if more data were collected and the present data examined in broader terms."

Oct. 10, 1969; Glenwood, MO
Dog in car agitated by domed disc.

Oct. 20, 1969; Bolender Memo (Brad Sparks)

The implications from this memo, issued just before the shutdown of Project Blue Book, is clear, and is found on page 2: " reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-1 and are not part of the Blue Book system." My thanks to Gildas Bourdais for this copy of the 3-page document. This reproduction is poor but readable and is a copy made from FUFOR's "U.S. Government Documents" package. The full story of the memo is presented by Brad Sparks.

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Oct. 24, 1969; Chilian Navy, Chile
12:43 a.m. Chilean Navy destroyer radar detected UFO. The radar officer reported a long-range flying contact. A minute later the "contact" was at 400 miles. Because of the "object's" speed, the operator suspected a malfunction in his equipment. In the next minute the contact was approximately 150 miles away closing from 331 degrees of true north. But the operator and officer in charge during the late night duty (an officer of second-class rank) speculated that the contact was a "plane flying southeast" -- but at 213 miles in a minute: 12,780 mph!

October 30, 1969; Waipukurau, New Zealand
Circular object with lights hovering over airport sped away making high, whining sound when security guard shone spotlight on it (Ref. 1, Section VI).

Nov. 30, 1969; Quincy, IL
5:30 PM. A family was driving between Plainville and Payson, Illinois, just SE of Quincy. They noticed a flashing red-colored object to their right, which then began to pace the car at a distance of about 200 yards. At a distance, the thing looked like a circle of lights, but as it came nearer it seemed that the entire object was glowing like neon red. The wife had the best view of it at that time and said it resembled an equilateral triangle with rounded sides. After two minutes of this pacing, the object made a right-angle turn and rushed directly overhead. The thing was larger than small airplanes but in that general size range. Despite its proximity, it made no sound. So far, this is "just" a good old fashioned close encounter of the first kind, but....[lets quote directly from the field report]: "When the object was directly over their automobile, their car seemed to rise from the paved highway about ten inches and then settle back to the paving with only a noticeable bump. [The driver] thought it was conceivable that it might have been less than ten inches, but the car raised up as if there were a suction or a force acting upon it. There was no sound of rushing air and the automobile did not sway either right or left, but remained directly in the right lane of traffic." The investigator returned to the site and drove the highway several times: there were no bumps in the road of any kind. After the car returned to the street, the father and the son saw the object make another very sharp turn a disappear behind a grove of trees. This appears to be a "mass-displacement" case, one of the rarest of the UFO types. To have two of these in one year in the same general area of the country [see, Plattville, IL, earlier in this year] is probably unique. [Mike Swords; References: Walt Andrus. Illinois APRO field investigation report, December 6, 1969 (Hynek/CUFOS files); and SKYLOOK 26, January 1970 "Car Rises From Highway

As UFO Passes Overhead"; and Letter: Walt Andrus to J. Allen Hynek, February 25, 1971.]

Dec. 5, 1969; Klamath Falls, OR
Evening. Three Southern Pacific Company Railroad men on a train with 106 cars moving southwest toward Klamath Falls, Or., saw a UFO the night of Dec. 5th, as reported by the Klamath Falls "Herald & News" on Dec. 8. Noel Cailloutte, the conductor, said "It was a bright light heading north. It had a long, narrow beam. It was moving diagonally across the tracks," he added, "I tell you, it gives me the creeps." He thought the light was at least 5,000 ft. high as it crossed the track in front of them. "I've never seen anything as bright as that," he reported. The engineer and flagman also saw the object, (Credit: Lou Farish. Rob Swiatek)

Dec. 17, 1969; SAF Announces Blue Book Termination
Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans, Jr., announced termination of Project Blue Book UFO study. This was only the announcement date, not the actual termination date, but the AF release was worded in such a way as to suggest immediate termination of BB. In fact BB did not terminate until Jan. 30, 1970, as NICAP found out and published in the May 1970 UFO Investigator.

Dec. 27, 1969; AAAS Meeting
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) annual meeting, in Boston, MA, included panel discussion on UFOs. Scientists joined in statement asking for preservation of Air Force UFO files for future study.

Dec. 27, 1969; McDonald Presentation: "Science in Default: 22 Years of Inadequate UFO Investigations
Paper by James E. McDonald, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, U. of Arizona, Tucson, presented at the above Symposium on UFOs, 134th Meeting, AAAS, Boston (CUFON)

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**Jan. 7, 1970; Imjarvi, Finland**
**Magazine cover depicting 1970, courtesy of ufopop.org (Jim Klotz)**

Map of sightings for 1970, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database (Pending)

**Created: January 15, 2007**
This is a five-page chronology of UFO incidents and events for 1970. Our thanks for these chronologies must go to our documentation team: Richard Hall (the original 1970 chronology from UFOE II), William Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns), and Jean Waskiewicz (online NICAP DBase [NSID].

One will note that, starting with 1970, since Project Blue Book had closed (Jan. 30th, 1970) there are no Project Blue Book reports listed on this chronology or ones in the ensuing years. However, since UFO reports were now being handled by other agencies See, Bolender Memo, Oct. 20, 1969 ("reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-1 and are not part of the Blue Book system."), any such report will be noted as to source in this or any future chronologies.

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Early 70's, possibly sometime in 1970; Kingsley, OR
Keno Mountain radar incident.

Jan. 1, 1970; Duncan, B.C., Canada
Hospital nurse saw craft like object hovering near building, two humanoid figures visible in upper portion (UFOE II, Section XII).

Jan. 7, 1970; Imjarvi, Finland
Two skiers saw disc-shaped object approach, hover, humanoid appeared in light beam from object. Memory loss, extensive physiological effects (Humcat 1970-4 ; UFOE II, Section XII).

> Jan 30, 1970; Project Blue Book Officially Closed, at 3:30 PM.
> Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans, Jr., had announced termination of Project Blue Book UFO study on Dec. 17th of 1969. This was only the announcement date, not the actual termination date, but the AF release was worded in such a way as to suggest immediate termination of BB. In fact BB did not terminate until Jan. 30, 1970, as NICAP found out and published in the May 1970 UFO Investigator.

Jan. 30, 1970; Mrewa, Africa
Three shiny ovals hovering nearby, headlights remained off until 10 minutes after UFOs departed. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 16, No.5; See Rodeghier, 1981, p. 48), L, police car.

March 21, 1970 (date approximate); Camp Pendleton CA
8:00 p.m. 15-20 minutes While using night vision scopes, Marines witnessed three saucer craft hovering near Camp Pendleton rifle range during night firing exercises. (NUFORC)

April 20, 1970; Near Evansville IN
4:10 p.m. While travelng north on rt 57, witness noticed dust being kicked up in a farmers field. He looked up and noticed that at about 200 feet in the air a silvery disk-shaped object was traveling parallel to the ground traveling at about the same speed as the driver and a friend. This object was approx 1/4 mile away and it was a sunny warm spring day. The object was very detailed and he could see what appeared to be windows on the top portion of the craft. He had never seen anything like this before and has never seen anything like it since, and was totally unmistakeable for anything other than a classic disk shaped ufo. 10 minutes. (NUFORC)

April 15, 1970; Mar del Plata, Argentina
Daylight disc photo similar to August 3, 1965, Santa Ana, CA, photos (UFOE II, Section VII).

> April 28, 1970 Clandestine CIA Meeting with McDonald
> Leading UFO scientist, atmospheric physicist Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona had a clandestine 1-1/2 hour bag-lunch meeting at the outdoor Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, with top-ranking CIA official Arthur C. Lundahl, Jr., Director of CIA NPIC (National Photographic Interpretation Center), who was in charge of 4,000 classified CIA and DIA employees or about 1/4 of the CIA's total staff. McDonald has been secretly meeting Lundahl at these outdoor venues at Lundahl's suggestion since at least 1968

whenever McDonald came to Washington. Lundahl has told McDonald previously that he wants their meetings away from his CIA office (at the classified NPIC headquarters at Bld. 213, Washington Navy Yard). (Brad Sparks; McDonald files)

May 4, 1970 CIA Official Lundahl Meets McDonald and Richard Hall
CIA NPIC Director Arthur Lundahl (see Apr. 28 entry) meets with Dr. James McDonald and former NICAP Asst Director Richard Hall at Hall's home. (Brad Sparks; McDonald files)

May 18-25, 1970 McDonald's Third Trip to BB/Files
McDonald makes his third trip to visit Project Blue Book or the BB files since June 1966, this time a week-long excursion to the newly moved BB files at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama. The BB files had been deliberately moved to Alabama by the AF after BB's closure on Jan. 30, 1970, to make them as inconveniently remote and/or inaccessible to UFO researchers as possible (see Bolender Memo entry, Oct. 20, 1969, where this AF intention to hinder UFO research access was discussed). McDonald copies and reviews about 400 mostly radar cases from his prepared list of 536 BB cases of interest. (Brad Sparks; McDonald files)

June 2, 1970; Apache Junction, AZ
Horses react as if (UFO) predator. (Woodward)

June 27, 1970; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Domed disc on ocean surface, two humanoid figures visible, took off in an arc, headed out to sea (UFOE II, Section V).

June 29, 1970; Apopka, FL
Dog in car did not respond; dog outside of car DID respond (to UFO). (Woodward)

Aug. 1970 McDonald's Fourth Trip to BB/Files

Aug. 13, 1970; Haderslev, Denmark
Egg-shaped object approached police car, engine, lights, and radio failed; object took off at high speed (UFOE II, Section V).

Aug. 30, 1970; Vincennes, IN
11:30 a.m. Girl (7), saw a metallic disc in the ENE hovering over Wheatland Road and reported it to her parents. Her father went outside and saw the object, too. He re-entered the house to get his 7x50 binoculars, and when he emerged, the object was closer. It was described as about a quarter of a mile away, "a garbage can lid with a piece of watermelon on top" (more like a squared-off "coning tower") and about 30' in diameter. Witness said that somebody else should have seen it, it was so low. Observed for a minute and a half by the man and his wife and daughter. Object left in a swooping dive to the NNE. (See MADAR event Sept. 9)

Aug. 30, 1970; Itatiaia, Brazil
Close approach, human effects, traces (Phillips, #441)

MADAR Project Detects Anomales - Sept. 9, 1970; Vincennes, IN
MADAR equipment picked up magnetic disturbance at 4:45 p.m. On Sept 22 there was another incident at 12:30 p.m., seemingly indicating some unusual magnetic activity while local daylight CE incidents were occurring in the area. The next MADAR incident occurred on Oct. 2 at 9:55 p.m, which was a night incident.

Sept. 1970; Jessup, PA
9:00 p.m. While walking home from a high school football game, Frank Scassellati (16) observed a glowing white, apparently metallic silvery disc in the southeast sky moving from left to right. Around the dome on top was a row of rectangular windows and three spheres and a flat circle were visible on the underside. The object moved out of sight behind local terrain. Though he didn't report the sighting to any authorities, Scassellati said that within a few nights he noticed a limousine parked outside of his house with four men in black suits and hats sitting in it. They reappeared for several nights but he had no interaction with them. (Case documented by Thomas M. Olsen, filed report with several major UFO groups).

Oct. 5, 1970; Walsh, IL
Cow's behavior supports IFO theory. (Woodward)

Oct. 29, 1970; Helleland, Norway
4:40 PM. Disc with dome descended, hovered over car, driver blinded by strong blue-white light, physiological effects. Object departed rapidly straight up (UFOE II, Section VI; report link by Mike Swords)

Nov. 1970; AIAA Publishes Report
The UFO Subcommittee of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) published its report, UFO, An Appraisal of the Problem, recommending continued investigation of UFO sightings.

Nov. 1970 McDonald Begins Draft of Best Evidence UFO Book

Nov. 25, 1970; Nova Scotia
The RCMP report states that while on patrol at 9:50 PM on the night of November 25 Constable Ralph Keeping was contacted by Lawrence Smith of Lower Shag Harbour. Smith reported that he and his brother Manus Smith had been driving on old Highway 3 near the western Bear Point turnoff when they encountered some lights in the sky. Investigation shows the incident turned out to be a Close Encounter of the Third Kind and possibly even more. There are two sightings of the same object at the same time from two locations separated by about 10 miles. One is a civilian sighting and another by a Cpl. in the CAF at radar base Bacarro. (This Close Encounter incident was investigated separately by Don Ledger and Chris Styles and is supported by documents from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Styles interviewed Lawrence Smith while Ledger interviewed both Smith and Ralph Keeping a year or so later. Both Ledger and Styles interviewed Colonel Rushton who Ledger tracked down).

Year End Review:
The AF closed Project Blue Book, ending its ostensible two-decade investigation of UFO's dating back to 1947, insofar as the public is told. In actuality, the AF's Top Secret global sensor network, designed in part to replace anecdotal reporting systems of marginal intelligence value such as BB, went into partial operation. This allowed BB to finally close down as originally planned since 1952 when the black project system was conceived.

CIA reviewed the UFO subject following the 1969 Condon Report and the 1970 closure of BB, secretly concluding that UFO's are paranormal occult phenomena. Thus CIA transfers its main UFO sighting files (close to 15,000 pages at this point) and minimal monitoring responsibilities from the Aircraft Branch (OSI Defensive Systems Division) to its newly hired parapsychology expert, Dr. Christopher "Kit" Green, in the Life Science Division, CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI). (Brad Sparks)

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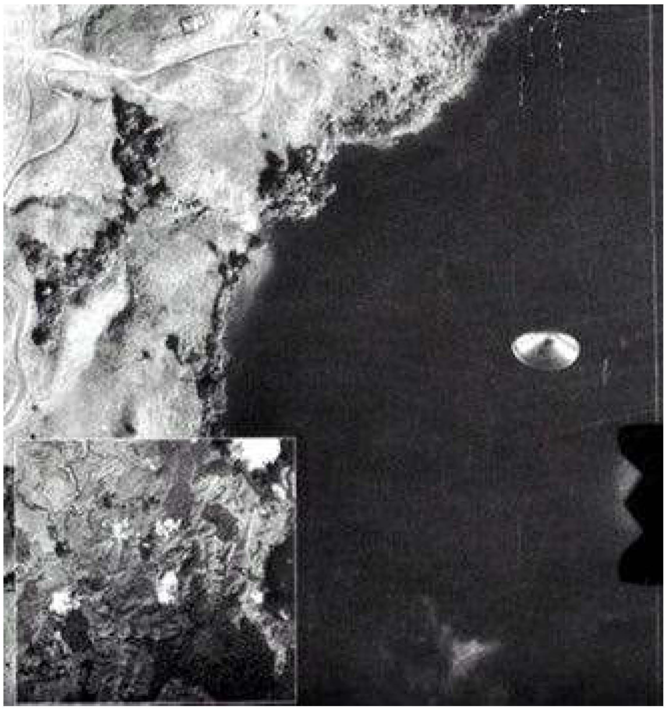

Sept. 4, 1971; Lago de Cote, Costa Rica
Aerial survey plane photo showing disc on edge

Map of sightings for 1971, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database (Pending)

**Produced for released: April 18, 2013**
This is an 8-page chronology of UFO incidents and events for 1971. Our thanks for these chronologies must go to our documentation team: Richard Hall (the original 1970 chronology from UFOE II), William Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns), and Jean Waskiewicz (online NICAP DBase (NSID)).

An apparent lull in sighting reports may be the result of the closing of Project Blue Book and the media coverage of this for several years, and may not reflect the actual situation. But this was the calm before the storm of 1973. We wish to caution readers/researchers as to the quality of some of the submittals for this chrono. After consulting the usual sources (NICAP files in particular) we ran a search on the internet to see if we had missed anything important, and in the process located some cases which we have listed as "unevaluated" cases or sources. These are flagged as "unevaluated" and, if anyone has any information that would upgrade these incidents to officially investigated or documented in some way, please let us know.

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Sometime in 1971; Bermuda Triangle
8:30 p.m. US Aircraft Carrier shut down by a UFO. (ufocasebook.com, Unevaluated)

Sometime in 1971; Salisbury Plain, English
An RAF expert claims that the Ministry of Defence in Britain asked him to keep quiet after he tracked a whole fleet of spaceships on military radar in 1971. Sixty Wing Commander Alan Turner, 64, who was a chief operator of the RAFs radar system for 29 years, said that all his colleagues were surprised to see 35 super-fast vessels appear on their screens. He said that the craft were equally spaced and shot from 3,000 ft to 60,000 ft at almost 300 mph. He revealed that every UFO would suddenly vanish from radar after a few seconds, and be replaced by an identical vessel moments later. According to him, six military radars and operators at Heathrow spotted the UFOs east of Salisbury Plain, and filed reports on the unexplained phenomenon in 1971.The RAF chief even drew a map charting their flight in between key sites like RAF Lyneham, Wilts, and the aircraft navigation transmitter at Brookmans Park, Herts.

Jan. 7, 1971; Dennis, MA
A strange metallic object that shone with an orange glow as it moved through the sky may now be resting at the bottom of a lake. The object was observed independently by two school boys on the morning of the 7th on Cape Cod. It traveled horizontally, then on an oblique path toward the ground, and disappeared behind some trees in the direction of a small body of water called Scargo Lake. One of the boys, unaware anyone else had seen the object, ran to a dock at the lake's edge and discovered a large hole in the ice covering the lake. Steam was rising from the hole, and the exposed water appeared agitated. Except for the hole, the lake and shore were normal, and the object was not in sight. A 13-year-old girl, who lived in a house near the dock, saw the boy running through her yard and went after him when he yelled to her. She too saw the hole but was too frightened to notice the condition of the water. Minutes later, another boy arrived on the scene, having also observed the first boy running to the lake. He saw the steam also, which by then was diminishing. The other witness to the object, a 13-year-old boy, was a little less than a mile from the lake when he first saw the object but made no attempt to follow it after it went down. (The UFO Investigator, Feb.1971, p.1)

Jan. 22, 1971; Peabody, KS
Pre-dawn. Stewart and Lyle Leppke, doing their early morning farm chores, observed a lighted object in a cattle lot. When they flashed their light on it, they saw a diminutive figure, less than 2-feet tall, moving about near the object, which had small windows on it. They immediately went to the house to notify their mother, who called the sheriff; the object had departed by the time he arrived. The boys said the object hovered a few feet off the ground, and when it departed, tipped to one side, and then sped rapidly away. (Humcat 1971-3; Source: Humcat, quoting newspaper source).

Feb. 5, 1971; Kangaskyla Kinnula Finland
3:00 p.m. Two young men, P. Aliranta and E J Sneck, were working in the woods when Aliranta noticed a 15 foot metallic object, shaped like two saucers put together, and with four thin legs, descending in a clearing 50 feet away. As it landed, a little entity just under 3-foot tall glided to the ground from an opening in the underside; dressed in green one-piece "diver's suit," it wore a helmet with a circular faceplate. It approached the young men, walking on top of the deep snow, and Aliranta moved toward it with his motor saw in hand. Through 3 windows on the upper part of the object, 3 more entities could be seen. The humanoid retreated before Aliranta and was rising into the air under the object when the young man grabbed it by the heel of its boot with its bare hand; he found it burned like a hot iron, and he had to let go at once. As soon as the being was back in the object, it ascended with a slight buzzing sound or hum. Both men felt stiff all over and had difficulty in moving. Four

landing leg marks and small footprints were left in the snow. (Humcat 1971-6, Tapani Kuningas, FSR Vol. 17 # 5)

April 13, 1971; Nr. Hermissio Sonora, Mexico
9:30 p.m. Witness reported an incredible UFO sighting in Mexico while on vacation in Sonora. One night a brilliant electric blue UFO flew right by the window of the motel where they were staying. "This particular UFO had the classic disk shape, although it was more like two saucers put together. It was radiating an incredible beautiful electric blue neon glow over the entire craft. It just appeared 'otherworldly' and so high tech. I was just spellbound by the erie looks of the craft." 35-sec. (ufoevidence.org,Unevaluated)

April 14, 1971; outskirts of Pittsburgh, PA
Dusk. A man and a woman while driving on a rural road north of Pittsburgh, observed a football-shaped object resting on the ground or deployed just a few feet above the ground. The observation was made at a distance of approximately 80 yards. The couple described the object as roughly football-shaped with a rim along its horizontal axis The upper half had a concave top and a series of vertically oriented "windows" along its side. Emanating from the top was a shaft of white light. The lower half, was somewhat flattened on the bottom, and also had window-like openings, circular in shape. Through the windows a reddish glow was visible. The object was seen in a small field adjacent to a little used airstrip. The two witnesses watched the object for more than twenty minutes before leaving the area. Just prior to the sighting, the witnesses had observed a bright white light that appeared to be traveling parallel to their car. After moving steadily for a few moments the light abruptly crossed in front of the car (right to left), stopped for a split second, crossed back over the road, and moved off in the general direction where the UFO was seen minutes later. (UFOE II, Section VI; UFO Investigator / May 1971, page 3)

April 25, 1971; near Pottstown, PA
About 9:00 p.m. A woman spotted a luminous object over a farmer's field while driving on a rural road. It was a very bright, pulsating light. It would move and stop, move and stop, in a jerking manner. The woman first thought the object was something conventional like an aircraft light, but its strange motion seemed to belie that explanation. The woman stopped the car next to the field and just studied the object. The object was about as high as the light on the radio tower. She rolled her window down to see if there was any engine noise but there was none. ( UFO Investigator, May 1971, page 3)

April 30, 1971; Carlyle, IL
11:50 p.m. Herb Williams was filling a truck with diesel fuel at the Ready-Mix Plant at 2090 Washington, on the west side of Carlyle, when he saw the object approximately 100 feet above the ground. The night was clear, and the bright object was easily seen. there was no sound. It moved in a westerly direction at about 10 miles per hour and Williams said he could have kept up with it by running, but decided to get into his car and follow it. (MUFON)

May 15, 1971; Passapatanzy, WV
10:00 p.m. Michael D, 15, was on his way home after camping out with two other boys; while crossing a grassy field, alone, he saw a bright object slowly approaching at low altitude, passing over some high-tension wires that crossed the field. He crouched down in some tall grass as the object landed, with a "bounce", 100 feet away. The silvery object was "higher than it was wide" and had a "walkway" that ran around its circumference, and red and white revolving lights on the top, it also emitted a humming noise. A door "came down" out of which emerged a "huge" figure, who was hunched over, had long arms, and wore shiny, light reflecting clothing. In one hand it held a glowing box. Walking in a "stiff legged, bouncing" motion, the humanoid giant approached the grass where Michael was hiding; frightened, the boy sic'd his dog on the figure, who turned and re-entered the object. A few minutes later it took off. His companions returned a short time later and found Michael, still in the grass, moaning and very frightened. At the site the next day were found 7 holes in the ground, 2.5" wide at the top and a foot dep. Two days later, Michael and several other members of his family saw a bright

disc-shaped object, which had chased his sisters in a car as they drove up the long driveway of their house. (Humcat 1971-17; John Carlson, Bruce Maccabee for NICAP)

May 16, 1971; Chesterton, IN
9:30 p.m. Four witnesses observed an object after power failed in their house. Saturn type UFO, high frequency sound, 20 mins. House size silver ball illuminated brilliant red, green, blue and white lights around it on rim. Moved at tractor speed, hovered over hog farmyard setting off pandemonium in dogs, chickens, pigs, and a parrot. Witnesses suffered vibration, numbness, and fear. Fled back to house which had been rendered powerless. Tree died at site. (Ted Phillips)

May 21, 1971; Nr. West Leisenring, PA
1:10 a.m. A man was returning home when as he was rounding a bend in a rural road he noticed an unusual object hovering about 20 feet above the ground. The craft was saucer shaped with a dome on top and an antenna like protrusion. It had a door like opening to the left of its center; the opening emitted an orange red glow from inside. It also emitted a faint humming sound. After two minutes the witness saw a figure walk back and forth in the opening of the object. The figure was dressed in a gray white metallic suit with a hood and was about six-foot tall. The craft itself was dull gray in color and appeared to have burnt areas along the bottom. The witness who was inside his vehicle all the time suddenly turned his head and saw a similar gray garbed figure about three feet way, he then heard a click and after two seconds a blast threw him against the vehicle's console, he also heard a loud explosion, the car moved forward and the witness sped away form the area. He then drove to a local emergency room hospital where he was treated with what appeared to be pellet wounds. (Stan Gordon, Mufon Journal # 189).

May 24, 1971; Mendoza, Argentina
Saturn-shaped object darted around, rocked back and forth while hovering, rapid acceleration upward at angle (UFOE II, Section VI).

May 25, 1971; Belchar's Bar, Leicester, England
10:50 p.m. While driving home on a wet, rainy night, Mrs. Eunice Rose, 36, saw a large glowing object ahead. Her portable transistor radio faded and died away. Then her headlights dimmed and her car (a 1956 Austin A30) lost power as the glowing object was visible to the left of the road. The car engine sputtered but continued running roughly. As she stopped, the object moved overhead, brightly illuminating the car and the surrounding area. The hair on the back of her neck bristled. The object was seen to be a flat circular disc, glowing like moonlight. When the object moved away over a field to the right of the road, the headlights and radio resumed functioning and the engine gradually responded. The object disappeared in the distance to the southwest. (Flying Saucer Review Case Histories, Supp. No. 11, August 1972. Investigator: Geoffrey Coxon.)

May 29, 1971; near Oxford, MA
4:00 a.m. EDT. A shiny black "discus" that hovered, gyrated, and flipped over on its side was reported to have been observed at a recreational area near Oxford. There were four witnesses, a man and three teen-age boys who were fishing at the edge of a reservoir. The object approached the four men and jerked from side to side "like a pendulum," and up and down like a ball. At the nearest point the object was approximately some 250 feet from the observers. At approximately at that point the object flipped over on edge. In that attitude the object was circular in shape, "like a pancake" with seven or eight glowing ports evenly spaced around the bottom. The object then stopped and moved back in the direction it came. This time it moved rapidly and was soon lost from sight. (UFO Investigator / July 1971, page 3)

May 31, 1971; Newmarket, NH
Two witnesses sighted a grayish white upright egg-shaped object with dark ports around its perimeter. It hovered a few feet above the ground in plain view in front of trees before ascending straight up and out of sight. (Raymond Fowler, UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors, pages 175-180, 340.)

June, 1971; Sharpsville, IN
Humanoid report. No details except witness' name, which was King. (EGBA, 680)

June 13, 1971, Dr. James E. McDonald Dies

Dr. James E. McDonald, took his own life at Tuscon, Arizona. His studies of the UFO problem had earned him international recognition as an authority on the subject. (UFO Investigator/ June 1971, page 4)

Summer of 1971; Karnes City, TX
Night shift. UFO encounter over open pit uranium mine, near Conoco Oil Co. (rense.com, Unevaluated)

July 8, 1971; Chesterfield, IN
Evening. Saturn type UFO with high frequency whine. (Missing time, abduction) Same type UFO returns to farm (See May 16).Witness loses consciousness while watching it from upstairs bedroom. (Don Worley: Prior to the May and July episodes with the craft this witness was present in 1965 when a same type craft blocked state road N31 south of Indianapolis when it landed in front of his car. Several other cars were rendered immobile including that of a preacher who got in the back seat of his car and prayed to God after it was all over. A melted tar place was left on the road and Frank Edwards the TV commentator Ufologist, came down and checked and took photos of it.) (Worley files)

July 18-24, 1971; Quebec, Canada Blackouts

A succession of power failures occurred, coinciding with many observations of UFOs in the same localities, some of them even occurring over and near electric power stations of Hydro-Quebec....The city of Montreal and its surroundings were particularly stricken by the blackouts which occurred twice in the same week. (Claude MacDuff, "Canadian Power Failures and UFO Sightings"; Flying Saucer Review Case Histories, Supp. No. 17. December 1973.)

July 27, 1971; Valcourt, Quebec, Canada
8:30 p.m. The witness was at home watching television when he was distracted by the sounds of his cows bellowing on a nearby field. The witness and his wife stepped out and saw the cows running away from the field. They also saw a dark spherical object hovering above the field, a reddish light shone out of what appeared to be an open door on the object. Three small men who glowed a pale green color were moving around the object. They seem to glide just above the ground in rapid darting movements. At times the beings seemed to pick something from the ground. The beings went back inside the object closing the door behind them. The object then rose up slowly and disappeared over some nearby trees. The next day a circular spiral ground trace was found, plus a silvery lump of material that was later tested at Laval University. (HC addition # 1011, Source: Francois Bourbeau, Spectra, Quebec Canada, Type: B)

July 28, 1971; Sackville; New Brunswick
Two men photographing the stars observed a triangular object with colored lights moving rapidly at high altitude. Turning their telescope on it, the men said it suddenly reversed direction and changed both the pattern and color of its lights. "There is no craft that can possibly change direction that fast," they reported. (UFO Investigator / Aug. 1971, page 3)

Aug. 1, 1971; Westminster, MD
10:30 p.m. Report of an egg-shaped UFO with two rows of colored lights on its underside was received by state police. Charles P. Kenyon, 39, of New Windsor, Md., had driven his wife and their four children to a location outside Westminster to observe a violent Thunder and lighting storm then in

progress. Kenyon and his wife observed the object for a total of 20 minutes as it maneuvered about the rural countryside. The outline of the object, including a pulsating amber light on top a bubble-like protrusion at one end, was seen clearly, according to Kenyon, thanks to lightning flashes every few seconds. At one point, the UFO passed within 3,000 feet of Kenyon's vehicle at an altitude of 200-300 feet. The object emitted for a few seconds a high whine, similar to an air conditioning unit, during one of its passes. Just before disappearing, the UFO was observed to turn on what appeared to be a white landing beacon to search the ground below. (Investigated by NICAP's Capital Area Subcommittee, chaired by astronomer John Carlson).

Aug. 8, 1971; Kadina, S. AU
Glowing orange disc illuminated area, buzzing sound. (section VI, [E])

Aug. 9, 1971; Minas Gerais region (near Uberaba), Brazil
Airline flight paced for 20 minutes by glowing orange disc, startles veteran Brazilian ("like two round basins, one on top of the other") (UFOE II, Section III).

Aug. 16, 1971; Aldrich, Staffordshire, England
2:30 a.m. The constabulary (police) station received a phone call at 2:30 a.m. that an unidentified object was hovering over a garage. Constable Leslie G. Leek and Constable Ian Barnes responded, arriving in time to see the object. They took 12 photographs of the object (bright luminous, shape undefined) as it slowly ascended. When the object leveled off and began moving away toward the east, they and other police officers followed it but gave up the chase as it moved off in the distance, later turning toward the southwest. The official police report includes attached statements from eight eyewitnesses, some of which contradict the possibility of an astronomical explanation. Constables were able to drive directly underneath and beyond the object at times, and the original witness saw the object move from one side of the road to the other. Otherwise some of the reports could easily be interpreted as confusion about astronomical objects. (Staffordshire County and Stoke-on-Trent Constabulary Report, Aug. 19, 1971, filed by Constable Leslie G. Leek.)

Sept. 4, 1971; Lago de Cote, Costa Rica
Aerial survey plane photo showing disc on edge (UFOE II, Section VII)

Sept. 20, 1971; Northern Sweden
10:45 p.m. Engineer Sten Ceder was driving home when his car was suddenly brightly illuminated by multiple beams of light and he saw a square black object race past. He felt a force on the car from behind and applying the brakes had no effect. He was then surrounded by a perceived dense black "cloud" that seemed to extinguish all light. When he was once again able to distinguish light, he immediately noticed a shapeless "black mass" that rose from the ground and moved away ahead of him. It then appeared as a kite-shaped object silhouetted against the sky, gradually moving away from him. (Flying Saucer Review Case Histories, Supp. No. 10, June 1972.)

Sept. 24, 1971; Caleta Buena, Chile
Luminous oval with dome approached car. (APRO Bulletin, Mar.- Apr.1972 [E,R] police car).

Oct., 1971; Florence, NC
6:00 p.m. Triangular Shape - black colored lights on the bottom- no other lights observed approximately 300 ft across completely silent moved slowly app. 30- 40 mph. No. of Witnesses: 1; Duration: 10 min. (ufoevidence.org., Unevaluated).

Oct. 5, 1971; Springfield, IL
Evening. Seven reports from Illinois State Troopers over 2 hour period. (UFOI, 71)

Oct. 12, 1971; Mattawan, MI
A teenager, four friends, and at least one adult reported observing "a bright white cloud flying in circles

but traveling in a west to easterly direction" over Mattawan. Witnesses estimated the object was several hundred feet wide. At one point the object seemed to direct a thin beam of light into the sky above. After being in sight for a short time, the object appeared to land in a heavily wooded area. Three additional UFOs were later observed in the same vicinity where the first one appeared to go down. (UFO Investigator/ Nov. 1971, page 3)

Nov. 2, 1971; Delphos, KS.
Brilliantly lighted, mushroom-shaped object hovered just off ground, sheep reacted, light beam, landing traces, physiological effects (UFOE II, Section I). Confirming witness (#494).

Nov. 5, 1971; Coarsegold, CA
About midnight a rancher and his wife observed a brilliant orange triangular-shaped object with a blinking red light on top. Two more identical objects then appeared alongside the first. A thin orange light beam them emanated from one of the objects and played around on the rocky terrain. No sound was heard, and after 20-30 minutes the lights blinked out. The unidentified objects were hovering directly above two old gold mines. (Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee report filed by Mrs. Idabel Epperson, who interviewed the witnesses by telephone.)

Nov. 6, 1971; Pickaway County, OH
A UFO resembling a plate turned upside down on another plate that glowed with a white light, reportedly followed the president of a local school board and his wife as they were driving on a rural road just south of Lockbourne Air Force Base. The object flying at an altitude of approximately 500 - 1000 feet, was observed for more than one hour, and appeared to to follow the couple to their farm and orbited the area for about 45 minutes. The object then began a spiral upward vanishing from sight, according to the witness. (UFO Investigator/ Dec. 1971, page 3)

Nov. 7, 1971; Norris City, IL
Evening. Former Navy weather observer and wife observed for 9 minutes a bright, slowly-moving "white-orange" light approaching from the East. Object appeared to be about 1500-2000', changed course and disappeared. (UFOI, 71, page 3)

Dec. 14, 1971; Cavetown, MD
11:45 p.m. Several residents (near Hagerstown), including a Maryland State Trooper and a college professor, reported seeing a bright light circling over Holiday Acres, a local subdivision. The object has been reported by local residents on several occasions, and is usually seen around 11 p.m. The object appears to circle the area, changing speeds and sometimes hovering in one place. No satisfactory explanation for the sighting has been found, despite interviews by NICAP investigators. (UFO Investigator / Jan 1972, page 3)

Dec. 29, 1971; San Martin de los Andes, Argentina
B-727 crew.

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**Created: March 15, 2007, updated 5 April 2012**
This is a 7-page chronology of UFO incidents and events for 1972. I had taken a job transfer in 1971 which took me away from my NICAP subcommittee team at Vincennes, Indiana, and was now in contact with Walt Andrus working as a State Section Director for MUFON at Hillsboro, Illinois. By now the Air Force UFO project Blue Book had been closed down for two years, but rumors shown to be true indicate they were still collecting reports (those which could affect national security) under a different system (see Bolender memo), one that had been in place long before the official closing. The effect of the media hype, which was the planned result of the Air Force officially ducking out of the UFO business, may have taken a toll on reporting by civilian sources. But this printout shows something was still going on. One of the most impressive incidents I was directly involved in was one by my younger brother who was somewhat of a skeptic at the time. (See October 9).

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Jan.15 (approx), 1972; Malmstrom AFB, MT
UFO over missile silo, "crew" from the unknown craft reportedly broke into the missile silo, and some of its "crew" were examining the circuitry of the ballistic missile. (NUFORC)

Jan. 19, 1972; Phoenixville, PA
At least seven individuals including three police officers, reported observing a strange object in the shape of a "boomerang" hovering over Phoenixville High School around 9:30 p.m. Following release of a report on the sighting by local police, at least 12 other witnesses reported seeing UFOs over the town. One officer described the object as similar in size to a DC-3, with three red lights and numerous white lights around its perimeter. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, February 1972, page 3)

Feb. 11, 1972; Apollo Beach, FL
A 24-year-old college graduate employed as a credit manager for a nearby Tampa firm reported observing a disc-shaped UFO about 300 to 500 feet in the air and not more that 100 yards in front of the witness, flying right in front of his car around 10:40 P.M., as he was driving to a nearby store. It was about 50 to 60 feet long with a series of windows about the size of a door around its girth. The windows were lit and the light behind them was revolving. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, April 1972, page 4)

March 8, 1972; Muskegon, MI
A large number of witnesses, including police officers, FAA officials, U.S. Coast Guard personnel and numerous other Muskegon citizens observed a brightly colored UFO around 9:15 P.M., in the sky above this Michigan township. The object, according to most witnesses, appeared to give off a bright yellowish-white light and it traveled slowly across the sky. Witnesses stated the object seemed to stop and slowly change colors at various times during the period of observation The Coast Guard, which indicated many of its own personnel had witnessed the UFO, also indicated that channel 16, a UHF band used by Coast Guard, was filled with a strong code signal that could not be deciphered. Government officials later said that an investigation would be conducted and that they were under orders not to comment on the case until it was completed. The Air Force was contacted by the Michigan States Police at the time of the sighting. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, May 1972, page 3)

March 10, 1972; Milhousen, IN
4:00 a.m. Giant orange glowing boomerang object with no sound, one hour duration. Kenneth and Marie Gosnell watched pulsating orange glow come from low not visible field on Noah Gosnell's farm (father of Kenneth). Boomerang object arose from field and flew away. Noah and grandson found an object about 20 by 5 inches, mottled orange-red with pitted grey or purple surface object laying in the field. For its size it was extra heavy so they rolled it off the field planning to return the next morning with a tractor to get it. The object had disappeared when they returned. (Worley files)

May 13, 1972; Canterbury, NH
At approximately 9:40 P.M., four young boys who were camping out observed a very bright light source descending slowly. The object then descended in a "sideways, zigzag" manner. The object slowed its descent and began to move directly over the boys. The boys could see that the object was not

a helicopter and turned and ran to the home of one of the boys. The boys, asked individually to describe the object, said it looked like an octahedron-shaped object that appeared to be tilted at a 45-degree angle. The object had four pipe-like legs with "round pads" affixed to the end of each leg. As the object passed directly over the boys, they observed a flashing red light on the object's trailing side. A fiery 10-foot-long exhaust appeared beneath the object and seemed to changed colors. The boys described a number of bright, silver, inverted U-shaped cable-like things sticking into the top of the object. According to the witnesses the object passed over them at an altitude of approximately 150 feet. They described its size as between one and two car-lengths in both height and width. This case was investigated by NICAP's Massachusetts Subcommittee, under direction of Chairman Raymond E. Fowler. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, July 1972, pages 1, 4)

May 14, 1972; Germantown, IL
Three sisters who live on a farm about two miles southwest of Germantown, watched a brilliantly lighted UFO near their home at dusk. The object was first seen hovering over a neighbor's farm buildings to the southeast. The girls described the object as being of half-moon shape with a dark gray, metallic body. At first the craft displayed two brilliant white lights described as being quite similar to car headlights. After hovering for about 11 minutes, the object began to move slowly to the west. At this point the white lights disappeared and blue, green, red and white lights appeared around the entire rim of the craft. These lights resembled aircraft running lights, but did not flash, and were visible until the craft was out of sight. Although the craft had been silent while hovering, when it moved to the west a sound similar to that of a small airplane was heard. However, the airspeed was about half that of a small plane. The girls observed the craft for about 15 minutes, and all had an opportunity to view it with 7x35 binoculars, and all were sure it was not an ordinary aircraft. The distance from their home to the craft when first seen above the neighbor's farm buildings is roughly a half mile, and they estimated the craft to be about 50 feet in diameter and about 200 feet above ground. (Skylook 72, page 8)

June 9, 1972; Algodonales, Cadiz, Spain
Motorist experienced engine failure, pulsating yellow oval object visible on road ahead. Object illuminated trees as it departed (UFOE II, Section XII).

June 11, 1972; Belleville, IL
10:00 p.m. Couple from Millstadt, IL, were driving on 59th St. Lady noticed strange configuration of lights describing a circle. Man stopped car. Circle of flashing lights "about as large as 50-cent piece held at arm's length," yellow-red lights like portholes in something circular, lit in arcs of several at a time. After 3 minutes observers re-entered car to pursue the objects, which they quickly lost. (SL-56, page 7)

June 16, 1972; Gary, IN
No details on this close encounter listed in EGBA. Witness was "Alterwitz". (EGBA, page 672)

June 19, 1971; George AFB, CA
1:00 a.m. Two airman at George AFB, California, verified each other's report of seeing a "bright orange object", that seemed to be 375 feet in diameter as it sank behind a building southwest of their security-police beat at the base. The airmen, Gary Corlevy and Randolph Wogoman, said the UF0 sighting apparently went unobserved by anyone else. They reported it to the air police, and to the Victorville Sheriff's Office and Adelanto Police Department. No evidence was found of the object having landed, it was reported by the base information office. (Skylook 57, page 12).

July 3, 1972; South Shore, MA
7:00 p.m.. More than two dozen witnesses reportedly observed a silvery "triangular-shaped" UFO for almost one hour (7-8 p.m.) before it disappeared behind clouds. One witness, a former Air Force Lieutenant, said, "It was translucent and I thought I could see blue sky through it, but its edges were white and well defined." A local Air Force official at Hanscom Air Force Base admitted receiving numerous reports of the UFO but said none was recorded in keeping with current Air Force policy.

NICAP's Boston Subcommittee has investigated this case, and has determined that the UFO in question could have been a weather balloon launched earlier in the evening by a local US. Weather Bureau Station. (NICAP UFOI, Oct 1972, page 3)

July 10, 1972; Alcaracejos, Cordoba, Spain
Luminous object beamed light at car, engine lost power (UFOE II, Section VII).

July 19, 1972; Chicago, IL
10:42 p.m. Peter Reich, aerospace writer for CHICAGO TODAY, saw a UFO and wrote 4 column article. Incredible high-speed of object that looked like anti-collision beacon (red) over Lake Michigan. Estimated at 1/2 mile and 600 mph, object suddenly stopped, reversed course sharply and appeared to fly along a downward curve in opposite direction. (SL-58, page 12)

July 22, 1972; St. Louis, MO
8:30 p.m. Sixteen witnesses. Large UFO observed over highway intersection I-55 and Union Rd. by three children. KXOK received 13 calls. Object descended from North, hovered and appeared to rotate slowly as it launched five smaller objects. The larger object was described as a "football", with other objects 1/12th as large. Larger object took off straight up, others went different directions with crackling sound.(SL-72, page 10)

July 31, 1972; Belleville, IL
9:45 p.m. 3-4 Mins. Four people observed a yellow discoid object, 50-60' in diameter at 300' altitude while driving. The object disappeared toward the East of St. Louis. Lights in the middle flashed on and off, but the object had large square windows in the bottom. There was an unconfirmed radar track at Scott AFB. (SL-59, page 13)

Aug. 1, 1972; Lebanon, IN
Early morning. 45-min. First observed as a triangle of lights that just hovered. Object turned and flashed away at high speed. At this time there were three bright orange-red lights which illuminated the "saucer" which appeared to have "bat-like" wings. Observers watched with field glasses. (SL-60, page 9)

Aug. 11, 1972; Bensonville, IL
5:30 a.m. "It was shaped like a football and had a rim around it." Described as 50' long and windowless it continued to pulsate colors. First, a bright orange, then gray, then bright orange again. Estimated at 200' altitude other motorists in vicinity got out of their cars and looked at the object. (SL-59, page 11)

Aug. 11, 1972; Elgin, IL
5:30 a.m. Orange "football-shaped" object hovered over the ground, sighted by motorists. State Police in Elgin, the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, and suburban police departments reportedly received calls concerning the strange object. (See Bensonville, IL) (SL-59, page 11)

Aug. 11, 1972; Oak Brook, IL
5:30 a.m. Same object seen. (SL-59, page 11)

Aug. 12, 1972; Taize, France
Elliptical object with bright lights hovered near ground emitting light beams downward; satellite objects emerged. UFO reacted to flashlight (UFOE II, Section VI).

Aug. 19, 1972; Colby, KS
2:07 AM. Luminous, bowl-shaped object hovered near ground; blinding white light brightly illuminated terrain; object made "whooshing" noise, shot straight up (UFOE II, Section - V).

Aug. 20, 1972; Reading, PA

Three city police officers, including a sergeant, observed an oval-shaped object hovering several thousand feet in the sky above Mt. Penn. They said the object changed color from white to red to bluish-green. After an unknown period of time, the UFO suddenly shot upward and out of sight, according to the officers. (NICAP UFOI, Oct 1972, page 3)

Aug. 21, 1972; Portland, OR
9:45 p.m. A 39-year-old woman reported what appeared to be a solid object surrounded by pulsating lights. She first spotted the "elongated" object and observed it for approximately 20 minutes before it disappeared behind some tall fir trees. (NICAP UFOI, Oct 1972, page 3)

Aug. 21, 1972; Waukesha, WI
An 18-year-old restaurant manager claims he was driving down a lonely country road at night when he saw a large, orange, circular object 20 to 30 feet in diameter hovering at tree-top level. At the same moment, according to the lone witness, the entire electrical system of his car went dead. After a few seconds, the object made a strange "beeping" sound and took off. The witness was able to start his car but the rest of his vehicle's electrical system (lights, horn and radio) would not function. (NICAP UFOI, Oct 1972, page 3)

Aug. 27, 1972; Lafayette, IN
9:00 p.m. A University of Purdue coed said she and a friend, while walking across the campus, spotted a "stingray-shaped" UFO with a shallow dome on top moving across the sky in a southwesterly direction. The object, according to the witnesses, appeared to tilt over on its side before disappearing from sight. (NICAP UFOI, Oct 1972, page 3)

Aug. 29, 1972; Reading, PA
Three city police officers, including a sergeant, observed an oval-shaped object hovering several thousand feet in the sky above Mt. Penn. They said the object changed color from white to red to bluish-green. After an unknown period of time, the UFO suddenly shot upward and out of sight, according to the officers. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, October 1972, page 3)

Sept. 9, 1972; North Bay, Ontario, Canada
At 11:25 p.m. local time, one object with flashing red and green lights moving very slow to moving at 300 knots at 4000 to 6000 feet altitude was observed visually and on radar at the North Bay Airport. The visual sighting correlated with the North Bay Terminal radar return at 340 degrees at six miles range. Object appeared to turn in tight circles or hover for approximately 15 minutes. Radar contact was lost prior to visual contact. (Dan Wilson)

Sept. 11, 1972; Butler, IN
1:55 p.m. 8-10' altitude!!! City Editor of the Aubury Evening News was in the Butler Police Station when a woman walked in. "She looked nervously at us, then obviously steeled herself and spoke to the Marion County Parole Officer. 'Will you promise not to think I'm crazy if I tell you something?" Her hands shook, her brow was damp with sweat. 'I saw this thing. I was driving along State Rd. 1 near a woods at County Rd. 34. I came up over the crest of a high hill and there it was, about 3' above my car. It was about a car length long, but perfectly round with what looked like red fluorescent paint along the top, and it had four feet coming out of the bottom." Investigation showed skid-marks where she braked the car, another man report a funny noise, another witness reported a high-pitch whine. (SL-60, page 5)

Sept. 13, 1972; Burlington, CO
A rural family, who police say are responsible people, reported that a UFO "as big as a house" flew parallel to their car as they were driving down a country road at night. One witness said the object landed and took off twice in a nearby field. The object, according to the witness, was round and big, and "rays" appeared to be coming out of it. (NICAP UFOI, Oct 1972, page 3)

Sept. 14, 1972; W. Palm Beach, FL

4:20 a.m.. A unidentified "bogie" was detected on radar at the West Palm Beach International Airport by FAA air traffic controller C. J. Fox. Fox described the contact as a "good clear target." The object was tracked for over an hour when at approximately 6:00 A.M., NORAD was alerted. Two F-106 jet fighters were dispatched from Homestead AFB, south of Miami, to locate and identify the the unknown object. The object disappeared from radar scopes shortly before the jets arrived. There were visual reports from the West Palm Beach International Airport by FAA watch supervisor George Morales. He viewed the object through binoculars and described the object as silver white in color and cigar shaped. Officials at Miami International Airport, which also tracked the strange object, reported no aircraft was known to be in the area where the UFO was spotted. (UFO INVESTIGATOR, October 1972, pages 1, 4)

Sept. 20, 1972; Howard, IN
Humanoid report. No details, but witness' name was Eastman. (EGBA, Page 673)

Oct. 9, 1972; Vincennes, IN
10:00 a.m. Several area residents reported sighting a silvery, blimp-shaped object high in the sky over Knox County at midmorning today, but Vincennes and Knox County police said they had no clues to its identity. Knox County police were called shortly before 10 a.m. by a rural resident between Bicknell and Freelandville, who described the object as "shaped like a blimp" and hovering in the area near her home. Major Joseph Hess of the county police said he called another person in the same area, who confirmed the sighting. Meanwhile, city police received a telephone can from a woman who "followed the UFO from Bicknell to Vincennes." No figures were available on apparent size, speed or height of the object, but all observers gave similar descriptions of its shape. (Note: I have a signed report from my brother who witnessed this, himself. It looked like a "water tower without legs". This object was very low, not "high in the sky" as the press report stated.- Ridge)

Oct. 14, 1972; McChord AFB, WA
2:00 p.m. Two airmen were instructed to check the tactical air navigational (TACAN) facility located eight miles east of McChord Air Force Base. The TACAN site was situated on government land maintained by the United States Army, Ft. Lewis. Briggs and Hillsgeck drove to the TACAN site at approximately 1300 hours. Upon their arrival, they opened the locked fence surrounding the TACAN facility and entered the compound. Once inside the compound, they opened the TACAN building and began to conduct a systems check of the TACAN equipment, Briggs heard a strange sound outside the building. According to Briggs, it sounded like a high pitch engine. Briggs exited the building to investigate the sound. Once outside, Briggs observed a saucer shaped object directly above the TACAN building. Briggs watched as the object landed just south of the TACAN compound. Briggs was startled by the object and entered the TACAN building to summoned Hillsgeck. Once Hillsgeck and Briggs exited the building together, they observed two "creatures" walking towards the fence. (See report by Bill Hamilton)

Oct. 14, 1972; Lorraine, IL
9:00 p.m. A gentleman, while driving a tractor on a side road, observed a dark, rectangular-shaped object (more like a trapezoid) outlined in blue light. Observed suddenly for 3seconds it then switched off. The farmer continued on down the road and 4-5 minutes later the object suddenly reappeared and flew off in 15 seconds. (SL-62, Page 10)

Nov. 24, 1972; Patoka, IL
6:45 p.m. A lady was on her way to Patoka from her home on RR 2, 2 miles SW of the city, when she saw a sudden flash in the sky. First expected to be a "falling star" she then saw it was moving rapidly in a zigzag fashion from W-E and she slowed her car to watch. When seen at best performance the object seemed to be a silvery disc. It was still in the sky when she reached town. When she went into the grocery store a lady shopper told her that her son had picked up transmissions on his short wave about strange lights in the sky. Later that evening the Patoka telephone operator received two calls from Odin, IL (8-10 miles SE) asking where to report strange lights in the sky north of Odin (SL-62, Page

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Nov. 26, 1972; Bt. Bedoga Bay and Woodland, CA
Judy Kendall abduction, three types of beings (UFOE II, Section XIII).

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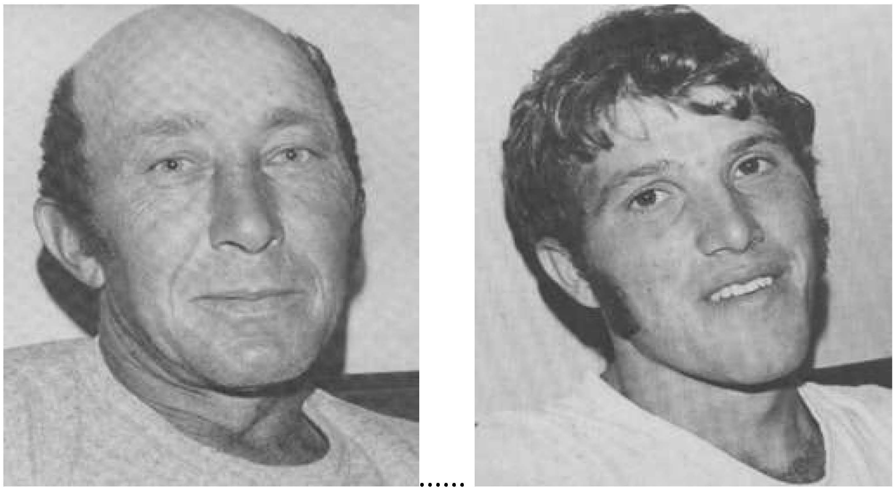
## A World-Wide Wave



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**Charles Hickson (42) & Calvin Parker (19) in 1973**

Oct. 11, 1973, a most memorable abduction

Map of sightings for 1973, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database (Pending)

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This is a 35-page chronology of UFO incidents and events for 1973, a major, world-wide sighting wave. Our thanks for these chronologies must go to our documentation team: Richard Hall (the original 1973 chronology from UFOE II), William Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns), and Jean Waskiewicz (online NICAP DBase [NSID]), and Michael Swords.

In January of 1973 I was transferred from Hillsboro, Illinois to Mt. Vernon, Indiana, and set up the UFO Filter Center to log UFO reports in the Midwest for the MADAR (UFO detection) Project. The states included in the study were: Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. Therefore this chronos is probably more comprehensive for those states. Most of the NL (nocturnal light) cases that I logged from the UFO Filter Center calls were not used in this chronos, so what you see are the more notable cases. Here is a sample of one of the message slips hastily completed regarding a sighting that COULD have been of value had it been investigated, but I was unable to get enough information..

As evidence for the nuclear connection continued to mount, world-shaking events were taking place which led to the Arab/Israeli War, fought from October 6 to October 26. The war had far-reaching implications for many nations.

The 1973 sighting wave was concentrated in the last half of the year, and featured the largest number of humanoid occupant sightings in many years. Several abductions were reported during this period (see Section XIII, UFOE II). The sightings peaked in mid to late October, with October 17 representing perhaps one of the most extraordinary single days for "high-strangeness" cases in UFO history (see Section XII). Dr. Richard Haines provided this Table 1, 116, Table 1, 117 of aircraft incidents in 1979 (Ref. 8).

Note: In regard to Humanoid Reports, there doesn't appear to be any cases as solid as a military radar-visual triangulation case, nor any military multiple-witness incidents, nor any humanoid cases involving radar-visual tracking, or where any astronomers or PhD scientists have seen humanoids and UFO's? It is important for us to list them, however, but only those incidents where UFOs were observed at the time or supporting evidence warrants.

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Jan. 1, 1973; Osorno, Chile
Disc with green lights and flashing, red light flew over car, engine restarted. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 19, No. 3, see Rodeghier, 1981, p. 55 [E] car)

Jan. 2, 1973; Santa Ana, CA
At least eight witnesses observed a large oval-shaped object with a dome on top hovering over the town. Witnesses reported that at times the object appeared to hover as low as two hundred feet from the ground. One witness said an object resembling a large amber-colored meteor sped through the evening sky then suddenly dropped straight down and hovered above telephone wires at 200 to 400 feet. The witness described the object as metallic silvery gray in color, elliptical in shape like two "saucers fastened rim to rim." A wide band of brilliant amber light encircled the middle, said the witness. The entire thing spun like a child's top. After hovering for about seven seconds, the object sped towards the southwest at terrific speed. As the object started to move away a hum like an electric generator could be heard. Some witnesses reported three distinct bands of color encircling the object and two antennae angling out from the dome. These same witnesses also reportedly observed a rectangular door on the bottom. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, April 1973, pages 3, 4)

Jan. 15, 1973; South China Sea
Bt. 2:00 and 4:00 a.m. The U.S.S Maunakea, an ammunitions boat designated AE22, docked at sea with the U.S.S. Oklahoma City to hand over its arsenel of nuke tipped missiles to the Oklahoma. Witness was on the Maunakea loading nukes with a forklift on deck. Car-sized orb approached to within 10 feet of witness. [See details at link]. (MUFON, Robert Spearing)

> January - February 1973; Cherokee County, S.C.
> Police in Cherokee County received so many UFO sighting reports that they stopped sending cars out to investigate. The sightings according to police have been in the hundreds. The objects being spotted by county residents have been described as "cylindrical, cigar-shaped," "triangular," and "round like a saucer with a cabin on top." By the end of February, according to police UFO watching had become so popular that on one night more than 50 cars were parked along the side of a road in the county in hopes of catching a glimpse of the object. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, April 1973, page 3)

Feb., 1973; Wood River Junction, RI
Day after day, week after week numerous residents claim that they have seen a "huge bright white light," moving slowly above their community. More than 250 people have reportedly seen the object since it was first sighted in February. The UFO has been observed by many residents hovering

soundlessly at tree at tree-top level for minutes at a time before disappearing. Many have claimed the object is huge, with estimates ranging from "bigger that a car" to 1/2 the size of a house. A number of the sightings according to local reports have occurred near the United Nuclear Corp. plant located nearby. United Nuclear operates a waste reclamation plant. Witnesses to these sightings have reported observing what appear to be military aircraft searching or patrolling the area following UFO sightings. Thomas Gariepy, a reporter for the Providence Evening Bulletin, is among those residents who have observed a UFO in recent months. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, May 1973, page 2)

Feb. 1973; Norah Head, NSW, Australia
12:45 AM. A couple was parked near a kiosk. The nearest streetlight began acting up, dimming off, then on, and back again, cycling like this until it had diminished to a faint glow. Then, beyond some trees in the general direction of the light, they saw a bright "ball" rise. It was golden colored and the apparent size of the full Moon. It hovered. It began to change colors, sliding through the spectrum from gold to orange to deep red. The couple's curiosity got them to decide to drive nearer the Ball; but to their consternation, they could not get the car to function. Only the headlights worked, and that just barely, at a low dull level. Frightened now, they decided to wait in the car for the Ball to leave. Then, small, red, glowing balls ejected from the larger object, and sailed forward and dropped down behind the trees. The Ball then rose slightly and began to move away. When it disappeared, the streetlight returned to normal function, and the car was able to be started. The couple left the scene without looking any further into the area. (Mike Swords; Source: "Two similar cases on the Central Coast N.S.W." [the title refers to a second case at Norah Head later on June 8, 1975 wherein a large light emitted smaller ones which then allegedly "attacked" witnesses], ACOS Bulletin, September 1976; and UFOIC Newsletter #48, 1976. [case researcher in this was Australian "ace" UFOlogist, Bill Chalker].)

Feb. 2, 1973; Ohura Beacon (area), Auckland, New Zealand
2:02 a.m. Intense blue-white light paced airliner for 20-25 seconds, navigation instruments malfunctioned (UFOE II, Section III). Table 1, 116, Captain Peter Telling, flying a Grand Commander aircraft at a altitude of 10,000 ft over the Ohura Beacon area thought he had a fire in his starboard engine. His flight position was 157° radial from Ohura Beacon. About 30 yards from the aircraft was a ball of intense bluish-white light, much like a welding arc, that was 20 to 20 feet in diameter, and stayed with his aircraft for about 20 to 25 sec. The Automatic Direction Finding Compass, and both the gyroscopic compass and magnetic one, went haywire and spun at a speed of about 12 revolutions per minute. All directional equipment remained non-functional until he passed over the Wanganui area. The ADF needle rotating aimlessly, the magnetic compass screwed up (not reliable) and needles rotated several rpm for some time. The VOR stayed locked on the source. (Source : NARCAP Case 32, Dr Richard F. Haines files)

Feb. 4, 1973; Kimba, S. Australia
9:50 PM. A couple was driving on a rural highway and the driver noticed something that he couldn't make sense of, off to his right. He noted this to his lady friend and she saw it, too, but not quite as clearly. What they didn't know was that two other drivers, one just ahead of them and one coming by shortly later [10pm] saw the same thing. What was it? Summarizing the four witnesses reports, what was off in the nearby field was a "window of orange light". The "window" [or would "doorway" be a better label?] was ten feet high and five feet wide and definitely rectangular.[i.e. it had a firm outline]. Within this lightform was a figure of a humanoid, bright white light in color, with no depth of dimension being seeable. [one must keep in mind that all the observers looked at this only briefly as they drove by]. The driver of the first-mentioned car described the figure as wearing a white "spacesuit" and floating in the middle of the light-doorway. His girlfriend got less of a view and described what she saw as a white blob inside an orange rectangle. The truck driver, who came afterwards, saw a orange-colored "caravan-doorway" without the caravan, and a white figure in the middle of it. The earlier driver said he saw a "glow of light, orange in color, rectangular in shape". He didn't see a figure. When Keith Basterfield investigated the case shortly thereafter he and the constable, to whom all this had originally been reported, went to the location and could find no "entry" or "exit" tracks to indicate that any vehicles or whatever had been there. Basterfield, an excellent UFO

researcher, was completely flummoxed by this unusual encounter, particularly given the independence of the witnesses, and the lack of any ground markings at the site. [Commentary (Michael Swords): this is a spectacular instance of a small set of incidents where the witnesses see not a craft, but what more seems like a "window" or a "doorway" through which something "elsewhere" is seen, or conceivably could come through. Witnesses in these cases are often struck by the two-dimensionality of the space that they see as the boundary area, as if an opening had occurred in that location from another place. We, of course, don't know whether that interpretation makes sense, but it is a "simple" interpretation of what the witnesses say. (Mike Swords. Sources: Keith Basterfield. "near Kimba South Australia: Four People in Three Vehicles Report Orange Rectangle with Figure Inside, on Side of Deserted Road", case monograph report, 24pp., no date [CUFOS files]; and Keith Basterfield. "Strange Affair on the Kimba Road", Flying Saucer Review Case Histories #18, February 1974.)

Feb. 8, 1973; Conejo, CA
Youths photographed disc-shaped object, analysis supported authenticity (UFOE II, Section VII).

Feb. 8, 1973; Pana, IL
Evening. Three boys reported they saw an orange ball coming out of the west. When they turned off their car lights, almost at once the object seemed to turn off its lights. Ten minutes later they saw it again, moving to the north. (SL-66,16)

Feb. 9, 1973; St. Albans, UK
Bright yellow sphere hovered low over road, engine restarted by itself when UFO departed. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 19, No. 2; See Rodeghier, 1981, p. 56 [E] car)

Feb. 12, 1973; England
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Feb.14, 1973; McAlester, OK
Disc with dome maneuvered around DC-8 aircraft, confirmed by airborne radar. Shadowy figures seen in dome (UFOE II, Section III).

Feb. 21, 1973; Elsinore, MO
Evening. Six witnesses reported a close encounter with an object with a row of lights, hovering at 50' altitude. (Reggie Bone incident) (Rutledge, PID,6)

March 1, 1973; Saylors Lake, PA
There were 42 objects with flashing lights observed by multiple witnesses during a three-hour period. The sightings occurred over a small lake-side community located in eastern Pennsylvania, near the New Jersey border. At least a dozen witnesses, including a state trooper, observed the objects passing over the lake, with one witness counting 39 objects before the evening ended. Trooper Jeffery Hontz, sent to the town to investigate, said he observed four objects pass over the lake from west to east. "'But don't ask me what they were," he said, "it was like a Christmas tree flying in the air." The objects, he said were flying at an altitude of 1,500 feet. Most had white lights, said Hontz, but others had red or blue lights. Mrs. Howard Pfeiffer said she and 11 other residents saw 39 objects -- some in groups pass over the lake at 15-minute intervals between 7:25 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. She said the round objects were about the size of a "child's wading pool". Mrs. Pfeiffer, one of the major witnesses, discounted the theory put forth by some that the objects were planes. "The first one came so close I felt I could reach up and touch it," she said. "There was no noise, no sparks, or anything. I know it wasn't any plane or balloon or helicopter." (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, April 1973, page 1)

March 7, 1973; City not noted, SC
Photograph taken (?). No photo, details or source.

March 1973; E. PA

A major UFO "wave" apparently hit a three-county area of eastern Pennsylvania. Mostly round and oval lighted objects were reported. On March 20th Bushkill Township Police Chief Harold Kostenbader reportedly observed three objects himself. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, May 1973, pages 1, 4)

March 15, 1973; Milton, PA
Police reportedly were swamped with calls regarding a "giant ball" which moved quickly across the evening sky from east to west. According to one witness, the object looked like a lighted helicopter dome. At one point, he said, he observed the object make a 90-degree turn to avoid a crash with what appeared to be an airplane. As the evening progressed, several other Milton residents reported similar sightings, according to police. A spokesman at a local Air Force base, when asked about possible sighting reports, said no records were kept of such reports and local Air Force personnel were not on the alert for such sightings. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, August, 1973, page 3)

March 22, 1973; Grand Tower, IL
9:15 p.m. Object approximately 1,500' high hovered over power plant. Witness estimated the object's size at 25' in diameter (250 yards away). He described the object as a ring of lighted panels or windows with definite spacing between windows, each emitting pulsating light varying from a dark red-to-orange-to-white sequenced in a clockwise rotation like a theater marquee. Witness said the object was doughnut-shaped, or more like a wedding band, since only the lighted panels were visible. (Newsclipping, SL66,7)

April 1-8, 1973; Los Angeles Basin, CA
At least 16 sightings of round or egg-shaped objects (UFOE II, Section VIII).

April 6, 1973; Charleston, MO
Mrs. Dorothy Thompson saw an egg-shaped object at treetop level after her TV set went off and on, and she saw a bright flash of light in her kitchen.

April 6, 1973; Ellsinore, MO
At 11:30 a.m. a domed disc-shaped object with portholes and landing gear came down and landed in the woods four miles west of Ellsinore, Missouri. At the landing site were found three holes in the ground arranged in a triangle pattern, and some damaged foliage. (Sources: Ted Phillips, Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings, case 541; BUFORA Journal, December 1973; Richard Hall, The UFO Evidence, Volume II: A Thirty Year Report, p. 263).

April 10, 1973; City not noted, RI
A woman driving along US highway 1 in southern Rhode Island saw a reddish-orange object move toward her car, then pass directly overhead. He car lights dimmed and the engine faltered. The object was estimated to be 42 feet in diameter, and was surrounded by a green haze. (Source: Donald R. Todd, APRO Bulletin, May-June 1973, p. 9).

April 12, 1973: SE of Piedmont, MO
10:30 p.m. Orange ball of light observed from Cessna 150 at 2500'. OBOL (orange ball of light) appeared on slope of Clark's Mountain, disappeared when a/c turned toward it. Simultaneously identical light appeared to the right. When a/c banked again, the object shot straight up. (Rutledge) (PID,15)
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April 12, 1973; Farmington, MO
10:30 p.m. A BOL (ball of light) was chased by Piper Cherokee, same night as Piedmont incident. (PID,18)

April 15, 1973; Bt. Manor & Penn, PA

During the late afternoon on the road between Manor and Penn, Pennsylvania twelve witnesses saw a disc-shaped object, between 35-60 feet in diameter, that came within 70 meters of a car, causing the car's headlights to dim. During the night of April 15-16 more than a dozen witnesses reported observations of UFOs in the area of Penn and Manor, Pennsylvania, near the larger town of Jeanette. Among these was the report of a single witness who was driving near the Manor, Pennsylvania Power plant at 10:55 p.m. when he observed a large glowing object over the nearby railroad tracks. It was just above the trees, and the light from the object illuminated the immediate area with an intense white color. The witness pulled over to the side of the road and got out for a better look. The object, no more than a hundred yards away, was about 400 yards west of the power plant and approximately 10 feet above the trees. The object itself was completely illuminated but apparently solid in construction and about three car lengths in size. It had a dome like structure on top, which was the same bright color as the rest of the object. Around the main section were 2 or 3 rows of multi-colored lights, or square windows. One was whitish, the next red, and the third a blue or green hue. From the left side of the UFO a line or cord extended some 30 yards, and at the end of the cord floated a human form some eight to ten feet tall, similar to the "Apollo astronauts walking in space". It was of a purple or orange color. The witness did not see the humanoid form retracted into the UFO; rather it disappeared like "a string of lights." The witness had left his lights on and engine running when he got out of his vehicle, and he noticed that the headlights had dimmed to the strength of a weak flashlight. When the object departed, the headlights came back on as bright as before. The object made a high-pitched sound "like a spinning top" when it departed. "You could hear the trees blowing" as it went over them. The encounter lasted three to four minutes. (Sources: (1) Irwin Standard-Observer, July 1973, p. 27; Mark Rodeghier, UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference, p. 56, citing the UFO Register, (volume 5, 1974), (2) Stan Gordon, Skylook, June 1973, p. 6; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case 1973-08 (A1199), citing Stan Gordon; David F. Webb, 1973 - Year of the Humanoids, case 73-07).

April 19, 1973; Stoddard County, MO
Sheriffs and others on April 10 reported at least three UFOs over Bernie and in Dexter. Objects changed color from white to red to blue, moved irregularly across the sky, starting and stopping and changing speeds.

April 22, 1973; Guadalcanal, Spain
Four yellow lights as if one object, beside road, buzzed car; burn marks found where UFO first seen. (Ballester-Olmos, 1976, pp. 40-41 [E] car).

April 24, 1973; Spring Mills, PA
Local police reported that three adults apparently sober and not under the influence of any drugs, told them they observed an oval-shaped fluorescent-white UFO travel from the north, stop, and hover motionless over one of the witnesses' homes and then speed off in a northerly direction and then disappear. The object gave off a very bright white light which changed to blue and green, said one witness. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, August 1973, page 3)

April 29, 1973; Shamokin, PA
More than a dozen residents of the Ferndale sub-division told state police they observed a UFO with "flashing lights" land on on Burnside Mountain. One of the witnesses, a 13-year old boy, said he watched the object through binoculars and could see a "big bubble on it and I saw silver along with the lights." A number of adults reporting the sighting said the object hovered above the mountain for several moments before apparently landing. The UFO watchers said they saw the object take off around 11P.M. and head west. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, August 1973, page 3)

April 30, 1973, Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia
At an unstated time, four teenagers were driving when one saw an egg-shaped object drop out of the sky, to the SE and disappear behind trees, in a fraction of a second. Two hundred metres later, they noted a distant glow in a paddock. They then returned to the spot where the girl had seen the light in

the sky, and as they arrived there it seemed that the car's headlights blacked out momentarily. All then saw an object on the ground. It seemed dome-shaped and reddish-orange in color. After watching it for five minutes, they left the area. (Source: FSR Vol. 21. No. 6. p.4.)

May, 1973; Houston, TX
One of the few UFO encounter cases which also involved animal mutilation occurred in May, 1973, and involved four women. Judy Doraty, her daughter Cindy, Judy's mother and sister-in-law would have the most terrifying experience of their lives. (Source: "Strange Harvest" Linda Moulton Howe; Dr. Leo Sprinkle, University of Wyoming, transcripts).

May, 1973; Glenburnie, South Australia, Australia
At an unknown time, on an unknown day in May, three teenagers in a car, reported to police, that a bright light had followed their car for several miles. The light changed color from red to white. It was last seen 'hovering' over a paddock. (Source: 1969. Hervey, M. 'UFOs Over the Southern Hemisphere.' Horwitz. Sydney. p.142. citing the Mt Gambier Watch, newspaper, sometime in May 1973. p.24. Keith Basterfield is not aware of any other details about this sighting.)

May 6, 1973; Kokomo, IN
Humanoid report, no details, listed in directory and UFOFC files. (EGBA,675)

May 11, 1973; Piedmont, MO
8:10 p.m. Row of seven lights observed for 45 seconds by Harley Rutledge and three other members of Project Identification team. (*Project Identification*, page 42)

May 12, 1973; Near Kent, OH
9:20 p.m. The witness was driving west on Route 76, near Kent, when he observed a group of flashing lights overhead, almost directly above the car. They moved along the highway with him until finally, out of curiosity, he stopped; so did the lights. Looking up through the windshield, at close to a 90 degree angle, he could see a football shaped object that flashed from red to blue to white, in a repeating cycle; as he watched, he saw a figure materialize approximately 10 feet below the object. The figure was human in shaped, clad all in silver, and rapidly descended to the highway directly in front of the car; when it reached the pavement, the figure was standing rigidly in a position looking to the right, then turned its head to look directly into the windshield at the witness. After about a half a minute, the figure again ascended rapidly, "like a helium balloon," towards the object; disappearing before it reached it. It was shaped exactly like a human, but was entirely silver in color, lacking hair and ears; eyes, a "Dutch" nose and narrow mouth, with small pointed chin, were observed by the witness. He was uncertain as to whether the silvery body was a close fitting garment or the actual skin color, for he saw what appeared to be the faint outline of a vein running down the inside of one of the figure's arms, which he held rigidly downward; on the feet he saw what appeared to be boots or shoes, with a heavy, distinct line between the sole and boot itself. No line of demarcation could be seen between the shoe, or boot and the lower leg. The height of the figure was not much more than 2.5 feet; and it descended to a position approximately ten feet in front of the car. After the figure ascended, the object moved rapidly in a vertical ascent, rocking the car "as if a semi was passing it." (Humcat 1973-10; Source: Larry Moyers and Marc Candusso FSIC)

Mid May 1973; Near Catanduva, Sao Paulo, Brazil
A man and his wife employed at the Fazenda Secap claimed to have seen an oval shaped flying craft, "with two figures like people, in big hats and linked together by a sort of tube." According to one newspaper, as many as six local residents claimed also to have seen the UFO. There were numerous other incidents in the area at the same time. (Humcat 1973-11; Source: Gordon Creighton, FSR Vol. 11 # 3/4)

May 17, 1973; South Atlantic
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May 18, 1973; North Atlantic
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May 18, 1973; Pekin, IL
10:00 p.m. A large "unidentified flying object with an orange glow" was spotted over Pekin. Mrs. Charles Phillips said she and her family were in their car when they first noticed the object. They stopped the car and were able to see something over Edison Junior high school there appeared to be a dome which an orange light emanated and there was a pulsating motion evident. She said members of her family were not able to hear any sound from the object, which she guessed was about 90 feet up in the air. The object hovered over the area, proceeded out Court Street to the mall and then turned back and seemed to head toward the Illinois River. (TIMES, Pekin, IL, May 19)

May 19, 1973; Springfield, MO
9:00 p.m. A blue cylindrical shaped UFO made a low silent pass. It was seen again that same night after midnight. (Source: Springfield (MO) News Leader,

May 19, 1973; Turkey
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May 20, 1973; England
Table 1, 116,

May 22, 1973; Itajobi, Brazil
Oval object hovering overhead, blue light beam shone onto car, heat felt. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 21, No.. 3-4; See Rodeghier, 1981, p. 57 [E,R] car).

May 24, 1973; Farmington, MO
Evening. Noiseless, wing-like object of unidentified nature observed by four members of Project Identification team. (*Project Identification*, Page 79)

May 27, 1973; Sao Jose Do Rio Preto, Sao Paulo, Brazil
<>2:00 a.m. Geni Lisboa was busily baking wedding cakes early in the morning when her attention was drawn outdoors by the squawking of her pet parakeet. When she looked out she saw a luminous flying object approaching her property. The object circled her garden and hovered above the wall. Ms. Lisboa, only a few meters distant, could see three identical looking figures of small stature through the transparent upper portion. They were behind a kind of "parapet" which hid them from the waist down. Each one was directly a beam of light down as if searching for something. Then their beams simultaneously converged on the witness, immediately paralyzing her. Feeling some pain and dizziness, she was nevertheless able to call out for help to her neighbor, but the object departed before she was able to respond. When her neighbor arrived, she found Ms. Lisboa's face swollen and her eyes bloodshot. Her body was painful, particularly in the joints and especially in the knees, but she continued working until the pain returned and she was forced to call her neighbor again. Her physiological symptoms worsened and she was hospitalized for what the doctors labeled a prolapsed uterus. She had had a gynecological test six months before and had been healthy. In addition to this, her eyesight worsened after the experience to the point where she was forced to wear corrective lenses for the first time in her life. Also, her previous medical condition of hypertension seemed to have made an improvement to the degree where she was able to drop all previous anti-hypertensive medication. (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case 1973-94 (A1840), citing Dr. Walter Buhler & Jose Wilson Ribeiro, SBEDV).

May 29, 1973; nr Tyringham, Australia
A flashing object with non-inertial motions scares horses and cat. (Mike Swords; Source: W.C.Chalker. Tyringham-Dundurrabin Flap [mini-monogragh or case file] ,18pp., 1973. (CUFOS files).

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Summer of 1973; Littleyork, IN
9:30 p.m. Four people in a car were driving near Weston Lake when a bright floodlight-type light was pointed at them. The object was behind the witnesses and off to the right. They stopped their car and watched the object, described as a "flat-bottomed catfish-shaped" object, as it passed overhead and off to the right at 65-70 mph and about 100' up. An airflow-like whistle could be heard as it passed low overhead and headed SE. Duration: 10 mins. (FI-4 /Palmiter/ MUFON Indiana)

June 1, 1973; Dundurrabin, Australia
UFO scares horses, cat, and cattle. (Mike Swords; Source: W.C.Chalker. Tyringham-Dundurrabin Flap [mini-monogragh or case file] ,18pp., 1973. (CUFOS files).

June 2, 1973; Divernon, IL
2:15 to 2:30 a.m. The UFO had a series of bright running lights, much like one would see on any other aircraft. Suddenly, a large orange-red light was turned on beneath the UFO which lit up the entire landscape. The witness couldn't tell if it was from one source or several lights, but; it was all from toe same craft. He stopped and turned engine off, got| out and watched about ten or fifteen minutes. "There wasn't a sound," he said. "And there was an airplane flying high overhead, which we heard. This was much closer, perhaps a thousand feet away, some 500' feet off the ground." The unusual item moved quickly to the north, then seemed to travel around the city of Springfield, to the east. (Courier, Jacksonville, IL, June 3)

June 2, 1973; bt. Tyringham & Dundurrabin, Australia
Object spirals in sky and seems to land. Upon getting close to assumed area of landing, compass begins spinning wildly. (Mike Swords; Source: W.C.Chalker. Tyringham-Dundurrabin Flap [mini-monogragh or case file] ,18pp., 1973. (CUFOS files).

June 3, 1973; bt. Tyringham & Dundurrabin, Australia
2:00 AM. Bright light floods home. Horse froths and runs wild. (Mike Swords; Source: W.C.Chalker. Tyringham-Dundurrabin Flap [mini-monogragh or case file] ,18pp., 1973. (CUFOS files).

June 7, 1973; Sousas, Brazil
Yellow "fireball" approached, stopped fifty meters away, prickling sensation felt, later intense headaches. (Flying Saucer Review Case Histories, Supplement 17; See Rodeghier, 1981, p. 57 {E} car).

June 7, 1973; Dundurrabin, Australia
Globular lemony-colored object is extended from the bottom of a ball which is changing color, red to green cyclically. Glob is at end of an extended "tongue". Main object then slowly "sucks" it back in. (Mike Swords; Source: W.C.Chalker. Tyringham-Dundurrabin Flap [mini-monogragh or case file] ,18pp., 1973. (CUFOS files).

June 14, 1973; Princeton, IL
UFOs were sighted by three young girls traveling Interstate 80, five 'miles west of Princeton at approximately 3:38 a.m. State Police District 7 in Rock Island reported. The girls, ages 18 and 19, from Albany, N.Y., and Bristolville, Ohio, told investigating troopers that they had seen a silver, gray and black flying object emitting a green mellow light. The girls said that the object made several maneuvers in a rapid manner, and, prior to disappearing, two other objects were accompanying the first one. The girls said the object was flying in a southeast to northwest direction. Another traveler at the rest area, a Milwaukee man, allegedly photographed the objects with a high powered camera, but he had left the area before troopers arrived at the scene, troopers said. (Times, Ottaw, IL, Jun 15)

June 14, 1973; nr Tyringham, Australia

Domed disk making noise like aboriginal "bull-roarer" descends like "falling leaf or pendulum", and that morning a lady from Dundurrabin heard strange noises and weird "moonlight" through her window. Her clock was discovered to have stopped [though it wasn't electric]. She thought this was odd when her neighbors came to her house to inquire about the time since their clock had stopped too. (Mike Swords; Source: W.C.Chalker. Tyringham-Dundurrabin Flap [mini-monogragh or case file] ,18pp., 1973. (CUFOS files).

June 17-19, 1973; Cuckatoo Creek, Australia
Flashes and humming noises noticed over house three nights in a row. Animals extremely agitated. The source of this was not seen, but seemed to be coming from above. (Mike Swords; Source: W.C.Chalker. Tyringham-Dundurrabin Flap [mini-monogragh or case file] ,18pp., 1973. (CUFOS files).

June 19, 1973; Cape Girardeau, MO
7:12 p.m. Dull gray, bullet-shaped object observed for several seconds by Harley Rutledge of Project Identification. (*Project Identification*, page139)

June 20, 1973; Fort Wayne, IN
10:30 p.m. One resident reported seeing a large hovering aerial object described as round or pear-shaped with four or five red lights on top and bottom and a large white light atop. It was dome shaped at top and rounded at bottom with what appeared to be a partitioned frame within the window. Another resident said she saw the object while en route to a food market. For awhile it was above her auto at a height estimated at equivalent to a block or two. After moments it suddenly took off eastward at unbelievable speed, gradually disappearing. Lights on the object dimmed gradually before its departure. (SL-70, page 10)

June 23, 1973: Piedmont, MO
10:30 p.m. From a cabin on the Rothwell Ranch, two men watched as a bright light that had a ring around it rose from low on the ESE horizon, moved up-down, then left-right, for a distance of 15 degrees over a 30 minute period beginning at 10:30 p.m. The object silently radiated lines of concentric circles like heat waves. At one point a small light joined the first object. (Source: MUFON database of field investigations, case file dated July 9, 1973, field investigator Dan A. Rothwell).

June 25, 1973; Dundurrabin, Australia
A disk hovered and extended a "v-shaped" beam of green light, which seemed to be "solid", cut-off, and able to be oscillated up and down under the craft. (Mike Swords; Source: W.C.Chalker. Tyringham-Dundurrabin Flap [mini-monogragh or case file] ,18pp., 1973. (CUFOS files).

June 28, 1973; Columbia, MO
Mobile home park UFO landing, sound, E-M, animal reactions, light beams, bright illumination, physical traces (UFOE II, Section I).

June 28, 1973; Sandoval, Il
At 9:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Sanders saw a cone-shaped UFO with multicolored lights at treetop level while driving on Route 51. The UFO made two circles over the highway, then headed off toward the south making a roaring sound. Their eyes were "foggy" for two days following their close encounter. (Source: John F. Schuessler, Physiological Effects from UFOs, case investigation report dated July 22, 1973).

June 29, 1973; Bayview, ID
Thirteen UFOs, which appeared as "steady white lights," were reported over Lake Pend Oreille by a local family. According to one of the witnesses, the objects were in view for approximately one hour and were seen passing over the lake in all directions. They moved swiftly but emitted no apparent noise, according to the family. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, September 1973, page 3)

July, 1973; Kokkaido, Japan
Witness said light descended to an altitude of about 20 meters (75 feet) above the surface of the water and stopped, and then from the underside of the light came what appeared to be a glass-like transparent tube and when the leading edge of the tube touched the surface of the water, that part of the tube began to glow and appeared to be sucking up the bay water. Accompanying the projection of the tube to the water, was a sound which Kudou described to be like the sound of a cicada (insect) which emits sound like "min-min-min-min", but the sound accompanying the tube was not so monotonous and appeared to be lower in pitch. Later, he could make out more detail and noted that it was as smooth and round as a ping-pong ball, and he could now see what appeared to be small windows around the center of the object. In the central one and in another window two windows to the right, he saw two "eerie, shadow-like figures" which he said were too small and deformed to be called the shadows of men". (A.P.R.O. Bulletin, Vol. 24, No. 10, April 1976, pp. 1,4 & 5)
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July 6, 1973; Fairfield, IL
Four boys (ages 14-18) saw an illuminated object shaped like a "flat football" near Fairfield Airport about 10 p.m. as they were on the road to Miriam. Earlier, about 8:00 p.m. the same object was seen by two other boys near the Drive In Theatre and Fairfield Gun Club, as it passed over their car heading toward Geff. The boys located the sheriff and his deputy at the Regal 8 Inn at Fairfield and reported the sighting. The men went outside to look, saw nothing, and made light of the boys' report. The two boys returned to the site where they had seen the object, spotted it again to the west and then followed it to Geff where it was then lost to view behind some trees. The boys said the object was football shaped, with red and white alternating lights around it and was the size of a half dollar held at arms length. (SL-70, page 10)

July 13, 1973; Emden, MO
3:30 a.m. Began with barking dog. The object was described as egg shaped or oblong, about the size of an average car.  It had a 3-dimensional appearance, "..like you could look through it, or right into it." The outside was orange and toward the center it was brighter and a slightly different color. The colors were described as similar to setting sun but not dark enough to be considered red. The night was very quiet with no wind. (AR Case, Woodward)

July 16, 1973; Between Palamo and Playa de Oro, Spain
6:30 p.m. Miguel Romera Fernandez de Cordoba was flying a forest fire aircraft from Palamos to Playa de Oro at 3,000 feet altitude, and with a clear sky and a good visibility. Suddenly he saw a strange object which looked like a rugby ball cut on lower part. The object paced and maintained same position on the right of the aircraft for 10-12 minutes. The aircraft radio system failed during the sighting. The movement of the object gave to the pilot a sensation of fear. (Source: NARCAP Case 35, Dr Richard F. Haines Files) Table 1, 116,

July 21, 1973; Gavignano, France
E-M effects, paralysis, cold felt; bright object rose from ground and shot into sky, power returned, engine restarted by itself. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 23, No. 6; see Rodeghier, 1981, p. 57 [E,R,L] car).

July 27, 1973; Lake Isabella, CA
Domed-shaped object 15' in diameter on roadside, rose and crossed road. (MUFON MUJ, July 1988, p. 19 [R,L] car).

Aug., 1973; Elizabethtown, KY
A news clipping mentioned that a 16-year-old boy had seen a UFO "shaped like a trapezoid, only rounded off on the bottom". This was early August and could have been at the same time as the other cases listed below, however many miles away.

Aug. 1973 (exact date unknown), Princeton, IN

9:00 p.m. Three persons hastily left a place in Illinois they had visited when a bad storm came up. While driving closer to home at Princeton, Indiana, they saw an object. As they got closer to it, before lightning struck, they saw what looked like clearance lights, one on each side of it. Later on it proved to be four, of whatever the light was, dotted around the "cupola". The object was a classic disc with a straight up & down cupola, rather than the usual dome. And beneath it was a super-dark cone which apexes below the tree level. And this thing (the cone) didn't appear to be solid. The cone was sort of wide at the bottom of the saucer and evidently went to a point which would have been the opposite of a flashlight beam. (UFO Filter Center Files, FI Fran Ridge, MUFON SSD).

Aug. 4, 1973; Greenup, IL
Bud Sedgwick had been cultivating beans southeast of Greenup until his wife and her parents Mr. and Mr. Delos Robbins drove to the fields to pick him up shortly after 8 o'clock, Saturday night, August 4th. They were on a country road east of Greenup going west, just south of the Penn Central Railroad tracks when, "All of a sudden there it was, it was coming at us sideways at treetop level," Sedgwick said. He slammed on the brakes and one of the women was thrown against the dashboard of the car. The fast moving object was rectangular "and had the shape of a large boxcar," Sedgwick said. He described it as being "all the same color, a pale color." It wasn't overly brilliant and it didn't hurt their eyes to look at it. "It was right in front of us. We had a clear view, there was no guessing." He estimated the object to be about a half mile from them and he said it appeared to settle into a cornfield, with one end of the rectangle going down first, then the other end also disappearing from view. (SL-71, page 5)

Aug. 4, 1973; Greenup, IL
Evening. Bill McMorris and his son were on their way home from an evening of fishing near Hidalgo, Ill. Coming north on Route 130 through the hollows south of Greenup they saw the object across the top of a farm house owned by Walter Gabel. "It was as big as a house," McMorris, publisher of the Greenup newspaper, said. It was at least three-fourths of a mile away and seemed to be coming down, he said. He lost sight of it when he went down into a dip in the road, and when he came up the other side of the hill, it was gone. He too said it was evenly illuminated, no one spot any brighter than any other. (SL-71, page 5)

Aug. 4, 1973; Greenup, IL
Patty Markwell, 13, was in her mother's car on the way to the Tastee Freeze when she saw the object. "I just saw the end of it over the trees," she said. "It was real bright, it looked like light bulbs. It looked like somebody had a string on it, and just pulled it down." Her mother, busy driving, couldn't take her eyes off the road when Patty called out there was something real bright in the sky, and she didn't see it. (SL-71, page 5)

Aug. 7, 1973; Tyringham, Australia
A huge light or luminous object manifested as a brilliant V or cone-shaped thing with a small orange "knob" on top. The big light was able to silhouette trees but not cast light on them. It then just turned off, leaving only the orange knob. (Mike Swords; Source: W.C.Chalker. Tyringham-Dundurrabin Flap [mini-monogragh or case file] ,18pp., 1973. (CUFOS files).

Aug. 9, 1973; Exeter, NH
A father and his son were driving along a main highway in the Exeter area when they saw a landed UFO alongside the highway. A humanoid was standing beside it. This was probably in the daytime. (Ref. 5)

Aug 10, 1973; Ibague, Colombia
Four grade-school students and a policeman saw four small humanoids beneath a bridge. The beings were only 20 cm tall and disappeared when the witnesses approached. "Traces" were left in mud and later photographed. (Ref. 5)

Aug.14, 1973; Traverse City, MI

A 19-year-old Lake Ann, Michigan, resident and his companion claim they observed a cylindrically-shaped object, about 50 feet in length, pass in front of their car around 10:30 p.m. near Boardman Lake off Cass Road. According to the couple, the object traveling in a north to south direction passed within 20 feet of the the vehicle and appeared to have approximately 10 lights located on the underside of the craft. The lights flashed on and off and appeared blue lights flashed on and off and appeared blue, pink, and green. The sighting lasted approximately eight seconds. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, September 1973, page 3)

Aug. 19, 1973; Reports Carried in Several Area Newspapers

> The other reports that came in Sunday proved to be the most productive night for UFO sightings in the area. Over 200 persons reported seeing a UFO during the evening, according to Kid Jenson, a disc jockey at radio station WEIC in Charleston. "Most of the people who called were satisfied they really saw something," Jenson said, "And about 80 percent of the reports were almost identical in their descriptions of the UFO." (SL-71, page 5)

Aug. 19, 1973; Greenup, IL

One report report came from a Charleston resident who said a UFO had landed "about 200 feet from my car in the country and then tried to get me on the way back to Charleston." (SL-71, page 5)

Aug. 23, 1973; Tyringham, Australia

A dull silver object passed overhead bringing [apparently] with it [though not immediately; this took "a few minutes"] an area of cold air, very localized and in a definite sensible volume. Later someone at the same location heard sounds for which they could not find a source [sounded like "a phantom truck"] and found a clock stopped. Later, the noise occurred again, and the witness checked the electric clock; the second hand "twittered a little from side to side, then stopped". (Mike Swords; Source: W.C.Chalker. Tyringham-Dundurrabin Flap [mini-monogragh or case file] ,18pp., 1973. (CUFOS files).

Aug. 27, 1973; Greensburg, PA

On this night a woman reported seeing a large boomerang shaped craft hovering over a heavily wooded area in Beech Hill. When her husband went out to investigate he encountered a large hairy, biped creature with a wolf-like face. He shot at it with his gun with no apparent effect. (Source: Albert S. Rosales, Humanoid Contact Database 1973, case # 1872, citing Paul G. Johnson & Joan Jeffers, The Pennsylvania Bigfoot).

Aug. 30, 1973; S. GA

Midnight. Reports of unidentified flashing lights from a wide area of south Georgia were sent over the state-wide police communication network shortly after midnight and into the early morning of August 31. Military authorities in the area were notified. The duty officer at Robins AFB, Macon, said that the reports will be handled by the air police, "who make all investigations of UFO reports."... "The objects changed colors as they moved through the night, flashing blue, yellow, and green." (Chicago Daily News, Sat.-Sun., Sept. 1-2, 1973. Albany, Ga. [UPI].)

August 31-October 19, 1973: Flurry of Sightings

> Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Concentration of sightings in Deep South, witnessed by local and state police and many others. Fast-moving oblong objects with bright flashing or revolving lights. Those on August 31 in Georgia flashed blue, yellow and green. Others displayed red, green, orange, and white lights."

Concentration of Sightings In Spain Begins

> A Department of Defense Intelligence Information Report (No. 6 889 0174 74) dated August 22, 1974, obtained by Jan L. Aldrich, indicates a concentration of sightings in Spain from September 1973 through the following June. The report is signed by Capt. Richard T. Fox, USN, Acting Defense Attaché in Madrid. A table lists 28 sightings.

Sept., 1967; Brownsville, IN
2:00 a.m. Main features of case; disk craft observed at very close range. Witness tried three times to touch craft. Reached within a foot or so of its edge with his hand only to have it zip away. (Worley files/Ridge/MUFON Indiana)

Sept. 2, 1973; Milroy, IN
2:30 PM. Short term abduction. Dark green object observed in rear view mirror. Sped at auto and hovered at back window where it appeared to be a greyish illuminated object with transparent glass curved front. Two indistinct figures appeared on seats inside the window. Witness mesmerized and shown scenes on his rear window while traveling a short distance down highway. (Investigated for CUFOS. by Don Worley)

Sept. 2, 1973; Big Bear Lake, CA
11:00 p.m. Residents reported a series of sightings at night of unidentified objects with flashing lights. A hovering multi-colored object was observed, a red color predominating. Then it was seen to be a red disc, which began moving in various directions, then accelerated and sped away toward the north. (Big Bear News, Sept. 27, 1973)

Sept. 3, 1973; Athens, GA
Motorist driving home encountered egg-shaped object that descended onto road ahead of car. Two small beings emerged (UFOE II, Section XII).

Sept. 5, 1973; Morris, IL
11:30 p.m. 20-mins. Discoid object hovered over Northern Petro Chemical Company plant. Brief power failure reported. (SL-71, page 12)

Sept. 6, 1973; Between Penong and Ivy Tanks, South Australia, Australia
About 3:00 AM local time. Astrid Ringer, aged 32, was a passenger in a semi-trailer truck being driven by an unidentified male, travelling across to Perth, Western Australia. She had been asleep for about an hour, when a 'voice in her head' called her name and told her to look out of the vehicle's window into the dark, night. She did so, and says she saw an egg-shaped object, on the ground, surrounded by a 'force field.' ; The figure of a 'man' was walking towards the egg; while another 'man' was visible inside the egg. The first 'man' entered the egg; its glow died down, leaving just a white light visible. The semi-trailer driver then stopped his vehicle at Ringer's request. He had seen nothing unusual during the time of Ringer's observation. They did not go back to check the scene. (Source: 1973 interview of Ringer in person, by Vladimir Godic and Keith Basterfield.) [Note by Keith Basterfield. It is my view that this may have been hypnopompic imagery]

Sept. 8, 1973; Hunter Air Air Field, GA
"Saucer-shaped" object with flashing bright red and white lights dove at MP patrol vehicle (Bart J. Burns and Randy Shade, occupants) repeatedly and chased it at high speeds (UFOE II, Section II).

Sept. 8, 1973; Savannah, GA
A Savannah police officer who had been sent to investigate citizens' reports of a UFO a few hours after the Hunter Army Air Field incident reported a personal sighting. He saw a large circular craft something like a flying saucer. [It had] a large spotlight which changed color from red to green [and smaller blue flashing lights.] Marcus Holland, a Savannah newspaper reporter said that about 30 minutes before the military police sighting, he saw an object speeding toward the Air Field. (Tulsa Sunday World, Oklahoma, Sept. 9, 1973; UPI, Savannah, Ga.)

Sept. 9-18, 1973; Northern California
Flurry of sightings. (UFOE II, page 341)

Sept. 11, 1973; El Ferrol del Caudillo, Spain
"Bright, circular, with two hoops, appeared to have feet on bottom part. Emitted a very powerful light." Object was hovering; multiple witnesses. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Sept. 12, 1973; Long Barn (vicinity of Sonora), CA
Two motorists in the early morning observed a "silverish-yellowish orange disc" hovering silently over a canyon on the south side of Highway 108. Several other sightings in the vicinity September 12-17. (The Daily Union Democrat, Sonora, Calif., Sept. 18, 1973.)

Sept. 13, 1973; Gravatay, Brazil
While driving toward Ijui about 1:30 a.m., a group of motorists saw a luminous yellow egg-shaped object approach their car and begin pacing them to the left side apparently 2-3 km away. When the driver blinked the headlights off and on, the object "reproduced the same signals." The driver and some passengers then stopped the car and got out, waving their arms. The object was very close to the ground and appeared to be about to land. They resumed their trip and after a while the object, which continued to pace them, beamed a light in the direction of the car. One of the passengers said that she had the impression something or someone was trying to contact her mentally. (Inforespace, August 1975, No. 22; translated from the French by Jacques Deschenes.)

Sept. 14, 1973; Cuesmes, Belgium
At 7:45 p.m. a young woman and her father were driving through a mostly swampy area, when upon rounding a bend in the road they saw a luminous bright orange object shaped like a flower pot (truncated cone) hovering at low altitude about 200 meters off the road, almost directly over an electric power station. The upper edge seemed jagged and had sparkling antenna-like protrusions at either end. The object was dazzling to look at and seemed to be vibrating slightly. As they pulled abreast of the power station the object's luminosity diminished and it flew away, rising gradually in a slight curve and disappeared. (The case was investigated by Yves Toussaint of SOBEPS, Brussels, Belgium.)

Sept.16,1973; Elmwood Township, MI
Brightly glowing ellipse hovered near house. (UFOE II, page 341)

Sept. 18, 1973; then-governor Jimmy Carter files report of his sighting of Jan. 6, 1969

Sept. 20, 1973; Skylab III Crew Encounters Strange Object In Orbit

Sept. 20, 1973; ORBIT, over Indian Ocean
On the 59th day of flight Skylab III, the three-man crew saw and photographed a strange red object (see photos). Not more than 30-50 nautical miles from them, Alan Bean, Owen Garriott and Jack Lousman reported the object was brighter than any of the planets. Unexplained.

Sept. 23, 1973; Fort Wayne, IN
7:20 p.m. Witness waiting to turn into Glenbrook Shopping Center. Observed huge object shaped like an ocean liner with rounded back and flat bottom and top. There were 5 rows of throbbing yellow lights on the side of the slowly moving object. Moved out of sight behind trees. No sound. (Worley files)

Sept. 24, 1973; Fort Wayne, IN
Evening. Two patrolmen saw an unidentified light while checking on a report from a woman from

Churubosco. Object moved slowly. Authorities at Baier Field were notified. No a/c or balloons launched, but they also saw the object in the west. (SL-72, page 15)

Sept. 27, 1973; Bedarrides, France
Humanoid occupant case. No details. (UFOE II, Section XII).

Sept. 29, 1973; Quincy, IL
8:30 p.m. Sheriff's officers trailed an unidentified flying object {UFO) from the edge of Quincy to Baldwin Field before it disappeared . A night deputy manning the sheriff's radio watch said a call was received about 8:30 p.m. Saturday from Halfpap's Trailer Court that an object was in the sky near there. The radio officer said patrol deputies sent in response to the call sighted the object shortly after reaching the area and began trailing it. The object moved east to Baldwin Field, where it became stationary. Officers said a the object hovered a short time and then disappeared. The radio officer said that apparently while the patrol officers were keeping the object under observation at the airport, a call was received from the Camp Point area reporting the object. The officer said the caller told him that dogs were barking and other animals seemed upset. A check with the FAA at Baldwin Field showed no planes were in the area at the time, the radio officer said. Radar in Kansas City, Mo., reported only an airplane near Hannibal, Mo., moving west, the officer said. (SL-72, 14)

Sept. 29, 1973; Obiob County, KY
Evening. Couple saw a bright-red light swoop down close enough to to the earth to light up 1-1/2 acres of land, nearly causing a 7-car pile-up on SR 78 near Reelfoot Lake. (SL-72, page 10)

Sept. 29, 1973; Hollywood, FL
A woman observed an object for 3 to 4 minutes which appeared to be solid, oval shaped with slightly obtuse-angled ends and glowing with a red-orange color, brighter at the edge than in the center. The object was moving back and forth with a pendulum-like motion. The brightness seemed to be pulsating at a rate (about every two seconds) corresponding to the rate of the swinging. The witness reported that her barking dog caused her to look out of the window where she subsequently observed the object. There are no other known witnesses to the sighting. However, the local newspaper reported a similar colored light being seen shortly after this sighting. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, December 1973, page 3)

Sept. 30, 1973; Columbus, OH
9:30 p.m. Franklin County man found landing site of object he saw hovering near his home. Site was in a field of waist-high weeds about 1/4 mile south of Hall Rd. west of Outerbelt. Weeds had been crushed to ground in semi-oval area 20'x30' - no scorch marks. Object swooped down in zigzag pattern and dropped below trees. Several dozen sightings were reported. (News clipping, no source/date)

Late Sept. or early Oct., 1973; Puy-Verday, France
While en route to work, the witness' motorcycle misfired and stopped as dazzling bright light appeared on the road ahead. As he approached, he saw it was a luminous ovoid object, with smoke underneath, hovering just above the ground. A "man" suddenly appeared and came up to the witness, putting his left hand on the witness's shoulder and offering "reassuring words." The man was about 2 meters tall and thin, wearing a uniform like aluminum; a large helmet rested on his shoulders with a snorkel-like tube on the right side. His face was "like a human face covered with a nylon stocking" with slit eyes. He carried something like a pistol in his right hand, pointed at the ground. He asked the witness where he was going; he replied, "To my job" The being then said he must return to the "object" and told the witness not to inspect it too closely. He entered it from beneath, and it rose vertically, with a sound like a swarm of bees, and then moved off horizontally. The motorcycle then started normally. (Ref.5, first, hand investigation).

Late September, 1973; Coffs Harbor, Australia

One lady talking to another when a large dome-shaped light-form appeared between them. The thing had a defined shape and just rested there for two minutes, or so. Then it disappeared by going into the ground. (Mike Swords; Source: W.C.Chalker. Tyringham-Dundurrabin Flap [mini-monogragh or case file] ,18pp., 1973. (CUFOS files).

Oct. (date not determined), 1973; Uden, Netherlands
A woman arising from bed glanced out a window and clearly saw three "little men" outside of her house. They were tall and were dressed in white outfits like monks' habits, with tight belts around their waists. On their heads they wore cowls with two points that hung on their shoulders. They seemed to be looking for something on the ground by the walkway between her house and a nearby school and had instruments in their hands. They wore wide, blunt, shoes. One of the little men looked towards the house and apparently saw the witness "with my nose against the window" for he appeared startled and said something to the other two, unheard by the witness; all three turned at once and moved off quickly "with very small fast steps." Going to another window in the house to see if she could see more, the witness discovered a glowing red, spherical object of 2 or 2.5 meters in diameter at a distance from the house of 35 or 40 meters. She went to wake up her husband; when they looked for the object, it had disappeared. (Ref. 5)

Oct. (date not determined), 1973; Red Bud, IL
2:30 p.m. Four-engine prop plane took evasive action to avoid collision with strange, horseshoe-shaped object. Plane flew south, object left easterly direction at high speed. Ends of horseshoe, which were down, looked like "bubbles". Person reporting stated that fishing "bobbers" kept popping out of the water as object made 1/4 turns and passed over pond. (SL-76,4)

Oct. (date not determined), 1973; between Columbus and Mansfield, OH
While driving after midnight, a man saw a light flashing to his left, then right, then in front. It gained speed and disappeared ahead of his car. He lost conscious memory while driving at 70 mph, and regained consciousness driving at 85-90 mph on the same highway. On arrival at his home in Cleveland he discovered a lapse of time he could not account for of 55 minutes to an hour and twenty-five minutes. A series of disturbing psychic experiences had occurred to the witness before and after this time. In late winter of 1974-75 the witness went to a psychologist in an attempt to recall the missing interval. Under regressive hypnosis the witness saw himself turning off I-71, asking himself "Why am I doing this?", and driving down a dark, narrow tree-lined road, seeing three beings on the road, one with both arms and legs outstretched, forming the silhouette of an X. Two others were closer to his car. He next saw two sets of eyes ahead and a face forming and shimmering on his left. Each set of eyes was projected into his brain and out again. His next impression was of approaching a craft with a door on the upper side. He felt terror but as he passed through the door he felt relief. He next felt himself lying on a table and saw beings with a silvery metallic look. One was bending over looking at his legs. A brightly lighted instrument was brought close to his head, hurting his eyes. Presently he was out of the craft, standing and watching it lift off. It was black, outlined by a shimmering white light. (Ref. 5, First hand investigation).

Oct. (no date determined), 1973; Blyton, IN
6:00 p.m. A lady and her son observed some strange lights in the east, but had to leave to attend a school program. On their way they stopped and got out of the car to get a better look and a large domed disc came out of the north, heading south. It was described as "at least 30' across, and looked like two dinner plates; one sitting normal, the other face down on it and a dome on top." It was metallic gray, had colored lights on it, but the main witness was not sure where. She reported something that looked like "large windows, where the dome was on the round saucer part." The object headed south, curved SW and they lost sight of it. (MUFON Indiana, FI Drescher/Ridge files)

Oct. 1, 1973; Giles, TN
Evening. Two witnesses reported egg-shaped object with brilliant light on top disappear behind nearby trees. Imprints were found. (SL-76,17)

Oct. 1, 1973; Anthony Hill, TN
8:15 p.m. Three teenagers saw a huge, hairy robot-like creature that walked mechanically with its hands upraised. It had a large head. An egg-shaped UFO was also seen at the same time. This occurred during a thunderstorm. Imprints were later found. (CHR 73, 11)

Oct. 3, 1973; Polo, IL
Evening. Police officer saw object over Mt. Morris that appeared to project its orange glow in a beam toward the ground and moved with occasional stops. "Seemed to follow (Burlington Northern) RR tracks", Hoak said. Sheriff's deputies also reported seeing the object in the sky in W. Ogle County. (News clipping)

Oct. 3, 1973; Jackson, MO
6:15 a.m. Truck driver injured by UFO: The Eddie Doyle Webb case. (John Schuessler/Edward O'Herin, Sympap93, 60-84)

Oct. 4, 1973; Chatsworth, CA
Elliptical object with dome hovered about 10 feet off ground, swaying back and forth. Humanoid being appeared, reentered craft when observed (UFOE II, Section Xll).

Oct. 4, 1973; Simi Valley, CA
A man driving on the Simi Freeway saw a 30 by 50 foot triangular object in a dust cloud near the road, 80-100 feet away and swaying 10 feet above the ground. An 8-foot hose dangled from the bottom. A clear bubble, 3 feet in diameter, swiveled atop the UFO. As he watched, a being crawled around from behind the machine, looked at the witness and scrambled out of sight. The humanoid was of normal stature but wore a silvery wet suit. The bubble began rotating faster and disappeared inside the object, which emitted a whirring noise. A fog enveloped the craft, which then disappeared. An unidentified woman had reported a similar sighting a week before. (Ref. 5)

Oct. 5, 1973; Zeigler, IL
3:00 a.m. 15 mins. Lady saw object emitting high intensity light that hovered near her residence. She thought her hallway light was left on and got up to turn it off and saw the UFO and the back yard bright as day. The light hurt her eyes. Vision affected all day. (NCS)

Oct. 5, 1973; Laurel, IN
6:16 p.m. No sound/3 mins. House sized object seen through binoculars. Bottom of hovering object had pale grey lines that divided it into three sections. In each section was a circle of lines in the white bottom.(?) (Worley files)

Oct. 5, 1973; Connersville, IN
7:17 p.m. Buzzing sound heard by some. Police received about 100 calls. Approx 1.5 hours. Unseen shape with red and white lights. A few saw circular shape. Object hovered, jumped, made fantastic low altitude passes over city. (Worley files)

Oct. 5, 1973; Waterloo, IN
8:15 p.m. 3 Hours 45 Mins. Object sat in eastern sky from 8:15 to nearly midnight, when it finally diminished into a light point. Mushroom shaped with flat bottom. Red flashing light on top. Hanging down under the object were long ropes. These were described as being about the thickness of a man's arm, and about half as long as the height of the craft. There were three of these on each side of the bottom and they did not hang straight down but rather slanted a little to the outside. The craft and ropes all glowed a beautiful gold color. Two witnesses. (Worley files)

Oct. 5, 1973; Saint-Mathias-de-Chambly, Canada
Five small humanoids in orange garb observed in vicinity of orange domelike object. Circle of

flattened grass found at landing site (UFOE II, Section XII).

Oct. 6, 1973; St. Mathias, Quebec, Canada
Shortly after midnight a married couple saw bright lights on their property. Later in the morning, they observed a dome-like "tent" about a third of a mile away; a second, smaller object emerged from it and moved across the ground to a distance of about 200 feet. Five figures of small stature, wearing bright yellow garments and helmets, moved quickly back and forth between the two objects for an undisclosed period. When the witnesses next looked, all had vanished. Ground traces of various descriptions were found at the sight. (Ref.5, First hand investigation)

> Oct. 6, 1973; Egypt Attacks Israel
> The Yom Kippur War, Ramadan War or October War , also known as the 1973 Arab-Israeli War and the Fourth Arab-Israeli War, was fought from October 6 to October 26, 1973, between Israel and a coalition of Arab nations led by Egypt and Syria. The war began on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur with a surprise joint attack by Egypt and Syria crossing the cease-fire lines in the Sinai and Golan Heights, respectively, which had been captured by Israel in 1967 during the Six-Day War. The war had far-reaching implications for many nations.

Oct. 7, 1973; Middleton, OH
10:00 pm. Cigar shaped object with disks. No sound. Huge orange cigar shaped object with 5 accompanying disks moving rapidly through sky over city. Many retirees in complex of apartments and people on streets viewed objects. Same objects seen several nights before by many others. Many calls to Wright Patterson Air Force Base. (Worley files)

Oct. 9, 1973; Fort Wayne, IN
Evening, Military radar at nearby Baer Field picked up the object, but officers were unable to contact the craft or determine what it was. Police said 750 persons spotted the UFO and calls came in from 15 different areas. (Kirksville, Mo. "Daily Express", SL-73,12)

Oct. 9, 1973; Eaton, IN
7:30 p.m. No. sound. One hour plus. Object hovered above canning factory in residential area of town. Factory employees observed object over plant and finally west of it. Chief of Police thought the lighted object may have been 3,000 or 4,000 high, and attempted to photograph it with no luck. Multicolored lights in circle on object pulsing or moving in counterclockwise sequence. Other sightings this time period and police received about 200 calls. (Worley files)

Oct. 10, 1973; Magnolia, MS
Round, shiny, metallic object on or near ground, something rectangular about the size of a small person emerged; later reentered, and object took off. (UFOE II, page 341)

Oct. 10, 1973; Near Dayton, OH
8:00 p.m. At least 15 sightings of unidentified flying objects "covered with red, green and blue lights" zooming about at tree-top level, were reported in Southwestern Ohio Wednesday night. The UFOs, sighted in the Dayton-Cincinnati area, were all classified "unofficial" by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base officials. None were detected on radar because they apparently were flying too low. The first sighting was reported shortly after 8 p.m. by a New Lebanon Township officer. "He didn't want to say he saw it, but he said it," Montgomery County Sheriff's deputy Michael Sullivan reported. "The officer said it was oblong and covered with lights. It appeared stationary in the sky about tree top level for several minutes until he tried to shine his cruiser spot light on it," Sullivan said. "It then zoomed toward him and then shot straight up in the air... after he turned out his light... and disappeared." Sullivan said the UFO sightings lasted from a fleeting moment to 12 minutes. "They would be behind the trees and come up and fly away... as if you startled it or something," he said. "No balloon, helicopter or kite can move that fast or has that many lights attached or can go so quickly in a straight-up direction," he said.

A spokesman at Wright-Patterson, whose UFO center was discontinued several years ago, said there would be no attempt to investigate the sightings unless there was an "imminent danger." Sullivan said his officers 'certainly can't chase them." (UPI, The Columbus Dispatch, October 11, 1973)

Oct. 11, 1973: Montgomery County, OH
Dawn. About fifty motorists pulled off the expressway to watch two plate-like objects. State Highway Patrol was dispatched. (SL-72,13)

Oct. 11, 1973, Pascagoula, MS
7:00 p.m. The Pascagoula Incident involved two men, nineteen-year-old Calvin Parker and forty-two-year old Charles Hickson, both of Gautier, Mississippi, who were fishing in the Pascagoula River when they heard a buzzing noise behind them. Both turned and were terrified to see a ten-foot-wide, eight-foot-high, glowing egg-shaped object with blue lights at its front hovering just above the ground about forty feet from the river bank. As the men, frozen with fright, watched, a door appeared in the object, and three strange beings floated just above the river towards them. (See full report).

Oct.11, 1973; Tanner Williams, AL
A three-year old boy reported to his mother that he had been playing with "some old monster" in the backyard. He said it was gray with wrinkled skin and pointed ears. This occurred near the Pascagoula abduction in both time and location. (Ref. 5)

Oct. 11, 1973; Laurel, IN
7:30 p.m. 3-Mins. Sounded like swarm of bees. Object hovered over little town at tree top height. Jiggled up and down and sideways. Looked like two saucers together with cabin on top. Bottom was trisected with circle in each of these. Truck driver blew air horn and craft took off over trees at fantastic speed. (Worley files)

Oct. 11, 1973; Loud Blasts Heard Over U.S.
Rock Island, IL and region. 7:40 p.m. Two loud shock waves. Pentagon report said the blast was heard over a large portion of the U.S..(SL-73,9)

Oct. 11, 1973; Connersville, IN
7:50 p.m. Four witnesses reported two objects flew over at 400-800 feet and headed east. Each oval-shaped object looked like it had around 25 yellow and green lights, with a mist around them. (Worley files)

Oct. 12, 1973; Cincinnati, OH
Humanoid being observed in object like transparent "bell jar" (UFOE II, Section XII)

Oct.13, 1973; Hollywood, FL
8:30 p.m. A former naval pilot, his wife and two children spotted a "flying saucer like" object. The man observed the object for about 25 minutes through binoculars as it traveled inland moving in wide counter-clockwise circles. The object was flying at high altitude and spinning. Dozens of white lights were observed on the object. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, December 1973, page 3)

Oct. 14, 1973; West Central OH
About 80 reports of UFOs (discs with red and green lights, elliptical objects) by citizens and police.

Oct. (middle), 1973; Connersville, IN
Around 8:00 p.m. Grey fish-shaped object with plastic-like compartment on front and portholes on sides. Hull illuminated by some 25 gold colored lights around bottom. Witness experienced heat, and their ears hurt from the humming sound as object hovered and passed over field near Fountain St. Two dark figures with very large white eyes were in the pilots compartment. Seen from shoulders up these

were thinner build than humans. Two more occupants of the same description were seen in portholes along side of craft. Witnesses afraid but did not run due to curiosity. (Worley files)

Oct. 14, 1973; Boston, OH
Evening. About eighty reports. Woman "hysterically" told law officers an oblong object with blinking lights landed in a field in Highland County. She was screaming and claimed a couple of cows were killed when the object landed. (SL-73,11)

Oct. 15, 1973; Martinsville, IN
Evening. In South Central Indiana, Morgan County Deputy Sheriff Robert Williams said he saw an unidentified flying object that "took off from the ground" Monday night just northeast of Martinsville. (News clipping)

Oct. 14, 1973; Greenfield, IN
Three men in their late teens observed a very bright round object having sequentially flashing white lights on the periphery and steady red and white lights seen below the periphery. The night was clear and the object was much larger and brighter than the stars and planets. The men observed the object for 5 to 10 minutes until it moved off at a rapid rate and disappeared behind the tree line on the horizon. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, December 1973, page 3)

Oct. 15, 1973; Omro, WI
The witness was awakened sometime after midnight by a brief, high-pitched sound; the room was lit up with a bright, orange-red glow, and he saw three humanoids 4-5 feet tall materialize. They had bald heads, grayish-white wrinkled skin and rounded ears. They moved mechanically. The witness passed out, then came to on the floor, propped against the wall, unable to move. The entities were examining him with an oval object that showed the bones of his legs when it passed over them. He had a severe headache and passed out again as a being reached toward him. He awakened toward dawn on the floor. He found lights on in the bedroom and the bed sheets folded neatly back. He reported the incident to CUFOS in June, 1974 after a second curious incident involving his girl friend. There are some inconsistencies in the details of the account. (Ref. 5, First hand investigation).

Oct. 15, 1973; Morgantown, WV
Numerous witnesses at Raleigh County Airport reported a UFO with red, green, and white lights. Local pilot chased it, reporting that the whole thing would change color at the same time. The object kept moving away from him and he could not catch up with it. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Oct. 15, 1973; ??? Arkansas
12:00 a.m. Boy, his mom, and grandmother were driving on a rural road to a grocery store and saw a cigar craft hovering either over a tree or next to it about 40 feet or less off the ground, right next to the road and near a house. They pulled over and they got out of the car to look. The craft had no windows, seams, and was dark gunmetal matte grey in appearance and was the size of a yellow school bus. The boy tried to walk under the ufo, but his mom said, "no" and his grandmother (still in the car) was shreiking. There was no sound comiing from craft and they watched it for approx 15 minutes, then drove off when another car pulled up as they were driving off. (MUFON 8081)

Oct. 15, 1973; Connersville, IN
4:30 p.m. No sound, three witnesses, 45 seconds. Appeared six blocks from witnesses home. Silver colored oval dome on top with three green doors. Craft size of house. Three lines came together on bottom of craft. During this period in which the trisected UFO was seen three different times in this period of a few weeks no publicity had appeared in newspaper about what its bottom looked like. This one too sped off horizontally. (Worley files)

Oct. 15, 1973; Huntington, IN
Dusk. UFO terrorized Indiana farmer and his wife by chasing his truck as he raced for home. Object

vanished in a dazzling burts of speed. (Press report)

Oct.15, 1973; Lambert and Marks, MS
Woman saw an orange oval giving off red glow hovering at treetop height; husband in a separate location also saw object and watched it move at high speed. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Oct.15, 1973; Henryville, MS
Motorist encountered elliptical object with blue and orange body lights, legs, standing on the road. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Oct. 15, 1973; Connersville, IN
7:30p.m. Forty-five workers saw a round object during their break. Five men from the D & M Dishwashing Manufacturing Co. saw a round object over the AVCO test area. One witness rushed into the plant to tell others and a total of 45 watched the object. The object descended into the trees and rose up again and flew off in a northeastern direction. The object had yellow and blue lights reflecting onto silver. There was no sound connected with the UFO. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, February 1974, page 3)

Oct. 15, 1973; Connersville, IN
9:00 p.m. Oval with dome, no sound, 1 Min. Seen at rear of D&M Mfg. plant when workers stepped outside for break. Craft with row of yellow lights and intersecting lines on bottom hovered over Government contracted test facility (explosives) west of plant. This is 6 blocks north of where a craft hovered at 4:30. No landing indications found at site. (Worley files)

Oct. 15, 1973; Nr. Berea, TN
10:30 p.m. Awakened by the barking of their dogs, a farm family saw lights from a UFO in the woods. Then James Cline saw a being with a glowing white head cross the road 50 ft. away. Claw-like tracks were found in the road later as well as landing marks 22 ft long by 12 ft wide where the UFO had been. (UFOE II, Section VIII); CHR73,18)

Oct. 15, 1973; Connersville, IN
11:30 p.m. Three witnesses. No sound. Fishlike object suddenly grew larger and in the blink of an eye appeared just above the ground over a field on the north edge of E. Connersville. One abductee lost 1.5 hours. Humanoids, 4'. Eight to ten people seen onboard! (Worley files)

Oct. 15-16, 1973; Pine, LA
Sheriffs saw and chased pulsating orange objects that alternately hovered, swinging like pendulum, darted around at high speed (UFOE II, Section V, VIII).

Oct. 16, 1973; Hattiesburg, MS
Motorist driving to work, object landed on top of his car, all four doors flew open, then closed and he felt weight lift off car, saw a lighted object with blue, yellow, and gold rings around it moving away to south. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Oct. 16, 1973; London, OH
School bus driver saw a glowing yellow-orange oblong object moving west to east. Object hovered above some trees, its glow completely lighting up the area. Finally rose straight up and moved away. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Oct. 16, 1973: Chillicothe, OH
Motorist buzzed by three luminous objects; one with blinding green light followed her home. About 15 minutes later a nearby Greenfield police officer reported following a huge object, white with a glowing red light, for about five miles." (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Oct. 16, 1973: Burbank, CA
Landed UFO with humanoid figures inside (UFOE II, Section VIII, XII)

Oct. 16, 1973; Between Gulfport: and Biloxi, MI
A cab driver reported that he was confronted with a. blue, oblong UFO that landed in front of his car on Interstate 90. His car stalled and its lights and radio died. He heard a tapping on the windshield and saw a crab-claw like thing and two shiny spots. The driver reportedly confessed to a hoax, but this has not been confirmed. (Ref. 5)

Oct. 16, 1973; Burbank, CA
Two children, ages 2 and 4, reported a UFO with a pointed dome and rays emanating from the bottom. It made a buzzing sound. As many as four occupants were mentioned. They invited the older boy to look in the object. When the boys' father stepped into the back yard minutes after the sighting, the family dog was barking furiously. (Ref. 5, First hand investigation).

Oct. 16/17, 1973; Lehi, UT
A woman was abducted front her home, as well as possibly three of her children and a neighbor boy, and given a medical examination on board a craft. Carrying a "machine" of some sort, three beings lifted the woman from a couch and carried her by the arms. Her next memory was of a big, bright room with lots of "lights and buttons" and glass tubes containing liquid. She observed four or five humanoids on the craft and at least two human beings. The humanoids did not communicate with her, were coldly efficient, and made her feel like a guinea pig. They were 4-5 feet tall, with head coverings (helmets?), no noses, long fishlike mouths, orange hands (gloves?) with two or three big claws or fingers that opened "like a clasp." They had large oval eyes that wrapped around the side of the head. The pupils were big, black and round and moved a lot. Their suits were a fluorescent "silvery and blue" (the three beings in her home were described as wearing shiny, bright white uniforms). During the exam she was hooked up to a machine, probed with needles, given a blood pressure test and a gynecological exam. The beings were able to read her mind. One of the humans was bald, about 55, and talked with her and helped during the exam. They gave her a shot to make her forget, then carried her (floating?) out a door to be reunited with her children. The incident took 45 minutes to an hour. (Ref. 5, First, hand investigation).

Oct. 17, 1973; Pikesville, MD
At three o'clock in the morning a woman was awakened by a sound like an explosion. She heard a loud humming sound, walked out onto her front porch. There she saw a red, transparent ovoid object, 15 feet long and 6-8 feet high. On top was a bubble. Inside she saw a human figure standing up.

Oct. 17, 1973; Princeton, IN
4:40 p.m. Two young boys spotted a strange object just before dark. Described as silver and looking like a "fish", this distant object may have been an airplane reflecting sunlight, except that it hovered at first then took off real fast. Besides that, the "fish" description has cropped up several times in this chrono where little publicity was given. "Kevin came home in near panic," said Mrs. Charles Whitehead, Princeton 'That's how I knew it wasn't just a little boys' joke." Her nine-year-old son and his friend. Teddy Waldroup, 7, reported seeing the unusual object in the sky while playing at the St Joseph School playground. (Princeton Daily Clarion, Oct. 18)

October 17, 1973; Milan, MI
7:30 p.m. Witness reported a blimp-like object hovering in the distance over a neighbors house. The object was East and to the North slightly, when first observed. It moved, hovering slowly across his path, and disappeared heading south.The object resembled a large blimp like structure with flashing colored lights (red and green). As he drove closer he noticed that it did not have a tail like blimps. He rolled the window down expecting sounds of activity, but there was no noise. It suddenly seemed to gain energy and swiftly moved out of sight before he could get a better look at it, like a bullet from a gun. (MUFON 2560)

Oct. 17, 1973; Connersville, IN
8:00 p.m. An 11-year-old girl and her cousin had been making a scarecrow in the front yard for Halloween. They heard a humming sound and thought that it was an airplane, but when the object that was producing the noise stopped dead above them, the humming quit. The object was saucer-shaped, silver gray on top, with bright lights along the bottom. They were so shocked that they didn't know what to do. So they just stood there and stared at it until what they described as "fogs" started to come out of the craft, then they ran into the house. There was a "pfft" sound when the "substance" was ejected. When their curiosity got the better of them, they went back into the yard. Three glowing white "fogs" or objects had come out of the object and one had circled the field. After this, the craft started to hum and headed towards the woods in the northeast. After a total of three minutes the object went below the tree-line and was lost to view. Witness had scoop mark type scar on her leg below her knee. (MUFON Indiana, FI Worley; Ridge files)

Oct. 17, 1973; Warner Robins, GA
9 p.m. A cigar-shaped object chased a vehicle, making a humming sound. (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case 1973-38; David F. Webb, 1973: The Year of The Humanoids).

Oct. 17, 1973; Elkhorn, WV
Pulsating object photographed during sighting wave (UFOE II, Section VII).

Oct. 17, 1973; Near Wayne, NJ
Two men, driving on Route 23 to New York City from work, saw a large, round, silver craft hover over a field, then land. They stopped and got out of the car as the object descended. Then the driver got scared and drove off. The other man conversed with seven beings (four men and three women?) who got out of the UFO, The witness' credibility was questioned. (Ref.5).,

Oct. 17, 1973; Clinton, IL
Police and citizens saw as many as eight yellow-orange, highly maneuverable objects. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Oct. 17, 1973; Johnson City, TN
Several sightings of UFOs: circular copper-colored object that descended, hovered near ground, took off straight up; tall humanoid being who accosted children; glowing red sphere that alternately hovered and moved. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Oct. 17, 1973; Crowley, LA
Offshore oil platform crew saw oblong object with several colored lights hovering about 1,000 feet overhead emitting a whining sound. As object descended to within 100 feet, platform's electric power system failed. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Oct. 17, 1973; Powhatan, LA
At least 10 reports from central Louisiana. Pulsating luminous object changing colors seen near woods, illuminating the terrain; luminous object hovering and gliding along above ground in a field; luminous object with window-like markings hovering overhead." (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Oct 17, 1973; Nr. Danielsville, GA
A silver, oval-shaped object landed on C.S, Rt 29, 300 feet ahead of Paul Brown's car, forcing him to make a panic stop. Two small 4-4-1/2 foot beings clad in silver suits and white gloves appeared underneath the UFO. They had reddish faces and white hair. Brown stepped halfway out of his car with a gun in his hand. The beings turned and reentered the craft, which took off with a whooshing sound. Brown fired several shots at it with no apparent, effect. (Ref. 5, UFOE II, Section VIII, XII)

Oct. 17, 1973; Eupora, MS
A 50-foot wide, dome-shaped UFO hovered 2-3 feet above Highway 82 at twilight, seemingly suspended on a "beam of light." The primary witness' car lights went out and the engine died when it was 100 yards from the craft. Another car stopped just behind him. A second UFO hovered about 60 feet above the first, illuminating it with a light. Both craft were similar, like inverted cups, and had greenish blue flashing lights. A catfish-like creature came out from the top of the lower UFO, holding onto a handrail. It had gray, fish-like skin, a wide mouth, one glowing eye, flipper-like feet and webbing between the legs like a "flying squirrel." It had feather-like object on its back which opened and closed when it moved. (Ref. 5, UFOE II, Section VIII, XII).

Oct. 17, 1973; Falkville, AL
Alleged humanoid photo. Police Chief Jeff Greenhaw photographed a 5' foot being in a silvery suit after investigating a reported UFO landing. The Chief stopped his car in the road and the thing moved slowly like a robot toward the car. When 10 feet away it turned and began running. The Chief pursued in the car, but the being accelerated and disappeared when the car spun off the road, "He was running in a very odd manner, from side to side, arms down to his sides, and it looked as if he had springs under his feet to propel him. He could take 10 feet. ... at one step," (UFO Casebook, Ref. 5, First hand investigation).

Oct. 17, 1973; Loxley, AL
Clarence Patterson and his pickup truck were sucked up into a huge/cigar-shaped object with a green light. He was pulled out of the truck by about six robot-like beings who seemed to read his mind. The next thing he remembered, he was back on the highway-going about 90 mph in the truck. He may have been on board for up to 30 minutes. A sulphury smell was noted during the sighting. (Ref. 5, First hand investigation, UFOE II, Section VIII)

Oct. 17, 1973; Watauga, TN
Evening. A circular, copper-colored UFO hovered just off the ground while a 6 ft being reached out of a doorway and tried to grab two children. It had two claw-like hands and blinking eyes.(CHR73,21)

Oct 17, 1973; Pikesville, MD
A woman was awakened by a sound like an explosion. She heard a loud humming, walked out onto the front porch and saw a red, transparent oblong object, 15 feet long and 6-8 feet high. On top was a bubble. Inside she saw a human figure standing up. (Ref. 5, First hand investigation).

Oct. 18, 1973; Near Chatham, VA
Two youths were chased by a white "thing" 3-4 feet tall on White Oak Mountain. The thing had a shimmering body, large head with no eyes and ran sideways. A green, hazy cloud was seen moving away. Several other reports of objects were made in the area. (Ref. 5)

Oct. 18, 1973; Fort Knox, KY
7:15 a.m. Sergeant First Class Ralph E. Green, motor sergeant for the Headquarters Company 194th Armored Brigade, spotted the UFO Thursday morning. "I was walking up the road by the motor pool and I caught sight of this extreme burst of light twirling in the air. It had a bright red light on top and a bright red light on bottom. And in between were these rotating lights . . .green, blue, yellow, and red." He described the object as oval-shaped with a dark background. It seemed. enormous although it was too far away to really estimate its size. "It was roughly a mile or so away and roughly 1,000 feet off the ground," he said. When Green first saw the UFO, it was slowly coming toward him, but then it slowed and "hovered over a wooded area in the tank trails by the motor pool," he explained. Green yelled at PFC Eddie R. Halstead, who was working in the motor pool's tool room. PFC Halstead also described the UFO as circular with red, green, blue end yellow lights flashing around the center . . ."like a Christmas tree."..."The UFO hovered over the area for a while, SFC Green said. "It was positioned so still. . .it looked like it would fall out of the sky. It wasn't even moving, then it slowly started to veer off to the right, made a real sharp right turn and disappeared. It went so fast it went plumb out of sight."

(Louisville Courier, Oct. 25)

Oct. 18, 1973; Rosewood, OH
7:30 p.m. American Airlines Flight 21, a Boeing 747 at 33,000' encountered apparently the same UFO witnessed by Capt. Coyne and his crew over Mansfield, OH. (CUFOS,92)

Oct. 18, 1973; Galion, OH
9:00 p.m. (+-) Walter and Mary Kowalchik near Mansfield were talking on the local network of their Ham radio group with Richard Swain, a Technical Sergeant in the Air Force, who was in Galion, Ohio. Kowalchik reported: Swain said, "There's something strange. First of all, it's a strange light. No airplane has a light like that. It's an orange glow, rather than a flashing red or green. And secondly," he said, "it isn't behaving like an aircraft. -Now wait a minute, there's something strange herel" And he was all excited. He was in Galion and he said it was heading towards Shelby. (Ref. 7, page 87, Zeidman)

Oct. 18, 1973; Shelby, OH
9:00 p.m. (+-) Now it so happens that Mr. Eldon Heck sent his wife out in the yard to scan the skies while he was on the air. She came back to report that she was sighting something strange over the Shelby area. (Ref. 7, page 87, Zeidman)

Oct. 18, 1973: Mansfield area, OH
9:00 p.m. (+-) Then we have a report from Gordon Sponseller who was also in the Air National Guard, and he reported while on the air, "There is a strange object. I can't identify it because all I can see is a light. I cannot see an object, but I can see a strange light, and the manner in which it is maneuvering—it' s very rapidly in one direction and then a sudden stop." Sponseller said that no object with any mass at all could possibly stop that suddenly. "Something is strange," he said. "Either someone is shining a light against some clouds, or it's a type of maneuvering that is very fast." (Ref. 7, page 87, Zeidman)

Oct 18, 1973; SW of Mansfield, OH
9:00 p.m. (approx) The Kowalchik sighting. Mary sighted an aircraft in the sky, and she knew it was an aircraft because of the flashing lights on the craft, and it was moving at a very steady rate across the sky like an airplane would, whereas the other object was moving very rapidly from spot to spot on the skyline. So Mary called Walter out and as he got there she said, "Look at that! Oh my God, they're gonna crash!" Because they were on a collision course—at least it appeared from there, and they did come close together and veered off--the orange object veered off, and the plane kept going on, and that's about the extent of our sighting. (Ref. 7, page 88, Zeidman)

Oct. 18, 1973; Mt. Vernon, IN
10:30 p.m. Lady had gone to bed but was disturbed by a noise, described as sounding like a barge on the river. She decided to go outside and check it out. She saw an object over her garage and to the south, merely an outline produced by as many as 50 lights, not exactly evenly-spaced. It didn't appear to have any body, and it had a red flashing light on the rear, long and narrow, about 3 times as long as it was wide, moving real slow East to West. She observed the long side view about 3 minutes, and right in front of her house it turned south toward the river and she saw the end view, described as like a squared-off cigar. At this time it was really low and she said she should have seen metal as it went past a tree. 5 minutes. (UFO Filter Center Files, FI Fran Ridge, MUFON SSD).

Oct. 18, 1973; Mansfield, OH
11:05 p.m. Army Reserve helicopter encountered domed, craft-like object that beamed green light into cockpit, lifted helicopter off course (UFOE II). The Army helicopter 68-15444 was returning from Columbus, Ohio to Cleveland, Ohio, and southeast of Mansfield Airport, Ohio while flying at an altitude of 2500 feet and on a heading of 030 degrees, SSG Yanacsek observed a red light on the east horizon, 90 degrees to the flight path of the helicopter. Approximately 30 seconds later, SSG Yanacsek indicated the object was converging on the helicopter at the same altitude at an airspeed in excess of

600 knots and on a midair collision heading. Captain Coyne observed the converging object, took over the controls of the aircraft and initiated a power descent from 2500 feet to 1700 feet to avoid impact with the object. A radio call was initiated to Mansfield Tower who acknowledged the helicopter and was asked by Capt. Coyne if there were any high performance aircraft flying in the vicinity of Mansfield Airport, however there was no response received from the tower. The crew expected impact from the object; instead the object was observed to hesitate momentarily over the helicopter and then slowly continued on a westerly course accelerating at a high rate of speed, clear west of Mansfield Airport then turn 45 degrees heading to the Northwest. Capt. Coyne indicated the altimeter read a 100 fpm (feet per minute) climb and read 3500 feet with the collective in the full down position. The aircraft was returned to 2500 feet by Capt. Coyne and flown back to Cleveland, Ohio. The flight plan was closed and the FAA Flight Service Station notified of the incident. The radio returned to normal 10 minutes after the incident, having gone completely dead on both UHF and VHF frequencies just after Coyne had established contact with Mansfield control tower. Some witnesses on the ground reported seeing the helicopter as well as and object "like a blimp" and "as big as a school bus" hovering above the helicopter. When the UFO's green light appeared it was described by the witnesses as "like rays coming down and the helicopter, the trees, the road and everything turned green." Capt Coyne : "From a speed of 600 mph, it abruptly slowed down to our exact speed of 100 mph and hovered above us." Co-pilot Jezzi: "The object was cigar-shaped, metallic grey, with a dome on top." Staff Sergeant Healey : "It was about 60 feet long, without any portholes or intake openings that we could see. At first it was just showing a red light in nose. Then a green spotlight at the back swept around and shone into our cabin." (Sources: Zeidman, NARCAP Case 36, Army Disposition Form, 23 Nov 1973 )

Oct 18, 1973; Near Savannah, GA
A tiny silver being was seen standing beside U.S. Rt. 17. A line of autos slowed down to observe the humanoid, but no one left his car. (Ref. 5)

Oct. 19, 1973; Oswego, NY
5:45 a.m. Two farmers, 25 and 16, were at work, One was in the barn and the other outdoors. The second witness was in the process of bringing cows in for milking. He was 20 feet from the barn when a red/blue domed object appeared over the barn, passing over his head and then over a 250 x 450 yard pasture containing five cows. The object was apparently not traveling fast. As the object passed over the five cows, they ran in all directions, two of them breaking through a barbed wire fence to the S and one breaking through the fence to the N, sustaining injuries.

Oct. 19, 1973; Draguignan, France
Four youths in two cars drove up a small mountain (le Malinont) to investigate the sighting of an orange-yellow UFO seen earlier by a friend and his girl. No UFO was seen, but a diffuse white glow silhouetted a being approaching the group. Later two of the witnesses saw three entities pursuing their slowly retreating car. The entities were wearing one-piece suits with a waist-high red light. The head or helmet was square with luminous, rectangular eye slots. One of them wore a gas-mask with a veil covering the face. Their gait was slow and mechanical. Meanwhile, in the other car, the other two witnesses twice saw two sets of "red legs" crossing the road and later their car was swung sideways across the road, then back again. Other effects included heat, a smell of burnt insulation tape, the beings conversing with modulated whistles, one of the cars being shaken while parked, a powerful white light beam and E-M effects on both cars. No traces were found. (Ref. 5, First hand investigation, Section XII Rodeghier, 1981, [L] car).

Oct. 19, 1973; Ashburn, GA
Woman had power failure in car, encountered a small humanoid with metallic-appearing garb and bubble helmet (UFOE II, Section XII).

Oct.19,1973; Copeland, NC
Bluish oval object hovered near mobile home, three-foot-tall humanoid in golden metallic suit seen nearby (UFOE II, Section XII).

Oct. 19, 1973; Indianapolis, IN
Cessna pilot, object on radar. No details or listed source.

Oct. 19, 1973; Albany, OH
7:30 p.m. Upon arriving home, witness saw a "ghost-like" figure floating about 50 ft above the ground at 1000 ft distance; it was about 4 ft tall and thin, "like a person draped in a close-fitting sheet." It was seen only briefly when she noticed a bright white object moving about, and approaching to within 200 ft, before going away. Object was about 20 ft in diameter and about 25-30 ft off the ground. Later, as she made supper, she saw a "little blue-green thing" about 2.5 ft tall and with a face with "spiky things at the tops and the sides of the head," look in an open door; it had stumpy arms (she saw no legs), and quickly disappeared from sight. UFO sightings occurred about the same time in nearby Athens and elsewhere. (Eberhardt, Sympap75,74, Ref. 5)

Oct. 19, 1973; between Vernon and Sherritts, OH
8:35 p.m. Radar/visual, 2 witnesses. No details (Haines Summary of Cases Reviewed, Sympap79,116) Table 1, 116,

Oct. 19, 1973; Goshen, OH
9:00 p.m. (=-) While out on his farm with his coon dogs, "Sam" came upon a dimly lit object sitting in a field on tripod legs, approx. 300 ft away. The object was saucer-shaped with a dome atop, and about 75-100 ft wide, with two blue and two white lights. Three humanoid figures of roughly normal size were seen moving about the object. The dogs "carried on something fierce" and approached no closer; after almost three minutes, the figures were seen climbing up a ladder under the center of the object, which then took off vertically. 3-min. (Personal communication from the investigator via Len Stringfield, January, 1975, CHR73,56).

Oct. 19, 1973; Ashburn, GA
A woman was driving on Interstate 75 when her engine, power brakes and steering quit. No UFO was seen, but a small, metallic man appeared after she had pulled the car to the roadside. It had a bubble-dome head with rectangular eye openings. The head moved like a robot. From the elbows down, the arms were narrow and wrinkled, like a chicken's legs. It moved around the car, then was gone. Afterwards she found the engine billowing smoke and the hood intensely hot. (Ref. 5)

Oct. 19, 1973; Campbellsville, KY
9:30 p.m. Two men followed an object that looked about the size of a B-52, then lost sight of it behind a cluster of trees. "I do a lot of flying myself," one commented, "and when I first sighted this object I thought it was going to land at the airport." (see news clipping)

Oct. 19, 1973; Copeland, NC
A farm couple encountered a blue, oval UFO hovering near their mobile home. Then they saw a 3-foot humanoid in a gold metallic coverall. Their dog fled the area to return the next day. (Ref. 5)

Oct. 20, 1973; Campbellsville, KY
2:00 a.m. An early morning encounter with a "triangular-shaped object about the size of two cars" hovering about tree-top high not more than 100 yards" from home. "Early Saturday morning about 2a.m. a dog awoke our little boy," said Richerson. "My wife went to calm him down and while she was bent over to pick him up she looked out the window and saw this glowing object across the road. She came in and woke me up and we stood there for about 15 minutes watching it hover in a field across the road. I wish now that I had gone out but it startled me." (See drawing/news clipping)

Oct. 20, 1973; Mt. Vernon, Indiana
6:50 a.m. The primary witness was a conductor on a L&N train that had an encounter with a UFO. Mt. Vernon, is a little town 15 miles west of the city of Evansville. They had passed through Mt. Vernon

and were headed east nearing the Lamont crossing, which is about 2-miles west of the outskirts of Evansville. A nocturnal light incident had preceded this close encounter. When they neared Caborn (6-7 miles east of Mt. Vernon), the conductor told the rear conductors by intercom that they had seen a real bright light behind them. When they got near St. Phillips, the rear conductor reported that there now was a train following them, on the same track, and the RR blocking system showed something approaching them. As they approached a steep hill at the Lamont Crossing, one of the diesel engine units overheated and the train was immobilized. When the object behind the train backed away, the blocking system showed the object retreating. The diesel unit was now restarted and the train, loaded down with coal, made it up the hill and on into Evansville. See full report. (UFO Filter Center, FI Francis Ridge, MUFON SSD).

Oct. 20, 1973; Fort Smith, AR
Glowing disc descended within 6' of car, "computer-like" sound. (Southwest Times Record, Oct 21, 1973; cited in Rodeghier, 1981, p. 59 [E,R,L] car).

Oct. 21, 1973; Covedale, OH
A mother and her son observed a gray humanoid near a UFO. The being was completely surrounded by a bell jar-shaped area of light. No facial features could be discerned. Ground traces from the UFO were later found. (CHR73,32)

Oct. 22, 1973; Upton, IN
6:50 p.m. A man was farming and noticed an object which looked like it was going to land. No sound was heard. Observer and daughter were about 2-3 blocks from the OWL (my designation for an object with lights) and moved to the other side of the field to watch. Described "real bright", "red, white (or amber) and green" lights. This object was either on or near the (RR) tracks just before a train heading NW went through. Object dimmed and hovered near passing train for about a minute, then took off towards Mt. Vernon. Daughter was scared. (UFO Filter Center Files, FI Fran Ridge, MUFON SSD).

Oct. 22, 1973 (?); Mauni, IL
Unconfirmed date & insufficient data report of an object seen flying over a train. (Source: Logged 749, RR employee)

Oct. 22, 1973; Hartford City, IN
9:45 p.m. Couple in car with baby approach small bright silver figures bouncing on highway 9 miles east of Hartford City. They seemed to be dressed in silver suits with tube running from face to chest. On the feet of the two small figures were square looking objects that extended over at the heel. The frightened female driver opted not to turn and instead sped at the figures and swerved around them as they moved clumsily in slow motion attempting to get off the highway. Down road calmer male witness took over and returned to area (home was nearby). The figures had disappeared but witnesses observed a snake-like pattern of lights over nearby cornfield. Next day in this field small footprints were found by State Policeman sheriff's deputy, and witness. (Worley files, CHR73,34; UFOE II, Section XII).

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Oct. 23, 1973; Hartford City, IN
12:15 a.m. A wrecker truck driver, gas station owner, encountered these same figures about one mile south of the first sighting. He first noticed cats, rabbits, possums etc moving out of the locality then spotted the two figures in the pasture field. They were too bright and turned their backs to the light so he observed them only with the side of his wrecker headlights. The high pitched sound was also present. He too noticed their square footwear with the heel overhang. The little figures bounced slow motion into the air two times with arms flopping a little. Then on the third bounce they both just took off in a feet down position. The startled observer lost them when they sailed out of the area illuminated by his lights. He did see some tracer-like lights coming down from above. (Worley files).

Oct. 23, 1973; Russell Springs, KY

A woman saw two 3-ft tall beings in her carport who walked around the side of the house, entered a craft "shaped like a washing tub" sitting on the ground, which then rose over the house and disappeared. The men were reddish and walked like they were on tip toes. The ground was disturbed where the craft had been sitting. (CHR73,36; UFOE II, Section XII).

Oct. 24, 1973; Mt. Airy, NC
Rash of UFO sightings by citizens and police. Round, red-orange objects, rapid flight, erratic maneuvers. (UFOE II, Section V)

Oct. 24, 1973; Dobson, NC
Motorist experienced E-M effects as oval object landed near his car. Encounter with frightening being. (UFOE II, Section XII).

Oct. 24, 1973; Fayette County, IN
No sound,15 secs. Dark object with blue and red lights and one intense white light which blinded him. Object arose from in front of trees south of witness and passed over auto then went out of sight in the north. State Police called. (Worley files)

Oct. 24, 1973; Fredericktown, OH
About 9:00 p.m. CE-III; possible CE-IV. Woman in car pulling into drive, notices her headlights appear to cause a "washtub" object to light up and illuminate her back yard. (See report. MORA3/93)

Oct. 25, 1973; FBI Letter

> Letter from the FBI Director denying the Bureau's involvement in the investigation of UFOs. In 1976 the FBI released 1,00 pages of UFO-related documentation.

Oct. 25, 1973, US Forces go on DEFCON III

> The U.S. became concerned that the Soviet Union might intervene in the Arab/Israeli (Yom Kippur War) and U.S. forces including Strategic Air Command, Continental Air Defense Command, European Command and the Sixth Fleet were placed on DEFCON III Alert.

Oct. 25, 1973, North West Cape, Exmouth, Australia
US NAVCOMMSTA Harold E Holt. (1) At about 1915 hrs local time, a Lt Commander Moyer was travelling south on Murat Road, when he saw an object in the sky to his west. After about 20-25 seconds, the object accelerated at speed to the north of his position. It was initially seen at about 20 degrees elevation, to the west. It appeared as a large, black object. He estimated its angular size as half a degree. It was initially stationary, and there was no associated noise at any point in the observation. There was no trail or exhaust. It was last seen at 45-50 degrees elevation, and at 345-350 degrees azimuth. (2) At about 1920 hrs local time, an Australian civilian US Navy employee fire captain, noticed a large, stationary, black object in the clear sky. It had a 'halo' around the centre, which appeared to be either revolving or pulsating. He watched it for an estimated four minutes, after which it took off at speed, in a northerly direction, and disappeared after a few seconds. When first seen, he estimated it was at 12.degrees elevation, and at 270 degrees azimuth. There was no associated sound at any point. It was last seen at 12 degrees elevation, 320 degrees azimuth. (Source: Handwritten statements and proformas, completed by the two men, and copies handed to Sydney researcher Moira McGhee, in 1975, by a representative of the RAAF.) [Note by Keith Basterfield. After closely analysing all the available data, in my opinion, there remains the possibility that the objects seen by the two men were flocks of birds.]

Oct. 25, 1973; Christy Creek, KY
9:00 p.m. Glowing orange oval hovered 300 feet above car, light reflected brightly off of car hood;

object then sped out of sight. (News clipping; UFOE II, Section VIII)

On 26 October, CINCSAC and CINCONAD reverted to normal DEFCON status.

Oct. 28, 1973; Villa Bordeu, Bahia Blanca, Argentina
Disc. 13ft. diameter. Three human-like beings: Two short-haired blond men 1 long haired blond woman. Silvery clothing. Object hovered 12 ft. above ground. (Dionisio Yanca, Ref. Molon Study; UFOE II, Section XIII).

Oct. 31, 1973; USEUCOM went off DEFCON III
USEUCOM (less the Sixth Fleet) went off DEFCON III status.

Oct. 31, 1973; Okawville, IL
Time not given. About 20 miles southwest of Okawville. Eight; high school students were driving a station wagon when they spotted an unexplainable light hovering above the road directly in front of them, and then quickly disappeared. (News clipping)

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Nov. 1973; Quebec, Canada
Numerous reported landings, humanoids, and E-M effects on cars in province (UFOE II, Section VIII).

Nov. 1, 1973; Mt. Vernon, IN - MADAR APD 00m00s 18 cpm
At 9:47 p.m., the Multiple Anomaly Detection And Recording unit was triggered. The background radiation level was 18 cpm, normal for the area, but something had caused the disturbance. Something probably within a five-mile radius had tripped the sensor, right at the peak in sightings. There was a sighting of a blue and green light at Bufkin, just a few miles north of the MADAR site. It had moved up and down, back and forth, beginning at 10:40 p.m. and there was a humming noise associated with it.

Nov. 1, 1973; Morehead City, NC
Round object with red and green blinking lights around circumference hovered near car. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Nov. 1, 1973; Bufkin, IN
10:40 p.m. Blue and green object with humming noise observed near Mt. Vernon for 10 minutes. First went from west to east, then north to south, moving up and down and back and forth. Last seen at Meade Johnson plant at Mt. Vernon. (UFOFC, Ridge files)

Nov. 2, 1973; Goffstown, NH
2:45 a.m. UFO with bright yellow light paced car, moved in front of it; motorist felt dizzy and numb. Police officer responding to call also observed it. Witness could see that it was an orange and gold globe covered with hexagons like a honeycomb, with an oval window on the upper left. The red, green, and blue flashes were coming from somewhere near the center of the object, and she could hear a high-pitched sound. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Nov. 2, 1973; Mt. Vernon, IN
10:37 p.m. Chief of Police Wilfred Clark & Officer John Tucker were on a pursuit of a drunken-driver who had gone into a ditch. While they were waiting for a wrecker they observed an OBOL (Orange Ball of Light) which reacted to light. Flashlight seemed to cause the object to get brighter and closer. After about 1-1/2 minutes of observing the object the squad car spotlight was put on it and the object moved off. (UFO Filter Center Files, FI Fran Ridge, MUFON SSD).

Nov. 2, 1973; Mt. Vernon, IN
10:40 p.m. The witness was a 23-year-old warehouseman at Mt. Vernon Milling Co. and reported a wedge-shaped object. While at work he observed it south above Fuhrer Ford for about 15-20 seconds.

"I went out to check my hopper cars. Climbing up onto the car I happened to look back. I stood on top and watched the object until it disappeared. Best I can describe (it, is) at about six city blocks away...60-100 feet in the air.... I could hear no sound.....Seemed like it disappeared as if you would shut off a TV set. It was light orange and slowly faded out," (UFOFC, Ridge files)

Nov. 2, 1973;  Goffstown, NH
2:45 a.m. Spherical object. 50 ft. dia. Covered with 6-sided facets. Oval window above mid-line. One humanoid being. Rounded head. Large egg-shape, eyes with dark oval pupils. No nose. Slit mouth, wrinkled gray elephant-like skin. Object hovered in sky terrorizing motorist. Occupant visible in window of object. Subsequent abduction later that night. ( Lydia Morel, Ref. OD)

Nov. 4, 1973; Goffstown, NH
There was another very interesting report involving two glowing creatures collecting items from the ground in the front yard of Rex Snow. It also involved animal reaction on the part of his dog. However, it did not involve the sighting of a UFO and probably would be supplemental information to the other Goffstown sighting mentioned that Ray Fowler also investigated for Nov. 1.

Nov. 6, 1973; Pascagoula, Mississippi
9:20 p.m. Officer Nations stated that he and Officer Crews were in the Coast Guard vessel and were approaching the Ryan brothers in their boat. “One fisherman was there beside the boat. From 50 yards I saw the light lighting up the boat. It was a dim light, moving in a straight line in a northwesterly direction at four to six knots. When we got directly over it, I could see that there was a light amber light source about four inches long which cast an oval-shaped beam straight ahead for four, five, or six feet. Beneath the four-inch light source and attached to it was a metallic rod a couple of feet long and about four inches wide.” Nations and Crews tried beating the object with boat oars and hooks, but it went out and reappeared 20 yards away. “The Ryan brothers chased it around in their boat and reached it again before we did. They beat it with their oars,” said Nations. Crews also described observing the light coming up from the water and onto the Ryans’ boat as the Coast Guard vessel approached. “Three boats started chasing it,” Crews explained. “Each boat tried to get on top of it. Then it was under all three boats. I looked down and saw a metallic object three feet long, three or four inches wide, and shiny like stainless steel. It went 20 or 30 yards, then went out. Then it lit up again on the same course and we tried to hit it with oars. The light went out and then it relocated again.” At 10 p.m. they lost it.

Nov. 6, 1973; Evansville, IN
2:09 a.m. Owner of Stadium Inn saw huge glowing object from front of place of business, chased at high speed on Division St.. Object at 1500' altitude and one mile range lit up Meade Johnson, looked like yellow-gold big moon. Referred by State Police. (UFOFC, Ridge files)

Nov. 7, 1973; Chesapeake, VA
Disc-shaped object surrounded by bright green halo, red light emitted from underside. (UFOE II, VIII)

Nov. 7, 1973; Winnfield, LA
Woman driving from Winnfield to Sikes on this foggy night encountered along the roadway a three-foot-tall humanoid being with a large oval head and two bright red eyes (UFOE II, Section XII).

Nov. 8, 1973; La Paz, Bolivia
Top-shaped object with windows moved with "incredible speed," darted behind jet interceptor, shot straight up in sky (UFOE II, Section II). Table 1, 116,

Nov. 8, 1973; Blythe, CA
A man driving on Interstate 10 east of the city saw a circular object with red, green, and amber body lights hovering over an orchard, moving up and down and from side to side. When he realized it was not a helicopter, he became frightened. No time reported. (UFOE II, Section VIII, Marlin Daily

Democrat, Texas, Nov. 9, 1973, UPI story)

Nov. 8, 1973; Johnstown, NY
2:40 p.m. A group of elementary school students saw a gray-white object shaped like an Apollo capsule (truncated cone) descending as if to land less than 200 feet away. The object had legs with round landing pods. When the children ran toward it, the object's legs retracted, a puff of fire was emitted and it took off upwards. No sound was heard. The object had a light rotating around it at all times, and when it ascended it had a luminous halo around it. (Marlin Daily Democrat, Texas, Nov. 9, 1973, UPI story)

Nov. 8, 1973; Falmouth, Nova Scotia
6:15 pm. On an evening with an overcast at 3,000-4,000 feet and with 15 mile visibility, two low flying brilliantly red lights were observed for 15 minutes. During this time, the family dog was described as greatly agitated. Joan Scofield, her husband and four children, saw the two brilliantly red lights, one following the other. They flew low from south to north at various speeds that ranged from slow to so fast they became a blur. Lost behind trees, they were assumed to have circled as they came back from the opposite direction. (Joan Woodward, AR Specialist)

Nov. 11, 1973; LaPaz, Bolivia
Airline crew and interceptor pilot. No details.

Nov. 12, 1973; Toronto
No details. Table 1, 116,

Nov. 16, 1973; Evansville, IN
9:45 p.m. Young man (15) and three others (l boy & 2 girls) saw object come down and land twice, tried to catch it as it traveled about 10' above the ground. Had round thing on it like an electric eye and glowing red basket-like bottom section. Conventional aircraft near had spotlights. Phoned into UFO Filter Center by boy's mother. (FI-4, Ridge files).

Nov. 16, 1973; Lemon Grove, CA
7:00 PM. Two 11-year old boys, but there are supporting reasons why this may well be a good case. The boys were outside intending to play in a vacant lot/field in the neighborhood. When they arrived at the field, there was a dark object hovering about 18 inches above it. It seemed inactive in any way. One of the boys cautiously approached it and rapped it with his flashlight. [See more details at link] (Mike Swords. Sources: "TV Interference, Fused Phone Lines, Cited in UFO Landing Case", David Branch and Robert Klinn, Santa Ana [CA] Register, December 8(?,date hard to read) 1973; "Boys Encounter Landed Object", APRO Bulletin, January/February 1974; "Boys Say UFO Hit with Flashlight", SKYLOOK (MUFON), #75, February 1974.)

Nov. 17, 1973; The Sixth Fleet Resumes Normal DEFCON Status.

Nov. 18, 1973: near Tracy, Quebec, and November 21/22, 1973: Joliette, Quebec, Canada
6:00 PM. These are two CE3 [Humanoid] cases embedded in the big Quebec wave of UFO cases that peaked in November 1973. [readers can refer to the October St. Mathias-de-Chambly CE3 listed earlier for another example of this wave]. The Tracy event began when four women [ages 24 to 14] drove out of town toward Montreal. Shortly, they noticed a luminous ball ahead of them. It flew over the St. Lawrence River just to the right of the road. It sparkled with a yellowish-white tint. The ball seemed to pulse: now larger and shining; now smaller and non-luminous. It then seemed to follow their car. It would come nearer when the countryside was less populated; further when it was built-up. Its altitude changed but it was often at telephone pole height. This was understandably scaring the heck out of the witnesses. At one point they were passed by a car at great speed. The UFO went to great height at that event. The UFO descended and hovered over a roadside field. All of a sudden they entered slow-

moving traffic. Weirdly, the cars had to enter into and pass through a "pink cloud" which was lying across the road. The cloud's length was about the distance of four cars back-to-back. At this odd thing, the girls were so astonished they essentially forgot the UFO parked in the roadside field. Within the cloud "everything was very quiet and silent". They drove through without any apparent incident, and the driver accelerated back up [to about 40mph]. Then, almost immediately, she had to brake again as the "fast car" that had passed them awhile ago was wrecked in the ditch. Passing this latest congestion point, she sped up , and immediately slammed on the brakes again to avoid hitting a "little man" sweeping in the road. This little man was slim and 5 feet or less tall. He wore dark clothing and a cap "that could hide his face". The tool that he was using gave the impression that he was "brushing" the road. The young ladies never looked at the UFO in the field again as they went on their way to Montreal, but said on the return journey the pink cloud was still there. Commentary: [Michael Swords] there may be less in this case or more. The excited girls could have overinterpreted a roadside accident and roadside flares, and a somewhat careless clean-up crewman. Or, it may be as weird as they felt. Either way, that element of the case does not diminish the lengthy and elaborate "stalker" aspect of the case.This event became the first of a series of UFO encounters in this area that very evening. At least 11 more encounters were recorded with luminous ovals or balls in the region prior to 1am.

Nov. 19, 1973; Sidrolandia, Brazil
Orange oval emerged from white cloud, hovered near truck, small humanoid visible inside object. (See Section XII [E] truck)

Nov. 21, 1973; on a farm in Joliette, Canada
2:00 AM. The wife of the house couldn't sleep, and was sitting up in the darkness of the house smoking a cigarette. She was startled by a white object which seemed to be standing just outside her kitchen window. When she went over to inspect, she saw a "4-foot tall thing". This was not a UFO, but appeared to be a creature of some kind. This thing had a large round head with very large, too large, eyes in it. These "eyes" seemed to glow with phosphorescence. Around this "head", or was it a helmet?, there was a halo of soft "flames". "Shoulders" angled directly down at a 45 degree slope. No more of "it", whatever it was, could be recalled. The farm lady was not at all afraid of this entity, and said, rather, that she thought it "beautiful" and was attracted by it. She said, perhaps more ominously, that she could not move away from the window. She thought the sighting lasted only about 15 seconds, and then she suddenly snapped to, and realized that something odd was happening. She roused her husband, who dressed and went outside. There was no trace of the "thing" except perhaps one fact: their dog was found "scared to death" and lying low on the ground. It would not follow the farmer as he inspected the grounds.

Nov. 21, 1973; That same evening, local police and a Catholic priest both reported UFO sightings around a nearby quarry. Once again many other cases were reported in the Quebec region. The entity in this case is unique. It is most like the famous 1952 Braxton County [Flatwoods] WV "Monster", which was one of the first entity encounters ever reported in the U.S. Sources: Claude MacDuff, "The November 1973 UFO-Invasion of Quebec" [monograph], 1976, Ted Bloecher files (CUFOS); and (same) UFOLOGY Fall 1976; and [letter] Wido Hoville to Ted Bloecher, August 19, 1976.

Nov. 23, 1973; Matthews, MO
11:30 p.m. This close encounter began with the observation of five red lights in a curve, indicating something round. The witness was driving to her grandmother's house and witnessed the bright lights which were very low out her passenger window to the east. When the lights got behind her she pulled off the road and got out of the car as they approached. Another car from the north stopped to see if she needed help, saw the lights and sped off. Object passed over with a humming noise. ((AUN10,2)

Nov. 25, 1973; Falmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada
9:50 p.m. The RCMP report states that while on patrol that night, Constable Ralph Keeping was contacted by Lawrence Smith of Lower Shag Harbour. Smith reported that he and his brother Manus Smith had been driving on old Highway 3 near the western Bear Point turnoff when they encountered

some lights in the sky. Investigation shows the incident turned out to be a Close Encounter of the Third Kind and possibly even more.

Nov. 28, 1973; Gallup Poll
Showed that 51 percent of Americans believe UFOs are "real," 11 percent claim personal sightings, and 93 percent are aware of the subject.

Nov. 28, 1973; 2 miles East of Bufkin, IN (near Mt. Vernon)
7:15 p.m. This incident involved three witnesses who reported two orange-red balls of light that hovered low to the ground in the west for about six minutes. The main witness was very shook up by the incident and contacted the UFO Filter Center while it was occurring. One object was larger than the other and was more "orange and red speckled". (UFO Filter Center Files, FI Fran Ridge, MUFON SSD).

Nov. 30, 1973; Turin, Italy
UFO hovered and darted around near Caselle Airport, seen by pilots and tracked on airport radar (UFOE II, Section III).

Dec. 4, 1973; Turin, Italy
Thousands of people in this northern industrial city reported seeing a mysterious flying object hovering over the city tonight. The sighting, registered on radar screens at Turin's airport and acknowledged by local police headquarters, was the latest in a rash of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in northern Italy. ... The object seen tonight, clearly visible to the naked eye, seemed to rest motionless in the air for several minutes and rotated on its axis, witnesses said. Six police patrols were sent to investigate the phenomenon, but as they reached a spot more or less underneath the object it suddenly shot upwards at great speed and disappeared, police sources said. (Turin, Dec. 4 [Reuter]; Washington Post, Dec. 5, 1973, headline: Thousands in Turin Witness UFO.)

Dec. 10, 1973; Ouzoues-sur-Loire, France
About 6:20 p.m. A 50-year-old couple, several other witnesses, and gendarmes watched a silent, 5 meter tall cone-shaped UFO only 20 meters from the ground fly away toward the southwest.

Dec. 10, 1973; Hochries, Germany
About 8:30 p.m. Near the Austrian-Bavarian border, Friedrich Lennartz, 33, and Peter Zettel, 29, had a close encounter of the second kind when a multi-colored, ovoid UFO responded to a red signal rocket they had fired to get the UFO's attention. The UFO had been hovering near a mountain ski resort with the pointed end up. Its size was estimated as 9 meters in diameter and 12-14 meters tall. The top portion looked like a yellow dome. Four rows of colored lights (red, green, blue, and white) rotated counterclockwise around the lower portion. They experienced loud static on their short wave radio as the UFO changed color to a dazzling red, made a 90-degree turn, and sped toward the witnesses, traveling 5-6 kilometers in 10 seconds. It hovered close to their mountain for two more hours as their dogs whimpered to be let into the cabin, then shot upward at a steep angle at "breakneck speed." (UFOE II, Section I).

Dec. 11, 1973; Malaga, Spain
"Circular, like a flying saucer, had an intense red light." Hovered for about 15 minutes, "then departed suddenly." Multiple witnesses. (UFOE II, Section VIII)

Dec. 13, 1973; Bradenton, FL
8:50 p.m. While checking on a strange object seen near the Braden River, the witness started to turn his car around, and the high beams from his car picked up a silvery reflecting object hovering 20 feet above the river. A tube extended from the object to the surface of the water. "I just sat there a second," he stated, then he took his camera from the car and took two photographs, using a strobe. The camera was a Canon FT-QL with a 55mm lens. (MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings, 1974, pp. 52-52).

Dec. 13, 1973; Ellwood City, PA
On a crisp, clear night a couple reported seeing a frightening object as they were about to get in their car. The UFO was described as a red light in the sky. As the object moved towards the couple, a green light adjacent to the red light came on and within minutes the object was moving at an incredible speed at right angles to the east. While the object was moving, the red and green lights remained on. Losing sight of the UFO, they got into their car and drove away. The witnesses reported that they saw what seemed to be the same object about a mile and a half from the first point, but this time the UFO was making very large circular motions over a golf course. The couple stopped their car and turned off the ignition to listen for sounds coming from the object, but there were none. They watched intently for about 5 minutes before the object disappeared. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, February 1974, page 2)

Dec. 19, 1973; Vilvorde, Belgium
2:00 a.m. Round disc. 16 1/2 ft. dia. Upper half orange, lower half dark red. Transparent cupola on top. Emblem on side of disc. Flashing body lights. Greenish glow. Muffled chirring sound. One humanoid. 3 1/2 ft. tall. Medium build, normal proportions. Dark face with glowing yellow eyes exhibiting oval vertical pupils and veins. Pointed ears. Bright green 1-pc suit with metal-flake appeal Round transparent helmet. Tubes extending to back pack. Occupant outside of landed object. Entity examined witness's garden with device resembling metal detector. Walked over wall in garden, re-entered craft and departed leaving luminous trail. (V.M., 28, Ref. Bruno Molon)

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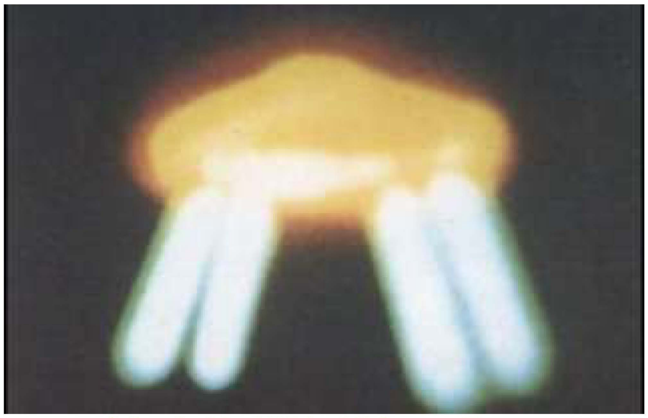

March 23, 1974; Albiosco, France

Map of sightings for 1974, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database (Pending)

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Humanoid Reports (HR, occupant sightings, Cat. 7) are still up. By 1974 the cattle mutilations are becoming a major issue to farmers in many U.S. states and by 1979 the phenomena will have claimed the lives of over 10,000 head of cattle. Night-time helicopters are often reported in the vicinity of mutilated cattle. Helicopter pilots take alternative routes or are flying 500 feet higher in order to evade angry stockmen with big guns.

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Jan. 4, 1974; Berwyn, IL
5:15 p.m. Two women were driving, saw hovering object (about 75' high) with two bright lights in front shining straight ahead, and smaller lights around the sides. As the object began to move, witnesses began to follow it 1/8-1/4 mile. When in motion, two lights were off and red tower light was visible. Object passed behind buildings at aircraft speed. (SL 75,15)

Jan. 6, 1974; Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia, Canada
11:30 p.m. 15 year old Carl Nicholson made a call at 12:30 AM to the RCMP Detachment in Dartmouth, N.S. to report his observation of a UFO an hour earlier. Constable D.S. Fontanne made a

patrol to the area to see the witness. When the Constable arrived he was informed by Nicholson that the object had appeared to land down behind the trees. Fontanne interviewed the youth and discovered that the teenager was baby sitting for his parents but at about 11:30 PM his dog had begun barking outside. Curious he had looked out of the window and observed an object in the sky. He watched the object for about an hour before it seemed to land and decided to report it to the RCMP. During the period that he watched the object it hovered, moved across the sky and then landed in a wooded area about three miles [ 5 kilometers] away. Though Nicholson could not see the actual shape of the object, he reported that it had four colored lights-blue, yellow, green and red- fixed horizontally across the object. However prior to landing a large white light came on underneath the UFO at which time it was just above the tree line. That night the sky was partly cloudy and there was a very bright moon. Nicholson had kept an eye on the area where the UFO had appeared to land and up until the Mountie had arrived, he had not seen he object rise from the trees. Fontanne as well had kept an eye on the spot and stated in his report that it had not lifted off while he was there. Cst. Fontanne was impressed with Nicholson's sincerity and believes the youth saw what he said he saw, but the RCMP report makes no mention of any checks being made, even superficially, of the supposed landing area, with Halifax or Shearwater radar or their respective Air Traffic Controllers. (Don Ledger, 1998, Maritime UFO Files, Nimbus Publishing, Halifax, NS, p.99)

Jan. 6, 1974; Santa Ana, CA
Early morning. Martin W Barry, a Marine sergeant, was making his usual early morning 5 mile run in a park, in a driving rain, when he came up with a 7-foot tall, bulky figure standing in a slumped forward posture, long arms dangling nearly to the ground. Behind it, hovering only a few feet off the ground was an orange pulsating flying saucer. The creature's head, with large eyes, accounted for more than half of its height, and its legs were "squashed" and "stubby." It waddled up to Barry and struck him on the chest, felling him into a pool of water then waddled away and climbed aboard the UFO, which rose into the sky. Others reportedly saw UFOs over Santa Ana that day. (Humcat 1974-63; Andrew Gallagher, Ideal's UFO Magazine # 1, Type: B)

Jan. 7, 1974; Warneton, Belgium
8:40 p.m. Domed disc with flat bottom, 23-33 ft. diameter; 7- 10 ft. wide. Flange around base. 3 legs. White and orange alternating bands on glowing object. Three humanoids. Broad shoulders, heads shaped like inverted pears. Long arms, large eyes, no noses. Two were 5 ft. tall with 1-pc dull metallic gray suits. Cube-shaped helmets with face visible. One <5 ft. tall with rings on torso, round helmet. Occupants outside landed object approached witness in his car. One had a pointed metallic rod in hand. Witness felt paralysis and pain in the back of his head. (Ref. 5, Reference 1, Section XII) R,L car

Jan. 8, 1974; Springfield, OH
3:13 a.m. Leaving his job, witness's car lights dimmed and motor stalled. He saw multicolored lights descend just yards in front of car, followed by the appearance of a blinding white oval of light 6 ft in diameter, apparently the interior of the object. Five small (3-4 ft) occupants observed, sitting to one side on high-backed seats. They wore bright-colored robes and each had long brown hair reaching to the floor. Their faces could not be recalled by the witness. The surroundings and car interior were brightly illuminated. After 5 minutes, the interior light was extinguished and the object ascended rapidly with another display of colored lights. A maintenance man on the premises had noticed a failure on his "pager" radio four times between 7 and 10 p.m., although no lights or UFOs were then observed. 5 minutes, E-M effects (CHR 74-02. Investigator: Leonard Stringfield, CUFOS)

Jan. 22, 1974; Norton, MA
A man on his way home from work spotted what he described as a flying saucer near a gravel pit in this New England town. He saw a light in the air and as he approached it, the light became brighter and larger. His description of the object was that of a red dome on top with another dome beneath it shaped similar to a child's swimming pool. The lower dome was edged with white lights which reflected onto the upper dome. A third dome was below the first two and appeared to have two ports at the rear which gave off orange and white smoke as it disappeared into the night. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR,

Jan. 23, 1974; Llandrillo, Wales
8:30 p.m. The entire village heard a terrific explosion preceded by the violent shaking of the ground. Going outside people saw blue and orange lights floating in a circle around Cader Mountain, east of the village. Police and RAF personnel were in the area almost immediately and cordoned off access to the supposed crash site on a barren hilltop. A nurse on the way to the crash site after being telephoned by police headquarters was on her way up the mountain with her daughters when she saw something sitting on the ground ahead of her. It seemed to be intact and it was very large, circular and glowing orange. The nurse and her daughters were within a few hundred feet when police and military forces showed up and clearly told her to leave the area. Researcher Tony Dodd, was reportedly approached by a retired military man using the name of "Robert Prescott" that told him that he and some others had been assigned to transport two crates from the crash site at a place called Porton Down military personnel opened the crates and the Prescott saw two humanoid figures about 5 to 6 ft tall, very thin, almost skeletal in nature with a covering skin. Other units supposedly transported live aliens from the "crash" site. (HC addition # 3925; CSETI, Nicholas Redfern, "Cosmic Crashes", Type: H)

Jan. 24, 1974; Aische-en-Refail, Belgium
Disc-like object on ground near road; engine restarted by itself when object departed. (Ref. 1, Section VI) E,R car

Jan. 25, 1974; Evansville, IN
6:30 p.m. WTVW's David Goodnow (later CNN anchorman) saw three glittering red-colored objects like illuminated sign, blinking at random, very bright, with smaller white light on each side (like oOOOo) with no sound. They moved to the north and were observed for several minutes. Camera man also saw them. As lights moved away it appeared they were not on one object but were separate. (Ridge files, UFOFC)

Jan. 26, 1974; Lisbon, Portugal
V-formation of luminous 10-15 orange discs observed by airline crew, B-727 (Ref. 1, Section III).

Jan. 26, 1974; Santa Ana, CA
Pilots report 5 objects circling plane.

January 27, 1974; near Irwin, Pennsylvania
Around 2:00 am a woman driving on the Pennsylvania Turnpike became concerned when she saw a UFO with two bright lights in the sky. The female driver said the lights shown down toward the highway. Then in a stunning move the UFO dropped down next to her car and kept pace. The woman speeded to 60 miles per hour and the UFO kept up. As she drove along her car lost power (electromagnetic effects). The driver feared that the car was going to stall. Eventually the UFO streaked away and the automobile began to operate normally. (John Chase, “Flurry of UFO Sightings Startle Pennsylvanians”, by David Branch and Robert B. Klinn; Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, May 22, 1974, Wednesday, B-7; Skylook Magazine, MUFON, May 1974).

January 28, 1974; at Sewickley (near Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania
Around 10:30 pm two witnesses reported a large silver cigar shaped UFO drop to within 150 feet above trees before moving out of sight. The UFO had a bright light and red light on the front of the craft. A single bright light was on the rear of the object. One of the witness contacted the control tower of the greater Pittsburgh Airport only to discovered there were no planes in the area. (John Chase, “Flurry of UFO Sightings Startle Pennsylvanians”, by David Branch and Robert B. Klinn; Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, May 22, 1974, Wednesday, B-7; Skylook Magazine, MUFON, May 1974).

Feb. 4, 1974; Shores Community, TN.

6:00 p.m. UFO shaped like wooden shoe with transparent dome atop seen outside witness's house, hovering 6 ft over garden. Emitted buzzing sound and disrupted TV reception. Domed area glowed soft white, and heads and shoulders of 2 humanoid occupants were seen within; UFO had one large light in front, two at rear. Buzzing stopped, UFO made turn and slowly left area silently. (CHR- 74-04, W.A. Darbro, ANLEY Ingram)

February 7, 1974; between Woodale and Laurelville, Pennsylvania
Around 12:55 am, a Motorist was on Route 982, when he spotted a disc shaped UFO hovering over a field . The UFO was 30 feet in diameter, above the field at an altitude of 150 feet and about 100 feet from the witness. The UFO had a sold white top, while the bottom showed red, green and blue lights. A humming sound was heard and a strong "chemical" odor was noticed. (John Chase, "Flurry of UFO Sightings Startle Pennsylvanians", by David Branch and Robert B. Klinn; Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, May 22, 1974, Wednesday, B-7; Skylook Magazine, MUFON, May 1974).

Feb. 13, 1974; Barrington, NH
A student from the University of New Hampshire reported observing a cigar-shaped object that appeared to have brilliant white lights on both sides. The witness further described the UFO as having an elongated dome on the top with a red light toward the front. The craft moved slowly but with controlled maneuvers and then suddenly sped completely out of sight. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, April 1974, page 4)

Feb.14, 1974; Ely, NV
Round orange object paced, approached truck, E-M effects on lights and engine, truck lifted off road, steering control lost, feeling of vacuum (Ref. 1, Section VI).

Feb.14, 1974; Petite-Ile (Reunion), France
1:30 p.m. A man was walking along a rural road when he suddenly felt a force pulling at him and a tingling sensation. He then saw a white, disc-shaped object with transparent dome hovering just above the ground. A light beam was directed at him from the apparent craft. Three small beings, about 1.0 to 1.2 meters tall, were moving in and out of an opening and acting interested in the terrain. They had antenna-like projections on their heads and had bright white metallic clothing. A fourth being was seen to emerge, then they all re-entered the craft, the opening closed, and the object took off and flew away. The witness was badly frightened, lost his voice, and had headaches and impaired vision for two days. (Ouranos No. 14, 2nd Quarter 1975. Investigated by M.J. Bertil. Translated from the French by Jacques Deschenes.)

Feb. 17, 1974; Stuart, FL
An unidentified flying object was reported to have landed on Fifth and Jackson Streets. The witness immediately called the local newspaper to report the sighting. The newspaper decided to send a reporter to the scene of the sighting, but as the reporter approached the intersection where the object had been reportedly seen, the area appeared to be completely deserted. The newspaper man then noticed a brilliant object only about 5,000 feet off the ground. It blinked on and off like a light bulb. The reporter was only able to view the UFO for approximately 15 seconds before it disappeared from sight at an incredible speed. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, May 1974, page 2)

Feb. 18, 1974; Chelsea, OK
Dog and cattle frightened by slow moving oval

Feb. 28, 1974; Hirson (Aisne), France
5:30 a.m. The witness was riding his motorcycle to work, when suddenly he found himself face to face with two humanoid beings and having no memory of having stopped the motorcycle. It was still dark at this hour. In an adjacent field he saw a dark circular object. The two beings about 1.7 meters tall were blocking his way, and he became frightened. They were wearing dark coveralls with square helmets and gloves. The beings produced a small piece of substance something like chocolate and gestured for

him to eat it, which he did. The beings then stood aside and let him go, He was stunned and bewildered, but immediately fled. Physical traces were found at the landing site. (Inforespace No. 20, April 1975;  Lumieres dans la Nuit No. 139, November 1974. Translated from the French by A.D. Mebane.)

March 9, 1974; Milan, Italy
Luminous saucer-shaped object with colored rings ahead of plane confirmed by Milan radar, chased by pilot (Reference 1, Sections III, VII).

March 13, 1974; En route San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Cordoba, Argentina
Argentine Airlines plane flanked by two glowing objects that paced it for several minutes, then sped away (Reference 1, Section III).

March 17, 1974; Taiwan
TWA airliner crew observed shiny oval or cigar-shaped object, five smaller spherical-appearing satellite objects (Reference 1, Section X).

March 18, 1974; near Newton, Pennsylvania
Around 8:30 pm a motorist on a deserted section of a back road  witness a group of light in the sky. The lights dove out of the sky and came within 12 inched of the hood of the drivers car, passed over the vehicle and disappeared. As the UFO got close to the car his radio came full of static (electromagnetic effects). At the same time his car’s headlights dimmed and his ampmeter indicated that his battery had completely discharged. His speedometer now showed 40 miles per hour and his car did not stop. As the driver continued on he noticed he was getting tired (Physiological effect) so much so he could barely keep from falling asleep. At this the driver hit a guard rail. (John Chase, “Flurry of UFO Sightings Startle Pennsylvanians”, by David Branch and Robert B. Klinn; Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, May 22, 1974, Wednesday, B-7; Skylook Magazine, MUFON, May 1974).

March 21, 1974; Valdehijaderos, Salamanca, Spain
2:15 a.m. Disc. 33- 40 ft. dia. Smooth metallic surface with no seams or rivets. 3 metal legs, 18" high. Indescribable glow. Four human-like beings 6' 4" -6' 8" tall. Walked normal. Tight-fiiting brilliant metallic 1-pc suits came over head. Occupants beside landed object, doing something on ground, gesticulating. (Maximillio I. Sanches, Ref. 5, (Ballester Olmos, 1976, pp. 44-45; see Section XII [E,L]) diesel truck

March 23, 1974; Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
Around 12:55 am two officers for the Pennsylvania State Game Commission were patrolling Hanover Township when they came across a UFO. It was a sudden event when the officers witnesses a UFO about 300 yards from their vehicle. The UFO was a glowing cigar shaped object as large as six times the length of their car. They referred to the UFO as a “giant fuselage.” The men reported the object emitted no sound, yet it was pulsating light towards the ground. (John Chase, “Flurry of UFO Sightings Startle Pennsylvanians”, by David Branch and Robert B. Klinn; Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, May 22, 1974, Wednesday, B-7; Skylook Magazine, MUFON, May 1974).

March 23, 1974; Castile de las, Guardas, Spain
Motorist pursued by one of three mushroom-shaped objecsts associated with larger elongated object. (UFOE II, Pg. 415)

March 23, 1974; Albiosco, France
A classic French UFO picture. Photographed by an anonymous French medical doctor. Taken on March 23, 1974 in Tavernes in the department in Var, during a major UFO flap over France. Skeptics doubted the picture on the grounds that "luminous rays cannot end like this."

March-June, 1974; Spain

Concentration of UFO sightings, including vehicle encounters (Reference 1, Section VIII).

March 30, 1974; Hombreiro, Lugo, Spain
Blinding light from hovering object, car engine quit, lights went out. Object flew away with whistling sound, car then functioned normally (Reference 1, Section XII).

April 8, 1974; Fayetteville, IN
Close encounter with two witnesses. No details. (Hynek 4-19?, possibly Don Worley Files)

April 14, 1974; Vedrin & Courriere, Belgium
8:00 p.m. ...and continuing for close to two hours a flurry of UFO sightings was reported. The SOBEPS organization conducted a thorough investigation. Sightings included a luminous globe emitting bright silver-white light crossing the road ahead of a car; a spinning circular object with rows of body lights that changed directions, stopping and starting; elongated or cylindrical metallic-appearing objects with body lights; and a disc white on top and bright cherry red on bottom, joined by a dark central band. ("Easter UFO: A SOBEPS Inquiry" by Frank Boitte, Brussels, Belgium.)

April, 15, 1974; Woodside, South Australia, Australia
7:30 PM. local time. Six people were travelling in two separate cars. An individual in one vehicle reported seeing an object travelling to their SE. Both cars pulled up. The object is reported to have passed over the cars, and one individual said that their vehicle suffered a temporary loss of power. The object is described as having a spherical, spinning base, with four bright lights shining from a dome. It looked metallic. It then headed towards the horizon. Total duration is said to be five to six minutes. (Source: Advertiser (Adelaide) newspaper, dated April 17, 1974.)

April 16, 1974; Casale Monferrato, Italy
Morning. Disc. Dark ring with transparent cockpit on top. Row of lights around circumference of ring. Object rotated. No sound. Three humanoid beings. Object hovered, occupants visible in lighted transparent cockpit stared at witness. (Carla and Mauro Bellingeri, Ref. 5, Reference 1, Section XII).

April 19, 1974; Altamont, NY
Between 9:30 and 10:30 PM. A mother and daughter saw a bright light which seemed to be only several hundred feet from their house. Curious, they walked toward it until within about two hundred feet. From that close, the thing looked like an oval, resting on the roadway. It appeared to have large windows on the top half, from which came a brilliant golden glow. Changes of contrast in this light gave the impression that something was moving around within. The mother sent the daughter to get a neighbor friend, and they returned shortly. The neighbor testified to all of this, as well. The mother then retreated to her home and phoned her husband, who dropped what he was doing and hurried over. As he arrived, he was able to see an object rising from the area. It shifted speeds and accelerated out of sight at an "exceptionally high rate of speed". Everyone excitedly exchanged information, and all agreed that they had seen the same thing. As an aside, during the bulk of this encounter, the neighborhood dogs were putting up a continuous volley of barking. The next morning the witnesses got together and went out to the site. There they found an area of burnt grass 50 to 75 feet in diameter. [of course there is no knowing if the object caused the later witnessed trace. This thought particularly arises in this case since the object was said to be resting on the road. This would not be a problem if one assumes that the object rested more than one place, or that the witnesses misjudged the resting spot 200 feet away in the night. Nevertheless, it is an inconsistency as regards the trace]. The sighting stands as a well-witnessed CE1 with a possible CE2t [trace] and a possible CE3 component. (Submitted by Mike Swords. Sources: Ernest Jahn, NICAP case file, CUFOS; NICAP 's the UFO Investigator, November 1974; and Ted Bloecher, original HUMCAT notes [CUFOS]). Tthe date of this sighting is uncertain and has been reported erroneously as the 30th in the literature. The 19th is given as the more likely date due to context from a followup tape interview; much confusion is still possible on this due to the date of a later sighting also dated the 19th, but August, upon the investigation of which this earlier case came out).

May 2, 1974; En route from Guerrero state to Mexico City, Mexico
Morning. Carlos Antonio de los Santos Montiel was flying en route from Guerrero state to Mexico city in his Piper Aztec 24, he became aware of three objects positioned extremely close around the plane. He heard a noise from below, as if one of the objects had collided with his plane. He then noticed that the aircraft controls and landing gear were frozen. (APRO Bulletin, Vol. 24 No. 2, Aug 1975)

May 5, 1974; Lincolnshire, IL
Six photos taken. Boys sight UFO, Hynek called in. (Review Vernon, IL, May 23, 1974 clipping)

May 7, 1974; Coatsville, PA
9:00 p.m. Disc with lighted dome on top. Four silvery legs. Three gray humanoids. <5 ft. tall. Large elongated heads. Short legs. No helmets. Occupants beside landed object seemed to examine disc's legs, re-entered object and disappeared. (Witness: Margaret K. Roffe; Ref.5)

May 9, 1974; Daylight, IN
(Date may not be correct) Evening. Local man (and six others) claim he was abducted. Jordan. (Investigated by Mike Cristol)

May 20, 1974; Hampton Beach, NH
00:30 a.m. Disc. 50-60 feet in diameter. Domed above and below with central rim. Four landing legs. Hatch folded down, ramp came out. Humming sound. One humanoid-like being 6' tall. Light colored coveralls. Two hoses ran from back of jaw area to back of head. One hose running down back. Object landed on beach. Hatch opened and occupant stood in opening. Occupant briefly stepped out onto sand. Re-entered object and departed. (Ref.5, Molon)

May 22, 1974; Fairfield, OH
10:00 p.m. Boat-shaped or oblong object 50-60' wide. Green and white lights around lower part rotating 3 to 4 square windows emanating white light. Brightly lit transparent area on top. Two small, dark humanoids. Object rising and falling as it hovered over a house. Occupants visible in top part of object in cramped position, continually gesticulating or moving levers. Object then moved horizontally and departed at high speed. (Ref.5)

May 23, 1974; Calhoun, IL
10:00 p.m. State Police at Parkersburg, Illinois, took this call and relayed the information to CUFOS. Three witnesses reported a close encounter with telephone affected. Few details. (CUFOS)

May 24, 1974; MADAR Event #5

> 2:42 a.m. This, yet unexplained incident was never correlated with any sightings of UFOs anywhere, local or regional. But it was rare and one of those incidents that occurred in the wee hours .

May 28, 1974; Albuquerque, NM
A resident was awakened to see a large glowing object moving across the western face of the Sandia Mountains. It was so bright that no discernable structure could be seen. The witness opened his window to listen for noise coming from the object; there was none. As he watched, the object appeared to land on a nearby hill where it remained for an hour before it shot into the air and vanished. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, July 1974, page 3)

May 31, 1974; Salisbury, Rhodesia to Durban, South Africa
2:30 a.m. Prolonged car-pacing case during which motorists experienced E-M effects, loss of steering control for their vehicle, abnormal cold and silence, translocation from one place to another, altered

appearance of the terrain, humanoid encounter, and amnesia. (Skylook No. 88, March 1975, Mutual UFO Network.)

June 6, 1974; South Hampton, NH
9:30 p.m. A family driving along Route 150 encountered a structured object with a row of body lights. They fled in fear with the object following. When they stopped, the object hovered with a "bobbing, fluttering motion" above an adjacent field. The body lights flickered and changed color from yellow-green to bright red to pink, then dark green and deep blue. The lights dimly illuminated a bowl-shaped undersurface. When the object began to descend as if to land, the witnesses again became frightened and fled. (Christian Science Monitor, Aug. 2, 1974. Investigation by Raymond B. Fowler.)

June 11, 1974; Lincolnshire, IL
No details but recorded as close encounter one with seven witnesses. (CUFOS)

June 14, 1974; nr Medellin Castle, Spain
5:30 a.m. Lasted 1-1/2 hours and was seen to the East in the direction of Venus and disappeared as Venus would at sunrise. Some investigators report that the witness may have been the town drunk, but here for-the-record is what he reported. This man driving 200 miles north of Seville saw an object shaped like a pot (truncated cone) flying rapidly toward him at low altitude (estimated 100 meters). Frightened, he turned off his car headlights, but the object followed his car parallel to the road about 70 meters away to the right. When he switched his headlights back on, the object began approaching so he switched them off and the object retreated again. When he arrived at his father's property, the object hovered over the barn, moving up and down, so he ran into the house. Later he went outside to check, and the object was still hovering there. It was lighting the entire area like daytime. Three humanoid beings were visible inside the object. Early the next morning at sunrise, the object abruptly sped away. Other witnesses in separate locations also saw an object. Questionable. (Inforespace, No. 22, August 1975; translated from French by Jacques Deschenes.)

June 18, 1974; Metcalf, IL
Midnight. Beginning of a series of abductions. Son of farmer had been apparently abducted and no one knew it for some 12 years or spring of 1986. Natural recall of abduction into craft and removal of sperm. Elderly farmer saw object land in soybean field around 12:00 a.m. (Don Worley files)

June 18, 1974; Metcalf, IL
4:30 a.m. Second elderly farmer watched fiery object take off from bean field. (Worley files)

June 24, 1974; St. Cyrille, Quebec
1:15 AM. A gentleman was up late when a "Bumm..Bumm..Bumm.." sound occurred, as if something very heavy had fallen onto the ground. He looked out the living room window and saw a UFO hovering low over a near field. It was a disk with a red domed area, an orangish lower area punctuated by oval "windows" from which came white light. See detailed report at link. (Mike Swords. Sources: Marc Leduc, "Un Atterissage et des Humanoides a Drummondville", UFO-QUEBEC,vol.1 [1], 1975; and Yurko Bondarchuk, UFO Canada, 1979; and "Robot occupants reported", MUFON Journal, November 1974; and "Robots in Quebec, Canada", APRO Bulletin vol 23 [3], November/December 1974; and "UFO Canada_April 1979", UFO Encounter, #82, August/September 1979).

June, 24, 1975; Queensland, Australia
7:45 PM. Mr Eric Falkenburger saw a bright light from his car. He estimated that the object passed about 1500 feet from his vehicle. It was just below tree top level. He said that as he watched the object, it "suddenly shot off at a great speed and as it went, bright cone shaped searchlights suddenly shone from the object." (Source: NICAP UFO Investigator. October 1975. p.2. which doesn't cite any original source for this sighting.) [Note by Keith Basterfield. A search of Australian UFO periodicals failed to locate this sighting].

July 9, 1974; Kingston, NY
Elliptical object with body lights hovered low, moved toward police car; officer turned spotlight on it, brilliant white beam from object illuminated patrol car (Reference 1, Section I).

July 17, 1974; Beloite, Yugoslavia
Photo. No details.

July 30, 1974, Solitude (nr. Mt. Vernon, IN
8:50 p.m. The Sheriff contacted Fran Ridge right after the incident had occurred and was reported. Ridge's Rapid Deployment Team of three men were on the road to the area within minutes. Near Solitude, Indiana, just a little over three miles north of us, a Mt. Vernon couple and their little boy were on their way home from a play in New Harmony, heading south on Hwy 69. They observed an object silhouetted against the moonlit haze in the southwest. Although a few miles away, the object had a clear cigar shape with three white lights. They continued driving down the highway and, as they got over the top of some hills, the object started to descend, getting larger and larger all the time. Right at the bottom of the hill they slowed down and the object appeared to be hovering. It was approximately a hundred yards from them then, and it was moving, but very slow. The adult male witness reported: "It acted like it was on water or floatin'-like." It now had four lights on it, two on each end, the shadowy object was was long and slender, "kinda cigar-shaped." At one time "it was just right above us, maybe 50-60'. Well, you couldn't believe the size of it. It was real large. We went down the highway just a little further. We were going to park the car, so we pulled in there and were getting out of the car and we couldn't find it. It had just vanished." The object was "thin on the ends" and, "as it got to the middle, it was thicker. But like I say, we could just see the shadow". Duration: 7-18 minutes. (UFOFC files, Fran Ridge)

Aug. 11, 1974; Concord, NH
In the early morning hours eight police officers from several jurisdictions observed low-flying saucer-like objects with red, blue, white, and yellow body lights. One officer reported an elliptical object with dome on top. When some officers flashed their patrol car lights at a group of the objects, they appeared to signal with flashing lights in return. (Concord Monitor & Patriot, Aug. 12, 1974.)

Aug. 13, 1974; Laurel, MS
Just after midnight Aug. 12/13 two motorists driving between Laurel and Meridian independently reported to police that they had seen UFOs. In one car an Air Force officer and his family saw two large saucer-shaped objects displaying a blinding bright blue light approach, then buzz the car three times. (New Orleans States-Item, Associated Press story, Aug, 13, 1974.)

> August 15, 1974; Mt. Vernon, Indiana - MADAR Event # 6
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> MADAR was triggered at 19 minutes after midnight. But this time we had a logical explanation. One of the data recorders tied into the MADAR system mode control panel that recorded sounds in the control room, picked up a clap of thunder almost immediately. A close lightning strike had pulled the sensor off north. There is always the possibility that a UFO during a severe storm might have actually attracted a strike , but there were no reports of any strange objects being observed.

Aug. 21, 1974; Sparta, IL
Time not given, or other details. CE-1, multiple witnesses. (CUFOS)

August 26, 1974; Feignes, France
9:00 PM. The daughter of the house had gone into town where there were holiday festivities. She was late returning and her father walked outside. He saw not her but something in the sky. The thing was like a perfectly round black hole, standing out starkly against the gray of the evening, and also outlined

with a low-intensity white corona. He guessed the thing to be about 200 meters away. It seemed to be descending, but very slowly. He went in and got his wife. She watched with him, as the thing descended to 20 meters off the ground. Then, if things were not strange enough, a line of corona split the hole horizontally, like a "D" and its mirror image. The "D's" moved slowly apart, and the right-side one [the "proper" D] seemed to either move away into the distance, or shrink away until it was gone. So, we are left with a mirror-image "D" sitting in the sky. From the curved edge of the inverted D, a "line" or "veil" began to be drawn across the blackness, almost like a stage curtain. As it moved to the right, it revealed, contrasted to the blackness, the forms of what appeared to be two entities attired like astronauts, that is, in full spacesuits and helmets. Their gear, though white, was said to have a greyish tinge and be metallic in character. They moved about seeming more like puppets than living beings. They were in fact very two-dimensional. The two witnesses were stunned by this "show" and watched somewhat mindlessly for 40 minutes. Snapping out of it when their thoughts returned to their tardy daughter, the father got to his car and drove to town; the mother went inside. The hole was still in the sky, and the puppets still blundering around within it. During this whole affair, there were no cars in evidence on the road, no noise from the "object", and generally no sounds that they could remember at all. It is reported that the mother looked no further for the object, and even the father, upon his return with his daughter, did not look for it. The French investigators reported that the witnesses were very simple, practical folks, "completely devoid of any interest in the UFO phenomenon." Well, a high strangeness "display" indeed; and about as meaningless seeming as anything in the UFO literature. Did some ultra-technology kid put on an amateur stage production with his hyperspace puncturing wormhole kit? Cases like this make "universal theories" to explain the UFO phenomenon largely a Don Quixote Windmill Tilting exercise. (Mike Swords. Source: J.M.Bigorne, "Dividing UFO with Occupants", Lumieres Dans La Nuit, #151, January 1976 [translated by Gordon Creighton for Flying Saucer Review, vol.22 [1], 1976. Note in the title the model-dependent wording. The case as read might not describe either a "UFO" or "occupants". Forcing witness descriptions into "comfortable" identifiers might preclude the flexibility needed to see the phenomenon in its true complexity).

Sept. or Oct., 1974; Pacific Ocean, off Guam
2:00 a.m. (??). The USS *Reclaimer* ARS-42 while off Guam, had an underwater event that apparently was tracked by radar on Guam at some point. The starboard lookout report a contact. What they then saw was a single red flashing light which changed course a little and then parallelled them. Guam control acknowledged that they too were tracking something and were sending a wild weasel F-14 to investigate. This thing, now a USO, accelerated and the F-14 went to full afterburner right off the deck. The USO pulled easily ahead of the jet, crossed the horizon in seconds while underwater with no visible wake. (Carl Feindt)

Sept. 1, 1974; Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada
Daylight. Five dome-shaped objects in pasture, spinning and swirling grass; objects took off, aligned in formation, climbed into clouds (Reference 1, Section I).

> Sept. 3, 1974; MADAR Event # 7
> 9:35 p.m. By this time the radar at Dress-Regional Airport was NIS (not in service). There were no local sightings reported. One of the event recorders showed that background radiation levels were 86% higher than normal.

Sept. 8, 1974; Causses, France.
10:30 p.m. And continuing until 1:30 a.m. next morning, residents saw an odd red-orange light, then a luminous sphere that rose from behind a hill. A motorist blinked his headlights a couple of times at the object, and it immediately darted toward him and stopped overhead emitting a humming sound, its light illuminating the terrain. After a while the object disappeared. This man and others in the area later saw a round, luminous orange-red object moving around near the ground, its light illuminating a dock, a distillery, grapevines and other terrain features. One witness noted that no light rays or beams were visible between the luminous object and the illuminated ground. (Ouranos No. 14, 2nd Quarter 1975.

Investigated by M. Grazzioli and M. De Cordova.)

September 16, 1974; Legana/ The Marches, Tasmania
c. 9:45 - 10:15 PM. A lady was driving home with her two young children. She had the radio on and was having good reception, when it developed a great deal of static. Ahead she saw the sky light up. Crossing a bridge, the car then lost power and rolled to a stop. The whole electric system was out, even the dashboard lights. An attempt to restart the car failed. Then, "a deafening vibrating noise enveloped the car." As she and the children covered their ears, "painful electrical shocks began penetrating their bodies." This went on for about a minute. The car filled with a "choking smell", and they evacuated. They ran down the road to a house some distance away, where the resident noted their alarmed condition, took them in, and after they had settled a bit took them back to their vehicle. The light was gone, and all that was unusual with the car was that its "bonnet" was hot. The car started normally, and they went home. Coincidentally, the lady's husband was out waiting for the rest of the family, and saw lights in the sky and heard a distant roar. He and the local garage checked the car and nothing was amiss. Although the children suffered no ill effects, the mother had swollen arms and fingers the next day, and a numbness in the right side of her face [with an undescribed "red mark" there as well]. Two nights later, the husband noticed a distant light which he felt was following his car. Upon arriving home, the family looked for the light. Above some trees, about 150 meters away, they saw an "inverted banana-shaped" yellow light hovering. They turned off their house lights and the object moved away. Its difficult to know what to make of this case since the auto experience contained no UFO. One must keep alive the option that some sort of scientifically-unsuspected natural phenomenon [perhaps of a plasma nature] could somehow stop auto systems and cause physiological effects. However, cases such as this do not stand alone, but rather are pieces of a large data pile of such auto stops, some of which have had readily seeable "objects" connected with them. The simplest hypothesis therefore is that the cause of the lit-up sky was an object of some sort, as seen in other cases. (Mike Swords. Sources: Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre, Summary report on Tasmanian Close Encounters of the Second Kind, June 10, 1975 [CUFOS files]; and "UFOs: Family Buzzed", Saturday Evening Mercury Weekend Edition [Hobart?], September 21, 1974).

September 22, 1974; Tayenne, Tasmania
5:20 PM. A lady had parked her car along the side of the road waiting to pick up a relative. The radio said it was 5:20pm. The sky then lit up, the light brightly illuminating the interior of the car. The radio screamed a high-pitched whistle. She then noticed some sort of object moving down the slope of the roadside hill. Not liking the look of that, she tried to get the car moving and away. Unfortunately, she was overly excited and "bogged" the car in the roadside mud. Now stuck, she could do nothing but sit inside and watch what the object would do. The thing hovered in front of the witness about 30 meters away. It was about 4 feet off the middle of the road. It had a large, but somewhat hard to see, brilliant orange-yellow dome. this was mounted on a silver-gray base which was more or less a disk. The "disk" base was composed of about 6 "layers", which ,in steps, got slightly smaller with each lower layer. The top layer may have had "spots" or portholes. The entire stepped layer was about 2 meters thick. Beneath these layers was a much smaller revolving layer, and beneath that a "box" or "tube" which protruded for a short distance. [The largest diameter is stated to be about 4 meters but the drawing makes this seem a bit on the small side as an estimate]. The mere presence of this contraption was scaring the heck out of the witness. Then, after what was only a few seconds, the device moved over into the valley, and shot at terrific speed straight up and out of sight. The lady exited the stuck vehicle instantly and ran home. Her husband and son returned to the car but, of course, the UFO was no longer present. The car operated normally [once out of the ditch], but the radio never recovered [always had distortion]. The lady was extremely shaken, and was sick several days afterwards. Perhaps the weirdest thing in the case is the observation that after the car was towed back home, they noticed that although the rest of it was dirty, the "bonnet was exceptionally clean". It was as clean "as though given a cut and polish." THAT apparently boggled the husband as much as anything about the case. (Mike Swords. Sources: Case file [sent by Keith Roberts] ,CUFOS; and Tasmanian Close Encounters summary as above, September 16th).

Sept. 24, 1974; nr. Brunswick, Maine
9:00 p.m. Police officers reported a brilliant elliptical object hovering above the Wiscasset Nuclear Power Station. After several minutes it rose straight up, leveled off and flew away in an arc across the sky. At one point it emitted two small satellite objects which operated independently, then rejoined the larger craft. (National Enquirer report July 8, 1975)

Oct. 4, 1974; Mt. Vernon, IN
8:45 p.m. Strange night close encounter with three MUFON FIs out on routine SKYWATCH patrol. This report was not filed for eleven years because of the nature of the incident. Witnesses feel that the UFO knew where they were and was there BECAUSE they were there. See report synopsis. (UFOFC, Fran Ridge files)

Oct. 5, 1974; Mt. Vernon, IN
8:30 p.m. About same time as night before, this 3-5 minute observation of 6-10 white lights in string heading south to north was logged by the SKYWATCH patrol. (UFOFC, ran Ridge files)

Oct. 6, 1974; Mt. Vernon, IN
8:20 p.m. SKYWATCH patrol "Money Man" radioed "Sky King" (Fran Ridge) and "Sailor" about a "bogey" crossing the Ohio River S-N with same description as nights previous. Control Tower at Dress-Regional Airport (Evansville, IN) was contacted and ARTC Bill Lindall advised it was probably Delta 556, a DC-9 out of Memphis on Jet Airway 29 with new "see and be seen lighting". This was effective Oct. 1 and the aircraft kick on this lighting pattern when on low approach. The object of Oct. 4, however, was not the same object by any stretch of imagination, but an even more stranger coincidence. (UFOFC, Fran Ridge files)

Oct. 10, 1974; Owensboro, KY
Daytime. Two 9-year-old girls playing on the bank of the Ohio River near the Mid-South Mobile Home Park reported spotting an unidentified flying object on the south side of the river. The girls said the object, about the size of a small automobile, was shaped like a saucer with a handle less cup atop it. They said the vehicle was a "tannish-white" with purple and yellow flashing lights. It hovered near the bank, disappeared and reappeared a short distance away several times, they said. A photographer who went to the scene after the girls called the Sheriff and local airport, may have seen it, too. (News clipping, Messenger & Inquirer, Owensboro, KY)

> Oct 14, 1974; Robert Spencer Carr Announces Crashed Saucer
> Robert Spencer Carr, a NICAP investigator and community college professor, announces that the US government has recovered a crashed saucer and dead alien bodies from a site in New Mexico. After worldwide publicity is kindled Carr releases more details over the next few days and weeks, that the saucer and the bodies are kept in "Building 18" or Hangar 18 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, that he first heard the story about 1961, etc.

Oct. 15, 1974; Santa Maria Valley, CA
Evening, after dark. Five young people saw a round object maneuvering over the Valley. After this the object landed on a hillside, gradually turned ruby red, then intensely white. A compass needle alternated erratically from north to NE in one-second intervals while the object was on the hillside. The object hovered above the ground, and then streaked toward the witnesses. As the object flew overhead, the animals reacted, the TV had blue spots and vertical bands, the radio would not work, and the compass needle lodged itself against the glass cover. [See more details at link] (Source: Joan woodward, Gribble, Bob, 1989, Looking Back,MUFON UFO Journal no. 258, October 1989, page 24)

Oct. 17, 1974; Near Maitland, New South Wales, Australia
About 1:20 AM. local time. A man was awoken by his dogs barking. By the time he went outside to check, it was now 2:40 AM. He went outside and saw a circular, yellow-white colored light almost directly overhead. It was stationary and at an estimated 500 feet up. He estimated its angular size as a

quarter of a degree. After a few seconds, it moved slowly in a northerly direction. It then stopped over a hill, some distance away. At this point, two bright beams of light appeared from the bottom of the original light and shone directly downwards. The beams were white in color and illuminated the ground below as if it was daylight. The man went inside, and upon coming out again, could still see the original light and beams. After watching them for a few minutes he went inside and back to bed. The time was now 1:50 AM., therefore, total duration was about 10 minutes. (Source: Newsletter of the Unidentified Flying Object Investigation Centre (Sydney) No. 43. April/May 1975. p.3.)

Oct. 20, 1974; Elkhart, IN
9:45 p.m. Close encounter with spinning object 15-25' away from two witnesses and their automobile, car engine died. See clippings (main link is page 1) and Page 2.

Oct. 24, 1974; Northern Indiana
Incident similar to "Disappearance of Flight 412". UFO incident date coincides with emergency landing of two jet interceptors with one crashing and the pilot ejecting somewhere in Indiana. (Source: UFOFC)

Oct. 25, 1974; Rawlins, WY
Carl Higdon abduction (Reference 1, Section XIII).

Oct. 27, 1974; Aveley UK
Abduction case (Reference 1, Section XIII).

Oct. 29, 1974; Melrose Park, IL
CE-1. No details (CUFOS)

Oct. 31, 1974; Barrington, IL
Evening. Two 7th graders and one of their moms reported something quite large with lights all around it. Described as round and black, going around in a circle, bigger than an airplane. A beeping sound was heard. The mother reported the object as shaped like a cigar "and it had little square lights that went on and off." (News clipping from NCS)

Nov., 1974; Kampsville, IL (exact date unknown)
6:00 p.m. Lady and her son saw sharply-outlined hovering object through bedroom window, become brighter, made "whirring sound" As it came closer the light changed from white to red, size of plate at arm's length, passed over house. (MUFON, Skylook 89)

Nov. 11, 1974; Central Newfoundland Area
RCMP report of Cessna 150 encounter involving John Breen a Gander Newfoundland Air Traffic Controller who was also a pilot/instructor accompanied by a student pilot. ATC Gander painted the object for two sweeps then it disappeared from their screns at which time Breen spotted the object down low at he guessed at tree-top level. This latter seems significant-almost as if the damn thing knew it was now being painted and dropped to tree-top level to avoid radar. This event was included in Maritime UFO Files.

Nov. 11, 1974; Between Pensacola, FL and Mobile Bay
9:10 p.m. local. Marine Reserve Squadron pilot was flying a T-39D Sabreliner with five Naval officer pilots on board on a TACAN instrument penetration training flight. They were at 25,000 feet MSL, approximately 300 mph indicated airspeed, (440 kts true air speed), in straight and level flight, and on a heading of approximately 255 degrees true. The flight instructor sitting in the right-front seat was the first to sight a single, round, red small area of light maintaining position at their 1:00 o'clock position and their altitude. The reporting witness said that everyone "…felt it was a UFO and generally were glad to have finally seen one." Its angular diameter was about the same as half a penny held at arm's length (approx. 15 min arc diameter). After receiving permission to deviate from the flight plan the

pilot banked right about thirty degrees to fly directly toward the red light. After about a minute or more, now on the new heading of 270 degree, the red light suddenly and unexpectedly flew left directly across the nose of his airplane stopping abruptly at his 11:00 o'clock position where it remained for several more minutes. While maintaining this new position it never changed size, shape, or intensity, Its edge was sharply defined and without any haze or blur. After about four or five minutes total observation time the light accelerated toward the West and was gone in about ten seconds; it became progressively smaller until it was no longer visible. Upon landing the witnesses all completed an "incident form" but never heard anything more about the matter. (Richard Haines)

Nov. 28, 1974; Shabbona, IL
11:43 a.m. On a bright day with visibility limited to 6-7 miles due to haze, Hugo W. Feugen was flying his own Aeronca Champ aircraft from Dekalb to Mendota, Illinois, at 2,500 feet altitude with a compass bearing direction of 240 degrees to compensate for a cross wind. As he passed over the small town of Shabbona,, Illinois, he was checking his position on the aeronautical map that he held in his lap to determine if he was still on course with visual navigation to his destination of Mendota. When he looked up from his map, he noticed with amazement that the magnetic compass on the panel of his old Aeronca Champ number N82198 was rotating counter-clockwise at a rate of four or five revolutions per minute. He immediately became concerned for the radical behavior of his compass because this was one of the few instruments in the aircraft used for navigational purposes. He looked to his right side and saw nothing but the town of Shabbona below him. When he turned to his left, he saw an object flying parallel to his aircraft at the same speed (ground speed 75 to 80 mph) and altitude, pacing him at 120 degrees at an estimated one quarter of a mile distance. He described the object as being shaped like a disc or an ellipse. If it was one-fourth mile away, he estimated the size as 120 feet long and 30 feet thick. It appeared to be a solid object, white or dull silver in color, without any openings or protrusions. There may have been a depression on the top, but this angle was observed only for a brief second as it was departing. After pacing him for 8-10 seconds, while the compass continued to spin, the object tipped slightly and the pilot could observe that it was not an ellipse, but was round in shape. As it tipped up on an angle, it accelerated to a fantastic speed toward the east and was out of sight in less than one second. The pilot did not have his radio turned on, so there is no report of interference with radio communications. (From Skylook,89, MUFON)

Dec. 18 (?), 1974; Oldham, UK
Bt. 7:30 & 8:15 p.m. The sighting occurred one week day just prior to Christmas. The mature lady witness * was out getting some fresh air and looking towards Werneth Low, a small hill between Oldham and Stockport, and from her vantage point in Dentono. She describes two oval shapes reflecting the rising sun as they rose from behind the hill and hovered above it. One object descended back out of view. but the other elongated and flattened at one end, before discharging seven small spherical objects. The spheres were discharged in the same fashion to soap bubbles from a hoop, slowly and then accelerating away to the south They came out one at a time over a period of several minutes. The object then reverted to its original shape,was rejoined by the first and after both hovered for a few more minutes they jointly descended out of view behind the hill. The whole sighting lasted 20 minutes. [* wittess was a "respected" psychic] (MUFORA, pg. 8, Jan Aldrich)

Dec. 19, 1974; Louisville,
CE1, no details. (CUFOS)

Dec. 21, 1974; Darmstadt, IL
11:30 p.m. Three Illinois youths report UFO descended into woods. While driving, at a point approximately four miles west of Darmstadt, they were suddenly aware of a bright light illuminating the area around them. The brightly lit disk-shaped object was descending at an angle, with the leading edge lower than the trailing edge and the descent was such so they were seeing the top of the object; probably twenty or thirty feet in diameter. It had rotating lights around the lower edge of the rim that were red and yellow, red and yellow in that sequence all the way around. There appeared to be portholes around the object. It had something resembling antennas that were coming out each side of

the dome and coming up as if they were going to meet at a point up above the dome of the object itself. The color of the "antennas" appeared to be blue. The object continued its descent and appeared to be in the process of landing in a wooded area about a thousand feet from the road. (MUFON Skylook 90,12)

Dec. 22, 1974; Fairfield, OH
10:00 p.m. Noticing a bright light shining in her bedroom, the 82-year-old witness looked outside and saw a "boat-shaped," or oblong, object hovering over a neighboring house. The UFO, 50-60 ft wide, had green and white lights around the lower part, and seemed to be rotating. It gently rose and fell over the house for about 20 minutes and then moved to a new position above a nearby church. A white light shone from 3-4 square windows around the upper portion; atop was a kind of brightly lit area, in which 2 small dark humanoid figures could be seen moving back and forth in "cramped positions," continually gesticulating (or perhaps moving levers) with their arms. The beings, who ignored the witness, were visible only from the waist up. The object remained over the church nearly a half hour, rising and falling slightly, then moved horizontally a short distance and shot upward at high speed. (SYMPAP 1975,64)

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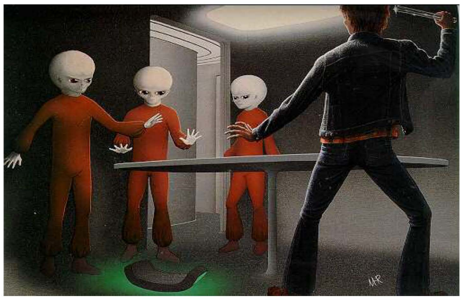

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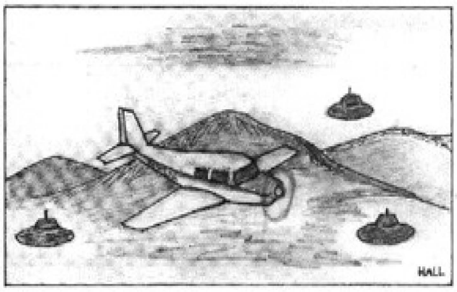

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The Walton abduction, encounters with aircraft, SAC overflights and NORAD on top alert...all in 1975
Map of sightings for 1975, courtesy of Larry Hatch's "U" Database (Pending)

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As of this posting this is a 30-page chronology of UFO incidents and events for 1975. Our thanks for these chronologies must go to our documentation team: Richard Hall (UFO Evidence I & II), William Wise (Project Blue Book Archive), Dan Wilson (archive researcher), Brad Sparks (Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns), and Jean Waskiewicz (online NICAP DBase [NSID]). The most important part of this chronology would not be possible without the help and earlier works of Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett. The ;atest entries come from the files of Michael Swords.

Over a period of about three weeks in October and November of 1975, several Strategic Air Command (SAC) bases in the northern tier states were placed on a high priority (Security Option 3) alert because of repeated intrusions of unidentified aircraft flying at low altitude over atomic weapons storage areas. The Commander-in-Chief of North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) sent a four-part message to NORAD units on November 11, 1975 summarizing the events: "Since 28 Oct 75 numerous reports of suspicious objects have been received at the NORAD CU; reliable military personnel at Loring AFB, Maine, Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan, Malmstrom AFB, Mt, Minot AFB, ND, and Canadian Forces Station, Falconbridge, Ontario, Canada have visually sighted suspicious objects." A teletype message to the National Military Command Center in Washington, D.C., said: "The A/C [aircraft] definitely penetrated the LAFB [Loring Air Force Base] northern perimeter and on one occasion was within 300 yards of the munitions storage area perimeter."

Note official documents cited below with appropriate incident reports beginning in late

October, plus the NORAD Command Director's Log (1975) listing the incidents in zulu time which we later converted in our chrono below to local time to show the sequence of events. Note also that the Air Force admitted destroying the documents regarding the Malmstrom incidents! Click here to access only the The 1975 SAC Base Northern Tier Overflights....or continue below and watch this blockbuster year unfold.

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Jan. 1, 1975; Map of U.S. Showing CUFOS/MUFON UFOI
Areas equipped for investigation as of this date. Map prepared by Center for UFO Studies shows MUFON and CUFOS investigators..

January - March, 1975; Algeria, Africa
The UFOs in this report were seen by multiple witnesses. The objects landed and took off. They were also spotted on radar and seen visually simultaneously. Message sent to Henry Kissinger, from the American embassy in Algiers, Algeria.

Jan. 1, 1975; Quintanaortuno, Spain
6:25 a.m. Four soldiers at a military base saw a luminous yellow-white cone-shaped object descend at a high rate of speed and hover near their car. The object went dark. Soon four more UFOs appeared, forming a row "emitting jets of white light downward." Traces were found and photographed at the site. (Sources: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, Catalogue of 200 Type-I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal, case 199; Skylook, April 1975, p. 1).

Jan. 1, 1975; Kankakee, IL
9:00 p.m. Two witnesses (William Caldwell) reported that a "large, orange ball" with the apparent size of the full moon was observed from their car, 15-20 degrees above the horizon. Also seen at Keyesport, IL at about 9:20 p.m. (Debbie Jannett). Reported by another observer at Belleville, IL at same time, but this time the object reportedly landed (James Williams). MUFON's Walt Andrus told reporters the Moon wasn't visible at the time. (SL-89,10)

Jan. 2, 1975; Navarra, Spain
Dome-shaped object observed on ground by guard at Air Force base. Body lights visible, ground illuminated as object took off (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section II).

Jan. 2, 1975; Kauai, HI
Photo of Saturn-shaped object with squarish ring, similar to July 7, 1989, case (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section VII).

Jan. 2, 1975; Baltimore, MD
7:35 p.m., John Goode and his wife Margy were driving in their car on the Baltimore Beltway near Route 83 when they saw four bright white lights to the west of Route 83. The lights were traveling in a glide-like motion that Mr. Goode described as "like a gliding ladder." In his many travels with the Air Force, Goode had never seen anything of this nature before. Mr. Goode pulled his car off the highway and rolled down the windows for a clear view of the lights. The lights were moving towards them and when the lights were viewed from the front a triangular formation was seen. During the approximate five minutes that the lights were in view they heard no sound and they were able to compare them with passing aircraft. The lights were larger and brighter than the stars and were moving more slowly that

the an aircraft. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, February 1975, pages 1-2)

Jan. 2, 1975; Baltimore, MD
7:45 p.m. At Finksburg, about 20 miles west of Baltimore, Mr. Kenneth C. Ryan, an electrical engineer and a private pilot, went to his back door to let the dog in. He immediately noticed four very bright lights about 10 degrees above the horizon in the southwest sky. Ryan notice that the lights were moving. As the lights came closer Ryan saw that each of the four lights were really three lights, and that there were a total of twelve. He was now aware that the lights were on a path that would bring them almost directly over his home. When the lights got closer he decided to get his binoculars (7X35) and see if he could observe an outline or shape around the light sources. Looking through the binoculars all Ryan could see were the lights and no supporting framework. The lights passed almost directly overhead in perfect formation and no sound was heard. Ryan observed the lights for approximately 5 minutes before they passed out of view in the northwest.
(Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, February 1975, pages 1-2)

Jan. 3, 1975; Cape Girardeau, MO
8:30 p.m. Dr. Harley Rutledge logged this report in his book. He and his wife saw an object emerge from behind trees, left to right. Described as semi-convex, self illuminated with dim yellow light on top. 3 secs. (*Project Investigation*, p 195)

Jan. 4, 1975; Mariemont, OH
Close Encounter II listed by CUFOS. No details.

Jan. 5, 1975; Laulne, Manche Department, France
6:50 p.m. A domed disc with three landing gear legs, 15 meters long with portholes, took off from a landing on a farm. It left behind ground imprint marks and an odor like petroleum. There were three adult witnesses named LeClere, Vildier, and Richard; and the event lasted 20 minutes. The three large landing pod imprints formed an irregularly spaced triangle 1m x 1.6m x 2.5m. (Sources: Roland Godefroy, Phenomenes Spatiaux, March 1975, p. 9).

Jan. 5, 1975; Mt. Vernon, IL
Close Encounter I listed by CUFOS. Two witnesses. No other details.

Jan. 5, 1975; Mt. Vernon, OH
CE-1. No other details. (CUFOS)

Jan. 5, 1975; Bloomington, IL
CE-1, one witness. No other details (CUFOS)

Jan. 5, 1975; Brownstown, IL
2:30 p.m. 15-year old David Mahon was behind his house photographing his dog when he heard a loud drone and saw a black disc-shaped object passing over. He took 5 photographs; then he felt himself drawn upward, & lost consciousness. He reportedly came-to in a small cubicle only 5 ft in diameter; a row of blinking orange lights encircled it at waist height. He was consciously in this compartment for less than a minute; then he fainted again, & recovered consciousness near his home. His father told him that he had been gone nearly an hour. (Humcat 1975-2. Source: Eileen Sperber & David Shert, Type: G High Strangeness Index: 8 Reliability of Source: 7) [Comments: This case appears to have been an early abduction that maybe was not thoroughly investigated. Hypnotic regression might have revealed more of what occurred to Mahon.]

Jan. 6, 1975; Lordsburg, NM
11:00 p.m. Three people listening to a CB radio in their parked car saw lights approaching them from behind. As the driver tried to move the car, the CB radio broke into static and the engine wouldn't start. A bluish light beam then shone on the car for a few seconds and the group heard a sound like the hum

from high tension wires. The light then disappeared and they could start the car. As they drove away, they saw a blue glow behind a nearby hill. The battery on the car went dead a few days later. (Sources: APRO BuIletin, June 1975; Mark Rodeghier, UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference, case 376, citing APRO).

Jan. 8, 1975; Auckland, New Zealand
11:30 p.m. As Dale & Sheryl Ricard were driving home, a brightly lit globe appeared in the sky in front of them; then it approached & paced the car at a distance of 24 ft. About the size of a car, it had a flange bearing 2 red & 2 white lights surrounding a transparent, brightly lit dome, inside of which 3 dark shadowy moving figures were visible. When Dale stopped the car, a soft humming sound was audible; the object hovered for a few seconds, and then shot off over the hills. (Humcat 1975-3 Source: New Zealand Spaceview, Auckland # 66
Type: A)

Jan. 10, 1975; St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada
On this night three teenagers named Jones, Symms, and Dencie were driving by Lake Erie in St. Thomas, Ontario when a blue light came and hovered over their car, and then followed it along road. They made a sharp turn in their car, and the UFO made an even sharper turn. The car then stalled, and the radio went off as the light drew closer. It then flew off toward the west. (Source: London [Ontario] Free Press, January 10, 1975).

Jan 12, 1975; Hudson Park in North Bergen, NJ
2:30 a.m. Ten 3.5-foot-tall humanoids gathered soil samples for three minutes only 100 feet from the street. They wore coveralls with helmets and got back into a domed disc-shaped craft. The disc made a humming sound when it took off, and CB radio interference was noted. Ground marks. (Sources: Ted Bloecher, Proceedings of the CUFOS Conference: 1976, p. 33; Mark Rodeghier, UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference, p. 64).

Jan. 20, 1975; Pike, IL
5:00 a.m. Awakened by a brilliant red light shining in her bedroom window, Marjorie Nighbert scurried to the window thinking one of her neighbor's houses was on fire. It wasn't a fire, but a large red blinking ball of light, larger than a "washtub", moving slowly from the north in a southeasterly direction. She described the object as tadpole in shape, with lights blinking off and on in a constant pattern. She could detect no sound. She said the object was evidently low in the sky as it was obstructed from her view periodically by trees. It moved in the direction of the high school, made a U turn and came back toward her home. It then veered off in an easterly direction and disappeared from her view. (Skylook, news clipping)

Jan. 20, 1975; Vinita, OK
8:30 p.m. A UFO was reported to the Sheriff's office by a woman who was driving to work. She spotted a round object lit by white lights making a fast circular motion hovering over a house six miles southeast of town. The object would rise straight up, come back down toward the ground and sometimes travel sideways. This is the third report in 2 years of UFOs in this small town of Vinita. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, May 1975, page 3)

Jan. 21, 1975; Cape Girardeau, MO
Listed with no details as a CE-1. No details. (EGBA,562)

Jan. 23, 1975; Indianapolis, IN
9:00 p.m. Listed as a CE-2 by CUFOS, upgraded from an NL. No other details.

Jan. 24, 1975; Barham, Kent, England
On this night an orange glowing ball flew over and illuminated the area. It stopped and hovered for awhile, then engaged in some maneuvers. It finally flew off toward the south. (Source: Larry Hatch, U

computer database, case 11648, citing FSR, volume 21, number 1).

Jan. 28, 1975; Dolianova, Italy
An ovoid-shaped UFO hovered over a football field. Only 10 meters above the ground, the object rose slowly into the sky at an angle when a car approached. (Source: ITACAT computer catalogue).

Feb. 9, 1975; Carmi, IL
7:20 p.m. Witness reported he and his wife saw a blue object with either beams of light coming down or lighted legs or struts. Conventional aircraft seen simultaneously N & S of object at same relative altitude. On return trip (9:30 p.m.), the lights on their car went on and off at random. A little later, when a truck was approaching them, their lights came on steady. Witness called the UFO Filter Center at 10:45 p.m. and reported the sighting and said the power in his house just went out. Auto (ignition) was a 1974 Ford Thunderbird. (UFOFC, Ridge files)

Feb. 10, 1975; Annandale, NY
7:00 p.m. Two 15-year-old teenagers saw a low-level, 20-meter diameter disc for ten minutes, then watched it shrink away to nothing. At the site there were snapped tree branches and scorched earth. (Sources: CUFOS files, report dated February 27, 1975; NICAP UFO Investigator, April 1975; Skylook, December 1975, p. 16; Margaret Sachs, Celestial Passengers, p. 108).

Feb. 14, 1975; Petite-He, Reunion, France
Three humanoid beings in protective gear emerged from domed disc, witness injured, paralyzed, by flash of light (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Sections IX, XII).

Feb. 16, 1975; Caribbean.
R.M.S. Carmania (UK) observes bright white circular light appear and rise to 20 degrees, leaving comet-like trail, circle and disappear. Repeated four more times at exact hourly intervals. (Soviet scalar EM weapons tests. May have been a ship borne device.) (Clear Intent)

Feb. 17, 1975, Roundup, MT
The Wheatland County Sheriff's office was contacted by radio about 9:00 p.m. Sunday, February 17th by a Highway Patrol radio station who reported that three deputies in Roundup had spotted three UFOs on the horizon heading towards Harlowton. (Harlowton Times newspaper)

Feb. 17, 1975; Harlowton, MT
Sheriff, county and state officials observed bright, round object hovering near missile base. Object made rapid darting movements, bobbed up and down (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section I).

Feb. 18, 1975; S. of Harlowton, MT
2:00 a.m. Several Air Policemen from the K-1 missile base [Kilo Flight Launch Control Facility] north of Harlowton reported they had spotted an object hovering over K-10 which is located 7 miles north of the Harlowton airport...(Harlowton Times newspaper)

Feb. 19, 1975; Orbak, Denmark
Large circular object descended over car, heat, prickly sensation felt. (MUFON UFO Journal, Aug. 1976, p. 15; Jylland Posten, Feb. 25, 1975 [E,L] car)

Feb. 23, 1975; Kofu, Japan
At sometime between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. two seven-year-old boys named Kono and Yamahata watched a luminous orange UFO approach Kofu, Japan while making a "ticking" sound. It landed on three ball-shaped legs in a nearby vineyard. The object was a domed disc, five meters in diameter and six feet high. The boys got very close to it, and discovered the surface of the object was silver colored and had strange words embossed on its surface. A ladder extended out of the craft down to the ground, and a humanoid creature slightly over four feet tall disembarked. The creature reportedly wore a silver

uniform and carried something that looked like a gun. His skin was dark brown and he had large pointed ears, but his large head had no facial features: no eyes, nose or mouth. It merely had wrinkles on the "face" and three silvery two-inch long "fangs" where the mouth should be. Both boys could see one more smaller humanoid in the cockpit holding a control lever. The being that had emerged reached out and touched one of the boys, patting him twice on the shoulder and uttering words "like a tape recorder running backwards." The boy who had been touched sat down, paralyzed either by the touch or fear, but his companion took him on his back and carried him from the vineyard. They then ran to one of the boy's homes and informed their parents, who could at first see the orange light pulsating in the vineyard. Then it disappeared as they watched. Two concrete posts were found pushed over at the landing site. (Sources: CUFOS files, report dated July 14, 1975; APRO Bulletin, November-December 1976, p. 5; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case 1975-10 (A1391), citing Hayashi Ichinan and Yoshihiko Honda).

Feb. 24, 1975, Enfield, CT
9:50 p.m. Two young men witnessed a 60-foot wide disc-shaped UFO hovering over a nearby field. The UFO effected their TV reception, and their dogs howled in the presence of the object. (Source: E. Jahn, field investigator, CUFOS case file report dated March 11, 1975; NICAP UFO Investigator, August 1975, p. 1).

Feb. 26, 1975; Lake Sorell, Tasmania, Australia
Intensely bright domed disc, orange glow, emitted conical light beam down on lake, illuminated terrain, sped away at "colossal speed" (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section VI). (Click on link for detailed report)

Feb. 26,1975; San Carlos Reservoir, AZ
Witness saw an oddly structured craft and noticed fish jumping out of the water. (Joan Woodward)

January - March, 1975; Message to Henry Kissinger
From the American embassy in Algiers, Algeria. The UFOs in this report were seen by multiple witnesses. The objects landed and took off. They were also spotted on radar and seen visually simultaneously.

March 1975; Project Blue Book Files Transferred
When Project Blue Book was closed down in January 1970, the original files were transferred to Maxwell AFB in 1975 but were made available on request for public viewing sometime in 1976. In 1975 these documents were microfilmed by the Air Force for internal use and then transferred to the National Archives for public release. Before microfilming these documents for public release, however, the Air Force blacked out witness names and other personal information in accord with its policy of protecting the privacy of witnesses despite the fact that the files had been available for copying and inspection for years without these deletions. In 1998 a set of the original un-redacted Air Force microfilm was discovered at the National Archives. In addition to witness names and information, it has been confirmed that these rolls contain some pages that are not on the NARA rolls.

March, 1975; Lexington, SC
Close Encounter with octagon near nuclear site.

March 2, 1975; Golfo San Matias, Argentina
North of the Valdez Peninsula, a group of men on a fishing boat saw a bright light with a definite form behind it moved horizontally through the evening sky at a low altitude. It came from the Patagonian mesa flying out to sea and made a loud buzzing sound. It stopped in the air, and dived under the sea. (Source: Wendelle C. Stevens, Saga UFO Report, March 1977, p. 39).

March 2, 1975; Mehmke Hill (Belt/Great Falls), MT
A UFO reported 20 feet over highway, size of car. (NIDS, Summary Report on A Wave of UFO/Helicopters and Animal Mutilations in Cascade County, Montana 1974-1977, Frame 16 of 24 Appendix 1)

March 2, 1975; Elmwood, WS
8:00 p.m. A UFO attempted to land in front of a car with the Forster family inside, while the children in the car screamed. The UFO was a disc the size of a car, white in color with lights all around it, and sticklike legs or landing gear. In their panic they repeatedly honked their car horn, which alerted farmer Roger Weber, who came out of his farmhouse and guided the family home. The UFO flew off. (Source: Jay Rath, The W-Files: True Reports of Wisconsin's Unexplained Phenomena, p. 67).

March 8, 1975; near Stayner, Ontario, Canada
8:30 p.m. The witness and two daughters, 18 and 10 years old, while traveling east on Highway 26, observed a huge circular object similar to the shape of a large water tower moving overhead. The object was 100 to 200 feet in size. The bottom was the color of steel and was round and flat with five red glowing lights spaced evenly around the inside of the circle close to the outside edge. The object moved silently at a slow speed. When the object was first seen it was north of the witnesses and it made a 90 degree turn and passed directly over their vehicle. (Reference: Letter to the Ontario Provincial Police)

March 9, 1975: Belt, MT
Time unknown. Egg-shaped object, bluish lights beaming. (NIDS UFO 89)

March 14, 1975; Mellen, WI
Dog reacted to domed object over treetops (Joan Woodward)

March 17, 1975; 70 miles west of Gander, Newfoundland, Canada
11:02 p.m. NDT. Air Canada Flight 872 reported a green pulsating object at 35,000 feet, crossing his flight path from north to south. Luftansa Flight 401, 120 miles south of of Air Canada 872, reported a solid green object at 31,000 feet crossing his flight path north to south. Current time zone offset: UTC/GMT -2:30 hours (National Research Council of Canada Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742, N75/033)

March 18, 1975; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
Photo

April 3-9, 1975; Lumberton, NC

> Concentration of sightings of V-shaped objects, hover-acceleration, bright illumination. There were over 29 separate, independent UFO sightings and close encounters in Robeson, Hoke, Sampson, Bladen, Pitt, and Columbus counties in the early morning hours and again in the evening centered on Lumberton, North Carolina. (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section VIII, (Sources: Dwight Connelly, Skylook, May 1975, p. 3; Jennie Zeidman, Lumberton Report: UFO Activity in Southern North Carolina, pp. 5-8; Raleigh News Observer, April 6, 1975):

April 3, 1975 ; Lumberton, NC
1:45 a.m. . The first sighting occurred on Highway 301 where a delta-shaped object the size of a car was sighted by police officers hovering over a water tower. It then shot off to the north.

April 3, 1975 ; Lumberton, NC
2:05 a.m. Two sheriff deputies in Hoke County pursued a delta-shaped object flying northeast toward Sampson County.

April 3, 1975 ; Roseboro, NC
2:20 a.m. A silent object with a searchlight flew over Highway 55 at 200 feet altitude and lit up some pecan trees.

April 3, 1975 ; Elizabethtown, NC
3:30 a.m. A police officer on Highway 701 chased an object along Highway 701 before losing it into the cloud cover.

April 3, 1975 ; Grimesland, NC
10:30 p.m. A police officer named Godley sighted a disc-shaped object with red, blue and white lights that zigzagged through the sky.

April 3, 1975 ; N. of Rowland, NC
11:45 p.m. There were sightings in Robeson County and in Scotland County on Highway 71.

April 3, 1975 ; Lumberton, NC
11:47 p.m. A Sheriff's deputy named Lewis pursued a V-shaped craft flying to the northeast toward Red Springs.

April 6, 1975; Wausau, WS
2:00 a.m. Two 18-year-old youths, Rod Seagraves and Mike Lewandowski, were driving west on highway A from Wausau, Wisconsin toward Athens when their CB radio stopped working. Mike saw a UFO about 1500 feet north of the road. It was flat on the bottom and dome-shaped on top, and was on or just above the ground. It shone with a pulsating silvery-gray light. In another five minutes of driving they saw what looked like a seven-foot tall "tree trunk" near the road. It was about 100 feet away, and Mike saw it moving slowly. He then drove away toward the west. Reaching Wausau, they parked the car behind a restaurant and both fell asleep at around three a.m. When they awoke at 6:30 a.m. the car was in a different location in the parking lot, both were dirty, and a quarter of a tank of gasoline was gone, which suggested to them that they had driven back to the location of the UFO, but had no recollection of doing so. In subsequent months Mike reported having trouble with his thinking, and his memory was poorer than before the incident. (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case 1975-19, citing Richard Heiden for CUFOS).

April 9, 1975; S. of Lumberton, NC
2:30 a.m. A delta-shaped UFO hovered over a house three miles south of Lumberton, and all the lights in the house went out. The lights came back on when the UFO moved away toward the east. (Sources: Center for UFO Studies case files, report dated May 4, 1975; Jennie Zeidman, Lumberton Report: UFO Activity in southern North Carolina, p. 35; Richard Hall, The UFO Evidence Volume II: A Thirty Year Report, p. 19).

April 10, 1975; Carman, Manitoba, Canada
9:35 p.m. Mr. Robert Diemert sighted a UFO. Diemert was at his airfield, Friendship Field, when the object was sighted. The object was flying in a north-westerly direction at an approximate altitude of 300 feet. The UFO was described as being approximately 50 feet in length, and was flying too slow for an aircraft. The color was all red and was pulsating. There was no sound emanating from the object. Mr. Robert Diemert is a well-known aviation expert. (Reference: Royal Canadian Mounted Police report, April, 11, 1975, Carman, Manitoba, Carman Detachment, National Research Council of Canada Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742 N/039)

April 15, 1975; San Jose, CA
Disc-shaped object with dome, light beam, made right-angle turn, approached, hovered; began to oscillate, shot straight up out of sight in seconds (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section IV).

May 3, 1975; Tequesquitengo Lake, Mexico
Three domed discs "escort" small aircraft, one off each wing and one behind, confirmed by radar. E-M effects on radio, aircraft lifted (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section III).

May 3, 1975; San Antonio, TX
Saturn-shaped UFO, E-M effects on truck, two humanoids visible through transparent dome (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section XII).

May 5, 1975; Pleasanton, TX
9:20 p.m. A domed disc-shaped object was seen on the ground with two figures inside the dome. The witness, who was in a truck, was hit by a blinding light, and his hands went numb. The encounter lasted for two minutes. (Source: John Schuessler, Physiological Effects from UFOs, p. 64).

May 12, 1975; Howrah, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
1600 hrs (AEST.) A Mrs. C. from Sydney, and a friend were admiring a rainbow, when they noted a grey-brown/black colored object in the sky, travelling from the NE to the SW. It passed though the rainbow, stopped and moved vertically down the rainbow, taking on the appearance of a dome with “ribs.” It then moved up and down the rainbow. Using a Japanese Maigai movie camera with synchro zoom f:8mm:40mm, , 1:1.8 , focus on infinity, Super TL-5 model, loaded with Kodak color super 8 film, shooting at 18 frames per second, Mr. C. took some film. The film shows a “vague shadow” moving to the left, above a ridge. The object is lost in “haze.” Although they watched for a further 30 minutes the object was not seen again. (Keith Basterfield; Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre Newsletter, No. 16, September 1975, p2. UFO Investigation Centre Newsletter, No. 46, February/March 1976, p. 2.)

June 4, 1975; Holland, Manitoba, Canada
7:40 a.m. Henry Francois while driving east on a municipal road 1 mile south and 1/4 of mile west of the junction of P.T.H. #34 and 2, he observed an oval disc shaped object with a very brilliant light close to the top and center. The object was approximately 30 feet in diameter and 10 feet in height. The light was a brilliant silvery color and was going on and off at an interval of approximately one second. The object was sitting at approximately 2 feet from the ground and in the center of a municipal road. Francois sighted the object for approximately 2 minutes and then turned south on P.T.H #34 and stopped at Henry Sawatzky's residence and ask Mrs. Sawatzky to witness the sighting. When they returned to the location the object had disappeared. (Reference: Royal Canadian Mounted Police report 11 June 1975. Treherne Detachment RCMP File Reference: 75-079-4)

June 11, 1975; Quebec City, Quebec, Canada
4:00 p.m. A large shiny triangular object was observed over Quebec City at an estimated altitude above 40,000 feet. Observers were a T-33 at 29,000 feet and a DC-8 at 31,000 feet and personnel of Quebec Terminal. The object moving very slowly to the NNW was observed on the Monteal/Quebec radar. There was no radar contact on the 22nd NORAD Region radars due to outages. (National Research Council of Canada Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742 N75/071, Dan Wilson)

June 11, 1975: Smith River, MT
6:45 p.m. Small men with huge UFO. (NIDS UFO 87)

June 12, 1975; Big Chimney, WV
Shortly before 10:00 p.m. A diamond shaped object landed on a gravel road in a mountainous area. It was witnessed by four members of the Crichfield family. Four landing gear imprints were found at the site. (Sources: Center for UFO Studies case files, letter dated August 3, 1975; Larry Hatch, U computer database, citing Alan Landsburg, In Search of Extraterrestrials, p. 8)

June 20, 1975; Genova, Italy

A luminous globe, described also like a large incandescent ball, was seen to fall into the sea some miles off the coast of the port of Genova, Italy. The report arrived from a geophysicist of the university that was completing normal surveys and that had immediately signaled the fact to the National Fire Departments. (Source: Marco Bianchini, USOCAT by Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU), citing Liberta, June 22, 1975 and La Stampa, June 21, 1975).

June 24, 1975; Queensland, Australia
7:45 p.m. Mr. Eric Falkenburger saw a bright object from his car. The object passed within about 1500 feet of his car and was just above tree top level. Falkenburger said that as he watched the UFO "suddenly shot off at a great speed and as it went, bright cone shaped search lights suddenly shone from the object." (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, October 1975, page 2)

June 27, 1975; Pont-a-Mousson, France
3:30 a.m. A 25 meter in diameter metallic disc hovered just 15 meters above a gasoline service station. It illuminated the ground as bright as day. (Source: Lumieres dans la Nuit, March 1976).

June 27, 1975; Pont-a-Mousson, France
11:20 p.m. A vertical cylinder hung in the sky at only 10 meters altitude in Bouillancourt-la-Bataille, Somme, France. It had two antennae. (Source: Lumieres dans la Nuit, March 1976).

July-November 1975; Northern U.S. and Canada
Concentration of sightings (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section VIII)

July [no day], 1975; Tasman Highway near Hobart airfield, Tasmania
9:30 PM. On a cold dark clear night [this is Tasmanian winter], a family of four was driving home. The car became hot; the interior of the car that is. The engine then stalled, and they rolled to a stop. Although there was no smell in the air, the family felt that they could taste something like "gas'. Then they saw an object hovering over the road ahead. It seemed 200-300 meters distant and 20 meters high. It looked round and colored white/gray but metallic, and having its own irridescence or glow. The diameter was very near road width, perhaps 5 meters. Everyone was scared. They stared at the thing for two minutes. It may have had some narrow appendage extending below, but nothing related to that happened. Suddenly, in a spiralling take-off, the object rushed away to the south at great speed. The husband happened to be a car mechanic, and he lifted the bonnet and made an inspection. Nothing was wrong. He got back in, started the car, and they went home without incident. The object still seemed to be in the sky for several more minutes as a diminishing light. (Submitted by Mike Swords. Sources: Keith Roberts case file, CUFOS files; and thumbnail sketch of case, probably also by Roberts, in ACOS Bulletin, December 1977).

July 2, 1975; HI
Photos of Saturn-shaped object, very similar to Hamazaki videotape of July 6-7, 1989 (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section VII).

July 4, 1975; Fairfield, NJ
Cessna 150 pilot & large oval object

July 4, 1975; Parsippany, NJ
12:05 a.m. A college student and friend were on their way home when they observed a huge oval-shaped object approximately 60 to 80 feet in diameter at about 75 feet in altitude. The object traveled in a southwesterly direction and passed directly over the witnesses' automobile. The object was moving slowly at approximately 5 mph. The object had red and green lights at each end of the object. After the couple had observed the object for a few minutes they noticed a bright white light emitting from the bottom of the object which appeared to be sweeping the area below. The witnesses observed the object for approximately 8 minutes when it took no longer that a second for the object to whiz off into the sky.

The object made no sound. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, September 1975, pages 1-2)

July 6, 1975; Wilkes-Barre, PA
BAC-111 crew encountered daylight disc

July 6, 1975; Mount Pleasant, Ontario, Canada
5:00 p.m. A shiny metallic domed disc was seen in a tobacco field. A thirty-foot diameter area of plants was flattened, the tobacco plants were wilted and burned, and an oily residue was found. (Sources: NICAP UFO Investigator, October 1975; Canadian UFO Report, Summer 1976, p. 1; Center for UFO Studies, on-site investigation, report dated September 13, 1975; Richard Hall, The UFO Evidence, Volume II: A Thirty-Year Report, pp. 122 & 264).

July 6, 1975; nr. Wilkes Barre, PA
Daytime. A disc made a turn and entered the base of a thunderhead cloud, thirty miles north-northwest of Wilkes Barre. (Sources: NICAP UFO Investigator, October 1975; Richard Hall, The UFO Evidence, Volume II: A Thirty-Year Report, pp. 122 & 264).

July 14, 1975; Washburn, ND
12:30 a.m. A college administrator and his wife sighted two unknown objects. The objects were highly-illuminated in white light which pulsed intermittently in an irregular pattern. The bar shaped objects moved in arcs across the sky almost directly overhead and traveled in a southwest direction. The second object passed the first then seemed to move straight out of view. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, October 1975, page 3)

July 15, 1975; Gulf of Mexico, 19 mi off coast from Panama City, Florida
2:00 p.m. Two brothers (one a recent U.S. Army officer and the other an electronics engineer) fishing in a boat close to a U.S. Navy undersea warfare manned research platform observed two objects soundlessly approach from the west and hover above the facility for five to 10 minutes. Two Navy divers descending a flight of stairs from the elevated structure to a raft appeared to notice the objects and hurriedly re-ascended the stairs, returning into the facility. Each of the objects was discoidal in form and seamless, with the bottom half a matte bluish-purple color and the upper half matte silver. No markings, windows, or projections were seen. To the witnesses, the objects appeared to be of metallic construction, each approximately the length of a Boeing 727 aircraft (130-150 feet) in diameter. They were about 300 feet in altitude and, at their closest, flew perhaps 100 feet laterally of the witnesses. After hovering, the UFOs flew in tandem some miles to the southeast, returned to hover once again over the platform, and finally suddenly shot upwards at a 45-degree angle and vanished from sight in the distance. Almost simultaneously, two U.S. Air Force F-4s roared overhead and veered obliquely upwardly in seeming hot pursuit of the UFOs. 39 mins (MUFON 58305)

July 20, 1975; Williams AFB, AZ
An orange-red metallic disc flew past a plane flying near Williams Air Force Base. The plane was being flown by a man named Royce. It disappeared at great speed. (Source: Dominique Weinstein, Aircraft UFO Encounters, p. 39; Saga UFO Report, July 1977, p. 37).

July 20, 1975; Bay Village, OH
10:00 p.m. On this cloudy evening an enormous disc-shaped object shot huge beams of energy at four witnesses. It was estimated to be at an altitude of one thousand feet and made no sound. It also reportedly had legs or landing gear. (Sources: Center for UFO Studies case files, report dated August 5, 1975; FSR, April 1976, p. 24).

July 28, 1975; in the mountains of Sierra Aitana, Spain
6:00 a.m. A radar installation in the mountains had a close encounter with a dark gray football-shaped UFO. The object was described as the size of a Sabre jet (about 12 meters in length) with well defined edges. It was metallic and appeared to have what looked like rivets. It was first seen at a distance of 150 meters, and moved horizontally toward the witnesses. It made a noise like an electric motor. (Source: UNICAT database, case 588, citing Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, Lanib, July 1986).

July 31, 1975; Loxton, South Africa
Oval object, occupants visible; light struck witness in face, nose bleed and vomiting. Physical traces at site (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section XII).

Aug. 13, 1975; nr. Alamogordo, NM
1:20 a.m. Mr. Moody, age 32, was driving through the desert when he encountered a metallic, disc-shaped UFO. He remembers a high-pitched sound coming from the object and that his car wouldn't start. He then experienced a lapse of time or memory loss of an hour and a half. He later was able to recall an abduction by two Grey aliens about 4 feet 8 inches tall, with large eyes and heads, slit mouths, and wearing tight-fitting coveralls. The abduction experience involved a medical exam on a table, telepathy, and a message. (Sources: Coral E. Lorenzen & Jim Lorenzen, Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space, p. 38; David F. Webb, Proceedings of the CUFOS Conference: 1976, p. 267).

Aug. 14, 1975; Stockton, CA
9:35 p.m. Dan Long, a controller at Stockton Metropolitan Airport, sighted a UFO. He stated that the disc-shaped object was at an altitude of about 2000 feet. The disc then moved upward while emitting a glow of green tinted smoke and flashing lights red lights. Mr. Gary Duran and two friends also the same object while walking near the airport. UFOs have been sighted for a two week period throughout Stockton, San Jose-Gilroy area by numerous witnesses. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, October 1975, page 3; NICAP UFO Evidence II, Sections III, IX).

Aug. 15, 1975; SE of Vaughn, MT
9:32 p.m. UFO with white and red beams. (NIDS UFO 1)

Aug. 22, 1975; in the vicinity of St. Omer, Pas-de-Calais, France
11:30 p.m. Two young men were making a bulk newspaper delivery between Boulogne and Lille by motorbike when they were followed briefly by an unknown "vehicle" in the vicinity of St. Omer, Pas-de-Calais, France. A short distance further they saw a light in a field a few hundred meters from the road. They stopped to look, and they could see an oval object on the ground, lit from within by a yellowish white light. It was approximately 3-4 meters long, and to its right were two human forms about two meters tall that stood side by side. The figures were completely illuminated by the light from the object so none of their features could be made out. The figures began walking very quickly toward the young men. Frightened, they took off on the motorbike and continued their journey. Several kilometers further on they saw the object ascend into the sky at an angle. Perhaps because of their astonishment and fear, they were unable to locate the exact site of their experience when they went back with investigators later. (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case 1975-40, citing Joel Mesnard & Jean Marie Bigorne).

Aug. 26, 1975, Buffalo. ND
4:00 a.m. Near the Grand Forks AFB ICMB Complex. Sandra Larson, age 32, and her daughter Jackie, age 15, were being driven from Fargo to Bismarck, North Dakota by Jackie's boyfriend when they heard a loud rumbling, thunder-like noise and saw eight glowing orange spheres descend from the sky. The objects stopped in mid-air, and three of the objects shot back upwards. Sandy had a peculiar feeling as though the car was motionless, and at the same time Jackie suddenly found herself in the back seat with no memory of how she got there. When they got to a gas station they discovered that an

hour of time was unaccounted for. Later, under hypnosis, Sandra recalled having been "floated" from the car into a UFO, where a six-foot tall being with a mummy-like head bandaged up in tape, with the eyes remaining visible, had performed some sort of surgical operation on her. She had the sensation that even her brain had been briefly removed. This being had a luminosity around its head and shoulders, and it had long metallic-appearing arms. Its body was like "brown vinyl." (Source: David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case 1975-28, citing Jerome Clark and Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle).

Aug. 29, 1975; Muret, Haute-Garonne, France
Gray, disc-shaped UFO, bright illumination, darted above car, hovered, cast pulsating light beam down on it. Physiological effects (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section VI).

Sept. 2, 1975; Chesterland, OH
12:30 a.m. A silent, dark disc-shaped object was seen pulsating on the roadside of a highway. It then hovered at treetop level, and shot straight up very quickly. (Source: FSR, April 1976, p. 25, citing CUFOS).

Sept. 3, 1975; Manassas, VA
Night. When Miss Melinda Chow got off her homebound bus she saw an orange disc glowing above some nearby treetops & descending. Although alarmed, "for some reason" she ran toward it instead of away. She came out in a clearing to see the UFO resting on stilts 200 ft away. Near it was walking a humanoid being about 5 ft tall, with long narrow legs, very short arms, & "a face that occupied about half the height of his body." His skin was gray & leathery, and he walked "in a bouncing, hopping motion." Terrified, Miss Chow ran to her home. (Humcat 1975-31 Source: Richard Hall Type: C)

Sept. 14, 1975; Nr. Geyser, MT
2:30 a.m. Round 30' UFO with two vivid green lights (NIDS)

Sept. 23, 1975; Cambrai, Nord, France
10:30 p.m. An elongated fuselage-shaped object 15 meters long with several big, lighted portholes appeared. It moved rapidly and vanished instantaneously when chased by a French Air Force Mirage III jet. It made four appearances. (Source: Dominique Weinstein, Aircraft UFO Encounters, p. 39).

Sept. 26, 1975; in Asservent, near Maubeuge, France
9:30 p.m. A very large disc-shaped object was watched by some 12 witnesses. This disc was only 20 meters from the ground. A cone-shaped object detached from it and rose vertically. Eight photographs were taken. (Source: Richard Hall, Skylook, May 1976, p. 9).

Sept. 30, 1975; Orland (Corning), CA
Domed disc hovered, illuminated area "like daylight," cows fled; emitted bright red light, humming sound, took off at high speed (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Sections IX, X).

Oct - Dec 75 - Out in space over the Indian Ocean

> U.S. satellites were illuminated or "blinded" over the Indian ocean. Source 10-1,000 times as strong as natural sources. 5 incidents. One 4 hrs. long.

Metropolitan D.C. Besieged With UFO Activity

> Strange lights, unexplainable maneuvers, and craft-like shapes are continuing to puzzle residents of the Washington, D.C. area. Reports began in October and have continued through December at the NICAP office, Many of the reports have similarities while others are an entity onto themselves. (The National Military Command Center [NMCC} is located in Washington, D.C.)

Oct. 3, 1975; Quincy, MA

On this night a large mass of white light, with smaller blue lights inside, hung stationary over Quincy. (Source: CUFOS News Bulletin, February 1976, p. 7).

Oct. 4, 1975; Ramsey, NJ
2:55 a.m. Two police officers, Francis J. Gross and C. Ragazzo were on routine patrol when officer Ragazzo received a radio call from Gross informing him of five "strange looking" lights in the southwest sky. Both officers were able to observe the objects for a period of five minutes. The lights were in a straight line formation and moving very slowly. They appeared to be solid and were reddish in color. The rear sections of the objects were blurred but the rest of the cigar shape was distinctly outlined. The officers watched the objects intently until they disappeared from sight. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR. December 1975, page 1)

Oct.16, 1975; Davis, CA
8:20 p.m. Seven witnesses including the main witness named Landeros sighted two UFOs maneuvering in the sky. The first object was triangular in shape with white and yellow lights. It went down and up rapidly, then back-and-forth. The second UFO was a domed disc; it came from same direction as the first and had red, green, and blue lights spinning on its rim. It hovered, tilted, and shot off toward the west. (Source: CUFOS News Bulletin, February 1976, p. 9).

Oct. 18, 1975; 25 miles NW of Helena, MT
12:30 a.m. John Struble was driving his truck when he noticed a large object, fifty feet in diameter and twenty-five to thirty feet in the air. The object passed over his truck from the rear and then stopped and hovered about one hundred yards ahead of him. As the object did this it directed a very bright light at him, causing the truck's lights and engine to go out. The UFO stayed there for about five minutes before moving away. The object made a noise like a big jet and then rocketed straight up into the sky and moved away to the east at an incredible speed. When the UFO disappeared the truck's lights and engine came back on. Struble noticed that his non-electric watched had stopped for five minutes, the duration of the UFO's appearance. (Reference: Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood, *Clear Intent,* page 33)

Oct. 19, 1975; Hailey, ID
11:00 p.m. Two men walking just west of town noticed a red light approaching their position at high speed. It stopped over them, and was described as an almond shaped craft pointed at the ends. It then turned bluish in color and began to hover. The lights suddenly went out and the craft descended making a hissing sound. It landed among some bushes then a small light came on. At this point both men saw a figure moving within the light and ran back to town. (HC addition # 744, CUFOS Reports,Type: A)

Oct. 20, 1975; Priest Butte, MT
4:30 p.m. A couple living on a ranch near Priest Butte, Montana, reported that they had seen a UFO about half a mile from their home, on the east slope of Priest Butte. Using binoculars, they described it as being egg-shaped, with the large end of the craft on the ground. It had one yellowish-gold light which at first gave off a dull glow and then became brighter. It had two arm-like appendages which came out of the craft, one on each side. The arms made a continual motion similar to a breaststroke. The craft remained stationary for five minutes. Then the appendages retracted into the craft, and it went straight up and out of sight. (Reference: Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood, Clear Intent, page 34)

Oct. 25, 1975; Sao Gondolo do Amarante, Ceara state, Brazil
6:00 p.m. A young woman with the surname of Dira had bathed in a lagoon in Sao Gondolo do Amarante on the river and was washing clothes when she felt a heat wave and saw an oscillating blue light in the sky nearby. Frightened, she took cover in some undergrowth, but the light increased intensity. When the blue light approached even closer she ran home. She managed to escape inside her house, but she had a high body temp, bloodshot eyes, and her skin looked like it had a sunburn. (Source: Claude Bourtembourg, SOBEPS News, March 1976, p. 18; Charles Bowen, Saga UFO

Report, December 1976, p. 80; both sources cite J. Gualberto.)

Oct. 25, 1975; Sao Gondolo do Amarante, Ceara state, Brazil
Bt. 6:00 & 7:00 p.m. A local man was struck by a blue beam of light, reputedly from a disc. He subsequently died. Several other witnesses reported being attacked and terrified by the experience. Some reported being paralyzed by a blue light. (Source: Charles Bowen, FSR, July 1976, p. 33 and Saga UFO Report, citing La Razon, October 27, 1975).

Oct. 27, 1975; Oxford, ME
David Stephens was one of the principals of this famous abduction case. It's one of the most interesting such incidents, not only for the abduction itself but for its curious aftermath. Investigator Brent M. Raynes wrote about it in 'The Twilight Side of a UFO Encounter', FSR 22,2 (July 1976), with follow-up comment by Berthold E. Schwarz in the same issue. The case is also discussed in Thomas E. Bullard's UFO Abductions: The Measure of a Mystery and in my The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., pp. 685-90. (Jerry Clark)

> When Project Blue Book's closure was announced in Dec. of 1969* (with full knowledge of the March 1967 missile incident), the media and the public was told that "No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security. There has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as 'unidentified' represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge. There has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as 'unidentified' are extraterrestrial vehicles." The incidents listed in the latter part of October and the first few weeks of November dramatically illustrate that at least two of these claims are false.

Late Oct. 1975; Cheyenne Mountain, CO
In late October, something happened near Cheyenne Mountain, the home of the National Combat Operations Center, something that triggered a Security Option 5 Alert. According to an informant, nobody was allowed to enter the base, except cleared, high-ranking officers or cleared security patrols. No one was to leave. Those personnel on base who had just completed duty were rolled out of bed. Jet interceptors were scrambled into the air. In fact, everything they put in the air during an attack on the U.S. was airborne. (UFO Filter Center/Ridge Files). But there was more going on in other places....

> Target: Loring AFB, ME
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> Although it is no longer an active Air Force Base today, in 1975 Loring AFB was a Strategic Air Command Base and a storage site for nuclear weapons. The nukes were stored in a fenced weapons dump consisting of small huts covered with dirt for camouflage from the air. It was patrolled day and night by the 42nd Security Police Squadron.

Intrusions at Loring (AFB) - (CLEAR INTENT, 16-26; Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett)

Oct. 27, 1975; Loring AFB, ME
7:45 p.m. Staff Sgt. Danny K. Lewis was patrolling the weapons dump when he saw an unidentified aircraft nearing the north perimeter of Loring at a low altitude of about 300 feet. Lewis noticed what appeared to be a red navigation light and a white strobe light on the aircraft. As Lewis watched, the craft entered the perimeter of Loring. Meanwhile, in the control tower of the air base, Staff Sgt. James P. Sampley of the 2192nd Communications Squadron was on duty at the radar screen. He got a radar return from an unknown aircraft ten to thirteen miles east-northeast of Loring. Sampley made numerous attempts by radio on all available communications bands, civilian and military, to contact the craft, but he got no response. The unidentified craft began to circle, and came to within 300 yards of the restricted nuclear storage area at a low altitude of 150 feet. Back at the nuclear weapons dump, Lewis notified his Command Post of the of the 42 Bomb Wing that an unknown aircraft had penetrated

the base perimeter and was within 300 yards of the nuclear weapons area. The base was immediately put on major alert status, a a Security Option 3, and Security contacted the tower.

Oct. 27, 1975; Loring AFB, ME
8:45 p.m. Sgt. Grover K. Eggleston of the 2192nd Communications Squadron was on duty at the tower when the call from the Command Post came. He began observing the unknown aircraft. Six minutes later, while watching the radar screen, Eggleston noted that the unknown craft appeared to be circling approximately ten miles east-northeast of the base. This action lasted for forty minutes when, suddenly, it disappeared from the screen. Either the object had landed, or it had dropped below the radar coverage. The Wing Commander arrived at the weapons storage area seven minutes after the initial sighting was made. Immediately, other units of the 42nd Police began pouring into the area. Security vehicles with blue flashing lights were converging from all over the base. Through the Loring Command Post, the Wing Commander requested fighter coverage from the 21st NORAD Region at Hancock Field, New York, and the 22nd NORAD Region at North Bay, Ontario, Canada. However, fighter support was denied by both regions. The Wing Commander then increased local security posture and requested assistance from the Maine State Police in trying to identify the unknown craft, which they presumed was a helicopter. A call was made to local flight services for possible identification, without results. The 42nd Security Police conducted a sweep of the weapons storage perimeter inside and out. An additional sweep was made of the areas that the craft had flown over. All actions produced no results. The craft broke the circling pattern and began flying toward Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada. Radar contact was lost in the vicinity of Grand Falls bearing 065 degrees, twelve miles from Loring. Canadian authorities were not notified.

> No further unusual events occurred throughout that night. Priority messages were sent to the National Military Command Center in Washington, D.C., the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, the USAF Forward Operations Division at Fort Ritchie, Maryland, and Strategic Air Command headquarters at the 8th Air Force and the 45th Division informing them of what had taken place. The base remained on a high state of alert for the rest of the night and into the early morning hours of October 28.

Oct. 28, 1975; Belgrade, Yugoslavia
DC-9 pilot followed by UFOs, E-M, radar

Oct. 28, 1975; Sudbury, Ontario, Canada
12:15 a.m. EST. One cup and saucer hat shaped object, very bright, low about 500 feet, was observed over the slag pit Murray Mine, Sudbury. The object hovered over the slag pit for a minute then departed at extremely high speed. The object then returned for another minute and left. (National Research Council of Canada Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742)

Oct. 28, 1975; Loring AFB, ME
7:45 - 8:20 p.m. While patrolling the weapons storage area, Staff Sgt. Lewis, along with Sgt. Clifton W. Blakeslee and Sgt. William J. Long, again spotted the lights of an unidentified aircraft approaching Loring AFB from the north at an altitude of about 3,000 feet. It approached to within about three miles of the base perimeter and was noted to have a flashing white light and an amber or orange light. Lewis reported the sighting to his Command Post, and the Wing Commander came out to the weapons storage area to see for himself. He reported seeing an object with a flashing white light and an amber light whose speed and motion were similar to that of a helicopter. The craft was also observed on radar. The craft was then observed over the flight line by Sgt, Steven Eichner, Sgt. R. Jones, and others. They saw an orange and red object shaped like a stretched-out football hovering in mid-air. It turned out its lights, and then reappeared making jerky motions, then hovering about 150 feet over the end of the runway. It was described as about four car-lengths long, solid, reddish-orange, with no doors or windows, and with no visible propellers or engines. It was totally silent. The base went on full alert and a sweep was made by security, but the object turned off its lights and was not seen again. Radar picked up a target

moving in the direction of Grand Falls, New Brunswick. SAC Headquarters was again notified.

Oct 29 - Nov 10 - NORAD Command Director's Log (1975) - (html file for text search)

Oct. 29, 1975; Loring AFB, ME
1:00 a.m. EST. Actual transcript: One unidentified helicopter was sighted 300 to 500 meters from the weapons storage area at Loring AFB, Maine. The helicopter was at an altitude of 150 feet and penetrated Loring AFB. An attempt to contact and identify the intruding "helicopter" was made by an Army National Guard helo, and was unsuccessful. At 290300 EST the helicopter was sighted over the weapons storage area and the Army National Guard helicopter again responded to make contact but was unsuccessful. The USAF (Ops Div) has requested that the Army NG helo be provided until 300800 EST under the following conditions: To track and identify the intruder; no apprehension to take place; the Canadian Border would not be crossed; and civilian police on board will be for commo with ground units only. The request is under consideration by MG Snifin, DA Director of Operations, DCSOPS. Col Bailey, Mil Aide to Special Asst to SECDIF/DEPSECDEF has been advised of the situation show DoD approval be required. The State Department Canadian Desk Officer has been kept informed. (SOURCE: 42 BW CP LORING AFB 291140Z OCT 75; SAC CP OPS CONTROL 291954Z OCT 75. (Actual document below. See page 1 & 2)

Oct 29 - Memorandum For The Record - NMCC Assortment #1 - Gen. C.D. Roberts (NUMEROUS Docs)
Same as above, for Oct. 29 only

Oct. 29 (or 30), 1975; Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan
4:00 p.m. (?) RAPCON crew contacted by tower and SAC about intrusion north of the base over restricted area. KC-135 made radar passes. One team member walked outside and saw disc hovering in daylight. (Fran Ridge)

Oct. 30, 1975; Ford Creek at Augusta, MT
12:00 a.m. Football shaped UFO. (NIDS UFO 42)

> Oct. 30, 1975, Loring AFB, ME
> The Maine National Guard Huey was replaced by an Air Force helicopter and crew from Plattsburgh AFB. That evening, objects were reported at several locations over and near the base, and were detected by radar.
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> October 30, 1975; Wurtsmith AFB Intrusions
> At the same time that plans were being prepared at Loring for the return of the intruder, things started to break open at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan, another of the northern tier bases that were put on a security option three alert. Wurtsmith is a Strategic Air Command base located three miles northwest of Oscoda, Michigan. It serves as the home base for the 40th Air Division and the 379th Bomb Wing.

Intrusions at Wurtsmith (AFB) - (CLEAR INTENT, 41-56; Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett)

> To summarize briefly, radar picked up the craft over the weapons storage area and followed it to the southeast, where the task of identification was handed over to the KC-135 commander. The KC-135 crew picked it up visually and on radar. Taylor, in his statement to Cahill, never once called the craft a helicopter, but called it "a UFO" and an "object." He said that their speed was about 200 knots, and in each attempt to close with the object, "it would speed away from us." Taylor added that when they were heading back to Wurtsmith, "we turned back in the direction of the UFO, and it really took off... doing

approximately 1,000 knots." One thousand knots! Certainly no helicopter ever built could do such a thing!

Oct. 30, 1975; Wurtsmith AFB, MI
10:10 p.m. Personnel in the vicinity of the family housing area located in the southeastern portion of Wurtsmith reported seeing what appeared to be running lights of a low-flying craft which was thought to be a helicopter. The craft hovered and moved up and down in an erratic manner. Airman Martin E. Tackabury, assigned to the Capehart housing area gate, said that he saw the object for about five seconds near the perimeter of Wurtsmith, due south of his location. Tackabury reported that the object had one white light pointing directly downward and two red lights near the rear. The object seemed to be heading in a west-southwest direction. Tackabury could not hear any sound coming from the aerial craft because a B-52 was in the air nearby to the north. Near the main gate at Wurtsmith, Airman Michael J. Myers, assigned to Police Unit Seven, was on duty at the Wurtsmith motor pool. As Myers looked toward the west, he could see several lights near the western edge of the base. The lights turned north and appeared to lose altitude. He did not hear any sound. Sergeant Robert J. Anderson, also at the motor pool, reported that he observed an airborne KC-135 tanker and another craft with a steady red light. The craft appeared to be flying slower, ahead and below the KC-135. Anderson believed he heard a sound similar to a helicopter. After thirty to thirty-five seconds, the object passed out of view. Airman Roger Skipper, at the Wurtsmith main gate, said that when he responded to the activity at the motor pool, he heard sounds that diminished quickly. (Clear Intent)

Oct. 30, 1975; Wurtsmith AFB, MI
At 10:14, 10:20, and 10:25 p.m., at the back gate of Wurtsmith, security police reported to the command post that an unidentified helicopter with no lights came up over the back gate and hovered over the weapons storage area at a low altitude. Security police of the 379th security police squadron in the weapons storage area could not make out the type of craft. The craft started to move towards the northern perimeter where its lights were again turned on. Sergeant James A. Miller of the Wurtsmith security police reported his observations of the unknown craft while on duty in the weapons storage area. He stated that he heard the sound of a possible helicopter coming from an area off the base toward the north. He thought he had heard the sound of a flying helicopter fifteen minutes earlier, but he didn't report it. As he listened, the noise became drowned out by a military jet, and when the jet passed out of range, the original noise had stopped. No other similar sounds were heard. Security police at the weapon storage area notified Colonel John J. Doran, Vice Commander, 379th Bomb Wing, that the guard posted at the back gate had reported what he thought was a helicopter overhead. The command post notified Col. Boardman (wing commander) and Col. Doran, and they proceeded to the flight line. It was at this time that Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) reported low-flying objects on their radar scope. They tracked the craft for approximately thirty-five miles on a southeastern bearing from Wurtsmith.

Oct. 30, 1975; Wurtsmith, MI
10:30 - 11:00 p.m. A KC-135 tanker was returning from a refueling mission. It entered Wurtsmith's traffic pattern and received permission to fly transition approaches. Col. Boardman ordered the KC-135 to attempt to identify the object. Wurtsmith air traffic control vectored the tanker in the object's direction. Aboard the KC-135 was Major Frederick Pappas, the plane's commander; Captain K. E. May, co-pilot; Captain Rick Meier, the navigator; Captain Myron Taylor, instructor navigator; Captain Randy Higginbotham, instructor pilot; and Sergeant Steve Smith. Captain Taylor: "We were returning from a refueling mission and during our first approach into the traffic pattern, RAPCON vectored us to check out a reported UFO in the area of the Wurtsmith Weapons Storage Area. As I recall, this activity occurred between 10:30 and 11:00 in the evening around the 1st of November (later established as Oct. 30). I remember seeing lights similar to strobe lights which were flashing irregularly. We followed the lights north out over Lake Huron and then the UFO swung south still over the lake toward the Saginaw Bay area of Michigan. At first it was difficult to determine whether there were two different objects because of the irregular flashing of the lights. But, after observing the lights we determined that there were in fact two objects and the irregular flashing appeared to be some sort of signal being passed

from one to the other in an effort to maintain the same position. We were able to maintain visual contact most of the time and I was only able to paint an object on the radar scope for about 10 seconds. I would estimate that our altitude was about 2,000 feet and our speed approximately 200 knots. Shortly after turning south in pursuit of the UFO, we called Approach Control and received blanket clearance to follow the UFO at all altitudes and at all vectors. Occasionally, RAPCON would pick-up the UFO and help us by giving us vectors to the UFO's position. I would guess that we stayed close to the UFO most of the time, approximately one mile away, and each time we attempted to close on the object it would speed away from us. We followed the UFO down to Saginaw Bay and started across the Bay when we lost it because of all the fishing boat lights. At first we thought it had landed on one of the large oil tankers but later decided that we had been wrong. We continued to search the Bay area but didn't see it so we changed our heading for Wurtsmith. On the way back, we picked the UFO up again at our eight o'clock position. We turned away, and it proceeded to follow us. Finally, we turned back in the direction of the UFO and it really took off back in the direction of the Bay area. I know this might sound crazy, but I would estimate that the UFO sped away from us doing approximately 1,000 knots. We continued in the direction of the Bay until RAPCON called us again and said they were painting a UFO four to five miles over the coast traveling in a westerly direction. They vectored us to the position of the UFO and we proceeded but at that point we were low on fuel and were forced to return to Wurtsmith. I remember that while on final approach we saw the lights again near the Weapons Storage Area. Following the mission we discussed the incident and about a week later, Captain Higginbotham was questioned by the OSI and cautioned not to discuss the incident."

> Oct. 30, 1975; Plattsburg AFB, NY
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> Cabell's "Memo for the Record" alludes to the other incidents at Loring AND Plattsburgh AFB, New York, during the same period of time. At this point, the question about the Plattsburg AFB incidents remain unanswered.

> October 31, 1975; Gen. Davis' Memorandum For The Record, Subject: Unidentified Sightings (0451 EST)
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> SAC Command Post notified the NMCC of reported low flying aircraft/helicopter sightings at Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan at 30234 EST. (See OPREP-3s in link above)

Oct. 31, 1975; 4 miles NW of Loring AFB, Maine
At 11:17 p.m. EST, a visual sighting of an unidentified object was reported 4 nautical miles NW of Loring AFB, Me. The alert helo was launched to identify the object but was unable to make contact. The alert helo was launched again at 0146 hours EST, November 1, 1975, in response to a slow moving target picked up by RAPCON (Radar Approach Control). (See NMCC Assortment #1 Frames 16-17 of 40)

Nov. 1, 1975; Monarch, MT
Time not given. UFO hovered 75' away, one foot off ground. (NIDS UFO 92)

> November 3, 1975, Received call from AAC/IN (Alaskan Air Command/Intelligence). They had sent message 012224, Subject: Unidentified Foreign Object to INYSA and wanted to know if INYSA had received it. They wanted guidance from INYSA.

Nov. 4, 1975; Ross, OH
Cylinder hovering at treetop level, windows, body lights visible. Skylook, MUFON, January 1976, p. 6 (E,L) car

Nov. 4, 1975; near Lussault-sur-Loire, France
At 6:50 p.m. a red disc-shaped object flanked by two nocturnal lights stopped in place, then descended slowly into some woods near Lussault-sur-Loire, France. (Source: Lumieres dans la Nuit, February 1977).

Nov. 5, 1975; N. of Redwater, Alta, Canada
At 12:30 a.m. MST, Mr. Jim Divall while driving his vehicle 11 miles north of the town of Redwater saw a large black round rotating object and he had to drive into the ditch to avoid hitting the object. The object was approximately 40 feet long and in the shape of a circle. When Divall got out of his vehicle he heard a rushing sound and saw the object disappear. Duration of the sighting was approximately 3 minutes. RCMP REPORT (National Research Council of Canada Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742 N75/150)

Nov. 5, 1975; Nr. Raynesford, MT
4:10 a.m. At least six UFOs near ground. (NIDS UFO 14)

Nov. 5, 1975; 10 miles south of Bowden, Alberta, Canada
9:50 p.m. (Approximate) Mr. Wayne Morrow, observed an unidentified object flying 10 miles south of Bowden, Alberta. Mr. Morrow was proceeding northbound on NBR 2 Highway at the time of the sighting. The object was described as bullet shaped with a constant amount of orange colored flame at the rear of the object. The object was approximately 50 feet above the ground traveling in a southerly direction at 100 mph. The object was sighted for approximately 5 to 10 seconds. (National Research Council of Canada Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742 N75/149)

> An interesting aspect to the famous over flights and NORAD incidents is the close proximity, both in time and location, of two famous abduction cases: Travis Walton & David Stephens. See next case entry.

Nov. 5, 1975; Snowflake (Heber), AZ
Travis Walton abduction case. One of the more persistently controversial UFO events in history took place in northeastern Arizona. A work team consisting of seven individuals reported encountering a reflective, luminous object the shape of a flattened disc hovering close to their truck on a remote dirt road in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. According to the crew, one of their members, Travis Walton, exited the truck and approached the object on foot, at which time he was allegedly struck by a brilliant bluish light or flash and hurled to the ground some distance away. In fear, the other crew members fled the scene, returning after a short period of time to find no trace of the UFO, or of Walton. The driver of the truck was Mike Rogers, the crew foreman and a personal friend of Walton's. While fleeing the scene, Rogers reported looking back and seeing a luminous object lift out of the forest and speed rapidly toward the horizon. He, along with the other five witnesses, would eventually be subjected to polygraph (lie detection) examinations regarding the event, the successful outcomes of which catapulted the case into the national spotlight. Walton turned up five days later, confused and distraught but with fleeting memories of alien and exotic human entities. He was also subsequently subjected to a number of controversial polygraph examinations (Image caption: Travis Walton). (NICAP UFO Evidence II, Section XIII).

Nov. 6, 1975; Merxheim, France
10:00 p.m. A domed disc landed on three legs. The dome on the craft opened, and the head and shoulders of an occupant was seen partially emerging from it. The dome closed and the UFO rose up into the air, then took off toward the east-southeast (Source: Larry Hatch, U computer database, case #11518).

Intrusions at Malmstrom (AFB) - (CLEAR INTENT, 27-40; Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett)

Nov. 6-7, 1975; Lewiston, MT
Captain Roscoe E. Moulthrop advised the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) that during the evening hours of November 6 and 7, two adjacent Launch Control Facilities approximately fifty miles south of Lewiston reported moving lights as UFOs. (Source: unknown)

Late October, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT

Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Chassey, former Minuteman ICBM maintenance technician, 341st Missile Maintenance Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana: Chassey states that one night in the fall of 1975, he overhead a two-way radio transmission alerting Air Force Security Police about an unknown craft hovering over the bases Weapons Storage Area. Chassey said that the incident was widely discussed at the missile mechanical shop the following day. He later heard additional details about it from a friend, who was a helicopter refueler. Apparently, two base helicopters had been scrambled to chase the intruder, which rapidly flew toward Belt, Montana, some ten miles distant. As the pursuing choppers neared the town, the unidentified craft quickly doubled-back to Malmstrom leaving them far behind and again hovered over the WSA for a short period of time before finally departing. Chassey states that the object was described as an extremely bright light and was assumed to have been a bona fide UFO because of its superior capabilities. He emphasized, It flat outran the helicopters. We heard that it zipped out to Belt and back to the base in no time. Chassey, who separated from the Air Force at the end of October, 1975, believes that the incident occurred shortly before he left Malmstrom. (Robert Hastings files).

Nov. 7, 1975; Lewiston, MT
Remote electronic sensors triggered an alarm indicating that something was violating site security. Underground, in the launch control area, two officers noted the signal, but there was no television surveillance topside. The normal procedure for detecting what had violated security was to call for a missile security helicopter to check the area. At the same time, Sabotage Alert Teams (SAT), consisting of four to six men, were also alerted to the fact that a violation was taking place and were ordered to proceed to the site. On this occasion, an SAT team drove down the highway and onto a dirt road which led to the K-7 area. About a mile away, the team could see an orange, glowing object over the area. As they closed to within half a mile, they could now see that the object was tremendous in size. They radioed to the Launch Control Facility that, from their location, they were viewing a brightly glowing, orange, football field-sized disc that illuminated the missile site. The SAT team was ordered by the launch control people to proceed into the K-7 site. However, they responded that they refused to go any farther, clearly fearful of the intimidating appearance of the object. It began to rise, and at about 1,000 feet, NORAD picked up the UFO on radar. Two F-106 jet interceptors were launched from Great Falls, Montana, and headed toward the K-7 area. The UFO continued to rise. At about 200,000 feet, it disappeared from NORAD's radar. The F-106's were never able to get a visual sighting of the UFO. All members of the SAT team were directed to the base hospital, where they were psychologically tested. It was determined that no one could identify the object that was seen, but that the members of the SAT team obviously had been through a traumatic experience. Meanwhile, targeting teams, along with computer specialists, were brought to the missile site to check out the missile, and specifically, the computer in the warhead that targets the missile. Amazingly, when the computer was checked, they found that the tape had mysteriously changed target numbers! The re-entry vehicle was then taken from the silo and brought back to the base. Eventually the entire missile was changed. (Clear Intemt, 27)

> Note: The source and documentation for the report above, including the actual times, is being sought. As Brad Sparks pointed out recently, the big problem here is that the NORAD radar couldn't track a target up to "200,000 feet." The Malmstrom AFB height-finder FPS-90 radar in operation in 1975 couldn't height-find anything above the maximum 75,000 ft shown on the display.
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> The following is taken directly from the 24th NORAD Region Senior Director's log: Zulu times are given but converted to local Mountain Standard Time.

Nov. 7, 1975; Moore, nr. Malmstrom AFB, MT
3:35 a.m. MST. (Nov. 7, 1035Z) "Received a call from the 341st Strategic Air Command Post (SAC CP) saying that the following missile locations reported seeing a large red to orange to yellow object: M-1, L-3, LIMA, and L-6. The general object location would be 10 miles south of Moore, Montana, and 20 miles east of Buffalo, Montana. Commander Deputy [sic] for Operations (DO) informed."

(CLEAR INTENT, 29)

Nov. 7, 1975; W. of Great Falls, MT
3:38 a.m. Whitish gray UFO with blue lights. (NIDS UFO 15)

Nov. 7, 1975; Harlow, nr Malmstrom AFB, MT
5:03 a.m. MST. (Nov. 7, 1203Z) SAC advised that the LCF at Harlow, Montana, observed an object which emitted a light which illuminated the site driveway. (CLEAR INTENT, 29)

Nov. 7, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
6:19 a.m. MST. (Nov. 7, 1319Z) SAC advised K-1 saw a very bright object to their east is now southeast of them and they are looking at it with 10 x 50 binoculars. Object seems to have lights (several) on it, but no distinct pattern. The orange/gold object overhead also has small lights on it. SAC also advises female civilian reports having seen an object bearing south from her position 6 miles west of Lewiston. (CLEAR INTENT, 29)

Nov. 7, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
6:27 a.m. MST. (Nov. 7, 1327Z) L-1 reports that the object to their northeast seems to be issuing a black object from it, tubular in shape. In all this time, surveillance has not been able to detect any sort of track except for known traffic. (CLEAR INTENT, 29)

Nov. 7, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
6:55 a.m. MST. (Nov. 7, 1355Z) K-1 and L-1 report that as the sun rises, so do the objects they have visual. (CLEAR INTENT, 29)

Nov. 7, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
7:29 a.m. MST. (Nov. 7, 1429Z) From SAC CP: As the sun rose, the UFOs disappeared. Commander and DO notified. (CLEAR INTENT, 29)

Nov. 7, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
11:35 p.m. (0635Z, 8 NOV 75). 2335 MST. A security camper team at K-4 reported UFO with white lights, one red light 50 yards behind white light. Personnel at K-1 seeing same object. (Source unknown)

Nov. 7, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
11:45 p.m. (0645Z, 8 NOV 75). MST. Height personnel picked up objects 10 - 13,000 feet, Track J330, EKLB 0648, 18 knots, 9,500 feet. Objects as many as seven, as few as two A/C. (Source unknown)

Nov. 7, 1975; Lewiston missile site, MT
4:05 a.m. MST. From SAC CP: E-1 reported a bright white light (site is approximately 60 nautical miles north of Lewiston). NCOC notified..

Nov. 7, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
Time not given. Then, yet another sighting was reported. An off-duty missile launch officer and his deputy had just retired for crew rest in the Soft Support Building (SSB). The deputy went to the window and observed the silhouette of a large aircraft hovering about ten to fifteen feet above the ground and about twenty-five feet outside the Launch Control Facility. He described two red and white lights at the front of the aircraft, a white light on the bottom, and white light on the rear. The craft hovered motionless in this position for about one minute and then departed. The missile launch officer did not personally observe the aircraft, but from its sound, he speculated that it was a helicopter. The deputy also felt that the sounds he heard were those of a helicopter. The deputy's observations were limited by the darkness of the night, which prevented any good description of the craft or its shape.

Nov. 8, 1975; Malmstrom AFB; MT
At 12:53 a.m. MST. (0253 EST) Malmstrom AFB, Montana received seven radar cuts on the height-finder radar at altitudes between 9,500 and 15,500 feet. Simultaneous ground witnesses observed lights in the sky and the sound of jet engines similar to jet fighters. Cross-tell with FAA revealed no jet aircraft within 100 NM of the sighting. Radar tracked the objects over Lewiston, Montana, at a speed of 7 knots. Two F-106 interceptors from the 24th NORAD Region were scrambled at 0254 EST, and became airborne at 0257 EST. At the time of the initial voice report, personnel at Malmstrom AFB and SAC sites K-1, K-3, L-3, and L-6 were reporting lights in the sky accompanied by jet engine noise. (CLEAR INTENT, 30; NMCC Docs751108.pdf)

Nov. 8, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
1:44 a.m. MST. (0344 EST) Objects could not be intercepted. Fighters had to maintain a minimum of 12,000 feet because of mountainous terrain. Sightings had turned west, increased speed to 150 knots. Two tracks were apparent on height-finder radars 10-12 NM apart. SAC site K-3 reported sightings between 300 feet and 1,000 feet, while site L-4 reported sightings 5 NM from the position. Sightings disappeared from radar at position 4650 N/10920 W at a tracked speed of three (3) knots. (CLEAR INTENT, 31; NMCC Docs751108.pdf)

Nov. 8, 1975

> 2:40 a.m. MST (0440 EST) NMCC initiated contact with the NORAD Command Director who reported the following:

Nov. 8, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
2:05 a.m. MST (0405 EST). "At 4:05 EST, SAC Site L-5 observed one object accelerate, and climb rapidly to a point in altitude where it became indistinguishable from the stars. NORAD will carry this incident as a FADE remaining UNKNOWN at 3:20 EST since after that time only visual sightings occurred." (Note: There is an Air Force term used to describe an incident in which a nuclear device is tampered with. This term is "Faded Giant," a phrase which very appropriately describes the K-7 report. [Clear Intent, 28; (NMCC Docs751108.pdf)])

Nov. 8, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
At 2:05 MST (0405 EST). Malmstrom receiving intermittent tracks on both search and height-finder radars. SAC site C-1, 10NM SE of Stanford, Montana, reported visual sightings of unknown objects.

Nov. 8, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
2:20 MST (0420 EST) Personnel at 4 SAC sites reported observing intercepting F-106s arrive in area; sighted objects turned off their lights upon arrival of interceptors, and back on upon their departure.

Nov. 8, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
2:40 MST (0440 EST) SAC site C-1 still had a visual sighting on objects.

> At 6:00 a.m. EST, the National Military Command Center in Washington, D.C., distributed a "Memorandum for the Record." The subject was "Unidentified Sightings." This memo addressed the incidents above.(NMCC Docs751108.pdf)

Nov. 8, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
8:35 p.m. SAT teams at sites K-3 and L-4 were reporting that they had visual sightings on the objects, with K-3 reporting targets at an altitude of 300 feet. As the F-106s arrived at the location, SAT teams reported that the UFOs turned their lights off. The F-106s, in searching for the unknowns, never gained a visual or radar contact at any time because of the low altitude of the UFOs. However, when they left the area, the UFOs would turn their lights back on! At 9:15 P.M., four different locations were reporting that they had the UFOs and fighters in sight. The UFOs seemed to be playing a cat-and-mouse game.

Nov. 8, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
9:53 p.m. The team at L-5 reported to the Command Post that the unknowns had increased in speed, climbed rapidly, and, at that point, could not be distinguished from the stars. A while later, the team at site E-l reported at 11:05 P.M. that a bright white light was seen approximately sixty nautical miles north of Lewiston.

Nov. 9, 1975; Malmstrom AFB, MT
3:05 a.m. SAC crews at sites L-l, L-6, and M-l observed a UFO. They described it as being a yellowish, bright, round light twenty miles north of Harlowton at an altitude of 2,000 to 4,000 feet. At 3:20 a.m., the SAC Command Post reported the UFO twenty miles southeast of Lewiston. The color of the object was reported as orange-white, and its appearance was round or disc-shaped. (CLEAR INTENT, 31)

> The only response that the Air Force would give to public inquiries was: "All documentation at Malmstrom AFB has been destroyed in accordance with Air Force directives for the dates of the UFO sightings mentioned . . ." Since when are all records of a serious incident or series of incidents of this magnitude destroyed? We must conclude that either there is gross incompetence in the military's handling of such situations, or that the UFOs, in these instances, presented so considerable a threat to the national security of the United States that the Air Force felt compelled to deliberately misinform the public, and, as a result, violated the Freedom of Information Act by stating that existing records had been destroyed. (CLEAR INTENT, 31)

Nov. 10, 1975; 3-page document (with transcriptions) concerning the 1975 flyovers of SAC bases - Capt. Dowman

Nov. 10, 1975; Minot AFB, ND
A long entry from the 24th NORAD Region Senior Director's Log said: "UFO sighting reported by Minot Air Force Station, a bright star-like object in the west, moving east, about the size of a car. First seen approximately 1015. Approximately 1120, the object passed over the radar station, 1000-2000 feet high, no noise heard. Three people from the site on local area saw the object. National Command Operations Center notified."

Nov. 11, 1975; Sudbury, Ontario, Canada
3:00 a.m. EST. Six nurses at the Pioneer Manor Sudbury, observed a very bright object over the Sudbury Stadium. The object seemed to hover at first and then suddenly shot into the sky. It was still visible when the Sudbury Regional Police arrived at 4:55 a.m. (National Research Council of Canada Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742)

Nov. 11, 1975; near Sudbury, Ontario, Canada
5:00 a.m. EST. Constables Keables and Whiteside, Sudbury Regional Police, observed a cylindrical-shaped object with shafts of light bright enough to light up clouds in immediate area. The object appeared to travel in circles and at one point came quite close. Observations were made with the use of binoculars. (National Research Council of Canada, Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742)

Nov. 11, 1975; Sudbury, Ontario, Canada
4:55 a.m. EST. Sudbury Regional Police constables came on a follow up call by six nurses at the Pioneer Manor to check on a reported UFO. The constables observed four objects clearly in the sky. Three of the objects remained stationary while a fourth moved at times with a jerky motion. The objects were still plainly visible after day break when all regular bright objects in the sky had disappeared. The objects were observed intermittently for one hour. (National Research Council of Canada Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742)

Nov. 11, 1975; CFS Falconbridge, Ontario, Canada
6:15 a.m. EST. A spherical shaped object was observed from Canadian Force Station (CFS) Falconbridge. The object appeared to be rotating and had a surface similar to the moon. The object was ascending and descending. The object was observed on height finder radar at altitudes from 42,000 feet to 72,000 feet. (National Research Council of Canada Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742, Dan Wilson)

Nov.11, 1975; Beltsville, MD
Lawrence Albert sighted a solid, spherical, evenly distributed green light. The object was much brighter than the sky background and was sharply outlined. The witness stated the apparent size of the object was that of a quarter held at arm's length. The speed of the object was twice that of a jet plane. His first impression was that perhaps he was observing a falling star. Albert stated that because it moved so slowly and because it was perfectly round with no trail, he realized it could not be a star. Albert estimated the object's distance at a mile and one half high. (Reference: UFO INVESTIGATOR, January 1976, page 1)

Nov. 11, 1975; Freeze Out Lake, MT
A Montana Fish and Game Department employee saw a light flying directly behind a B-52 bomber. Using his rifle scope to get a better look, he noted that the strange object seemed to be pacing the aircraft. The object then briefly attached itself to the B-52, detached itself, and climbed out of sight. The sighting was reported to to Sheriff Pete Howard of Choteau County. Howard conducted follow-up interviews with military personnel and learned that as the object attached itself to the B-52, the plane's radar equipment went out. (Reference: Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood, Clear Intent, page 35)

More entries appeared in the NORAD regional Senior Director's Log.

Nov. 11, 1975; Falconbridge AFS, Ontario, Canada
1:40 p.m. (1840z) "Actions pertaining to scramble of JL08 and 09 due to unusual object sighting. With Director of Operations approval, Scrambled JL08/09 at 1745z (12:45 p.m. EST) airborne at 1750z (12:50 p.m. EST). NORAD Combat Operations Center notified of Falconbridge AFS incident. Aircraft over Falconbridge flying over incident, point no sighting, 1831 aircraft still in area, no radar aircraft or visual contact. Falconbridge AFS still reporting object at 26,000 ft."

Nov. 15, 1975; Falconbridge AFS, Ontario, Canada
3:02 a.m. EST (event time). Message: "0533z (12:33 a.m. EST)...UFO report from Falconbridge, occurrence time 0202z. Report sent to NCOC Surveillance, referred to Assistant Command Director Space Defense Center, and Intelligence. These three individuals considered the report a UFO report and not an unknown track report."

On November 13, 1975, NORAD issued a press release to the media in Sudbury, Ontario. It stated:

Nov. 12, 1975; Falconbridge AFB, Ontario, Canada
"At 4:05 a.m. Nov. 11, the Canadian Forces radar site at Falconbridge, Ontario, reported a radar track of an unidentified object about 25-30 nautical miles south of the site, ranging in altitude from 25,000 to 72,000 feet. Persons at the site also saw the object and said it appeared as a bright star but much closer. Two F-106 aircraft of the US Air Force Air National Guard's 171st Fighter Interceptor squadron at Selfridge ANGB, Michigan, were scrambled; but the pilots reported no contact with the object." The release was approved by NORAD's commander in charge.

On February 21, 1976, UFO researcher Robert Todd filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act for NORAD Command Director's logs. The logs were released to Todd on March 26, 1976, and confirmed that Canada was also having problems with UFOs. Taken from the logs are incidents related to UFO activity in the area of the Falconbridge Air Force Station, a radar site near North Bay, Ontario, Canada (times listed are Greenwich Zulu, 5 hours ahead of EST).

Nov. 12, 1975; Falconbridge Air Force Station, North Bay, Ontario, Canada
7:15 a.m. 23rd NORAD Region. UFO Reported from Radar site at Falconbridge Ontario, Canada (Sudbury). Reported by Mr. Julian Prince of Sudbury thru Ontario Provincial Police (also observed by 2 OPP constables ZADOW & BRETT) 2 objects seen appeared to be artificial light fading on and off with jerky motion. Broken cloud layer with no estimated base. No radar contact made and no request for fighter scramble initiated.

Nov. 13, 1975; Midwestern and southern United States
On this night in 1975 a number of multi-colored nocturnal lights were reported in the Midwestern and southern United States. Sparkling white, red, and yellow lights flew in formation erratically in Whitewater, Wisconsin. Red, green, and white lights were sighted in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, moving up-and-down and diagonally. In Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin bright white lights that dimmed, disappeared, and then re-appeared were sighted. In Mobile, Alabama a UFO, changing colors, moved across the horizon. A round silver object was seen moving slowly in the northwest sky in Orlando, Florida. It suddenly disappeared. (Source: CUFOS News Bulletin, February 1976, p. 13.)

Nov. 14, 1975; Falconbridge AFS, Ontario, Canada
9:02 p.m. EST (event time). Message of Nov. 15: "0533z (12:33 a.m. EST)...UFO report from Falconbridge, occurrence time 0202z. Report sent to NCOC Surveillance, referred to Assistant Command Director Space Defense Center, and Intelligence. These three individuals considered the report a UFO report and not an unknown track report."

Nov. 15, 1975; Sudbury, Ontario, Canada
6:30 a.m. EST. Lyman Paquette, his wife, plus his brother and sister in law observed one bright white object that looked like a cup in a bowl due east at 70 degrees elevation. Witnesses using binoculars observed the object climb quite high and can hardly now be seen without the aid of binoculars. The object was observed for 20 minutes. (National Research Council of Canada, Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742 N75/182)

Nov. 15, 1975; Falconbridge Air Force Station, North Bay, Ontario, Canada
7:42 a.m. UFO 23rd NORAD REGION. From Falconbridge Radar Site a civilian, Oliver Kizioja, Sudbury, Ontario, at 0615 was standing in back yard facing south. Observed one bright yellow object moving up and back, leaving a tail. It was very high but did not change position in regard to other stars. He watched for 15 minutes, then called radar site. Not observed on radar.

Nov. 15, 1975; Sudbury, Ontario; Falconbridge Air Force Station, North Bay, Ontario, Canada
11:30 a.m. event. 12:29 p.m. 23rd NORAD REGION. From Falconbridge. At 1130, Lyman Paqutte, married student, residence Laurentian Univ., Sudbury, Ontario. Reported he had been looking due east, sky partly cloudy, saw one bright white object about 70° elevation, high out of range of binoculars. It climbed high out of range of binoculars. Observed for 20 minutes and witnessed by his wife, brother-in-law and sister-in-law. Negative radar contact.

Nov. 15, 1975; Pacific, MO
A red flying object approached a car driven by a Mrs. Prichard with three passengers in Pacific, Missouri, then ejected several white balls of light (BOLs). The metal of the car was magnetized after the encounter. (Sources: Lumieres dans la Nuit, September 1976; Mark Rodeghier, UFO Reports)

Nov. 15, 1975; Marseille, France
A disc-shaped UFO rose from the sea near a large radio antenna in Marseille, France. It circled, then made a 90 degree turn to the south and flew out to sea.

Nov. 16, 1975; Curiel, Valladolid, Spain
Red ellipse hovering 1-1.5 km. away; suddenly flew away. Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 22, No. 6; see Rodeghier, 1981, p. 66 (E) car

Nov. 16, 1975; Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada
9:30 p.m. EST. 17 November 1975 1705 23rd NORAD region; UFO reported 0230z from a Mr. John Dunlops, address: Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada. Two objects, oval shaped with two yellow flashing lights, moving north to south, then became stationary, observed for 10 minutes, one above the other, sky was cloudy—no radar contact. Toronto AMIS advised no known traffic in area.

Nov. 17, 1975; Falconbridge Air Force Station, North Bay, Ontario, Canada
24 NORAD Region UFO at 132345z (too many digits!!!) Large orange ball with 2 red lights stationary; Azimuth 045° from River Court, Ontario. No radar contact. Called in to 24th NORAD at 16-1700z. (11-12:00 EST)

Nov. 18, 1975; Kevin/Dunkirk area, MT
4:31 a.m. UFO. RAPCON notified. (NIDS UFO 20)

Nov. 18, 1975; Strathclair, Manitoba, Canada
At 6:30 a.m. Reginald Jack Langstaff while traveling in a vehicle observed a bright orange to red object with a curved dome shaped top and the sides were sloped 70 to 80 degrees. There was a lip around the bottom. The object seemed to be approximately 150 feet in the air and was traveling east towards the observer, so he started to travel away from it. He stopped after traveling a quarter of a mile and noticed the object was traveling southwest and disappeared in that direction. Langstaff observed the object for approximately 5 minutes. (Reference: Royal Canadian Mounted Police report, November 26, 1975. Shoal Lake Detachment RCMP File References: 75-700-126, National Research Council of Canada Record Group 77, Vol. 308, reel number 1742)

Nov. 19, 1975; Oak Brook, IL
On this night in 1975 in Oak Brook, Illinois, a boy saw a domed disc hovering near his home. The UFO had a red light on top and two clear lights on the side. (Source: CUFOS News Bulletin, February 1976, p. 13).

Nov. 20, 1975; Camilla, GA
The police chief of Camilla, Georgia reported that a big, round UFO hovered just 80 meters above his police station at two a.m. It had bright lights on the top and bottom. It flew away slowly to the southeast and was in view for three minutes. (Source: Michael Hitt, Georgia UFO Phenomenon 1947-1987, p. 73).

Nov. 22, 1975; Savannah, GA
Pilots observe UFO near nuclear plant

Nov. 25, 1975; Goodridge, MN
On this night in a field nine miles west of Goodridge, Minnesota, a disc-shaped object eight feet in diameter was seen in a field. It rose off the ground, then re-landed. The witness's car stalled, and later required major tune-up repair work. (Source: Mark Rodeghier, UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference, p. 66).

Dec. 4, 1975; Sturgeon Falls, Ontario, Canada
11:05 p.m. Wayne Major, reporter for the North Bay Nugget, observed two quiet triangular shaped objects moving SE. The North Bay Tower advised one light aircraft in the area who reported sighting something else in the area. Possibility of pictures.

Dec. 5, 1975; Clarkston, GA
Evening. An object that looked like a Ferris wheel on its side was sighted on this night. It had yellow and amber colored lights spinning around it as the object moved forward. (Source: CUFOS News Bulletin, February 1976, pp. 11 & 14).

Dec. 5, 1975; Montville, NJ
Evening. A flying object with two large clear lights in front, and a red light in the rear was encountered this evening. A string of lights connected the three large lights and would change colors from red to green to brown to yellow. The UFO moved erratically, in rapid short spurts (Source: CUFOS News Bulletin, February 1976, pp. 11 & 14).

Dec. 7, 1975; Choteau, MT
5:57 p.m. Slow-moving UFO. RAPCON on radar. (NIDS UFO 22)

Dec. 8, 1975; Simms area, MT
6:00 a.m. UFO landed on ground, like bean. (NIDS UFO 33)

Dec. 9, 1975; Freezout Lake, MT
5:00 p.m. UFO flying near B-52. (NIDS UFO 35)

Dec. 9, 1975; Coming from Missoula, MT
8:43 p.m. UFO, tan or orange, 500'. (NIDS UFO 28)

Dec. 11, 1975; Great Falls, MT
7:00 p.m. Great Falls International Airport. UFO sighted, oblong object 10' above ground. (NIDS UFO 44)

Dec. 15, 1975; La Neuvelot, France
11:00 p.m. On a farm, a five-meter in diameter disc landed in a field. It rose up fast and shot away toward the west-southwest. At the same time there were several unexplained nocturnal lights in the sky.

Dec. 17, 1975; Sao Paulo, Brazil
In the city of Americana, 16-year old Mr. Salles de Andrade encountered an intense beam of light while walking home at night and woke up the next day in a thicket, 28 kilometers away. He had no recollection for the time that he had been missing, but he had strange marks on his forehead and arms, and experienced headaches. (Richard Hall, MUFON UFO Journal, August 1976, p. 19).

Dec. 18, 1975; Ancy, France
7:45 a.m. A "dah-dit" noise accompanied the slow ascent of an eight-meter wide, gray domed disc over a residential area. The object had square shaped windows. It flew away toward the southeast. (Source: Lumieres dans la Nuit, May 1976).

Dec. 18, 1975; Dutton, MT
??? a.m. UFO, radar lock, Penroy. Pentagon notified of UFO. (NIDS UFO 40)

Dec. 19, 1975; Roy to Fergus, MT
11:30 p.m. SAC men witnessed UFO on ground. (NIDS UFO 43)

Dec.23, 1975; Great Falls, MT
6:00 a.m. Great Falls International Airport. Egg-shaped UFO on ground. (NIDS UFO 46)

Dec. 23, 1975; Goodridge, MN
Flat, round, orange object passed nearby, engine restarted by itself. Rodeghier, 1981, p. 67 (E,L) car

Dec. 23, 1975; Goodridge, MN
Night. Three 19-year-old girls driving together noticed a bright light in the sky, and their car's engine and lights failed. The light came closer and they saw it was an orange colored object, flat on top and round on the sides. It also had several flashing yellow lights and appeared to be 20-30 feet in diameter. After passing only 25 feet from the car, it suddenly vanished, whereupon and the car's lights and engine spontaneously came back on by themselves. (Sources: Warren (Minnesota) Sheaf, December 31, 1975; Mark Rodeghier, UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference, case 391).

Dec. 24, 1975; Bar-sur-Aube, France
8:00 p.m. (+) A huge disc covered the entire N19 highway. It vanished at 8:10 p.m. when a car approached. (Source: Lumieres dans la Nuit, May 1976).

Dec. 24, 1975; Cotes-du-Nord, France
10:00 p.m. Power circuit breakers were tripped four times when a glowing ball of light came down near the ground in Ploubazlanec, Cotes-du-Nord, France. A 0.2 meter area of burnt grass was found at the site were it apparently touched down. (Source: Jean-F. Boedec, Les OVNI en Bretagne: Anatomie d'un Phenomene, p. 75).

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